



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

*"Where all are welcome – all the time"*

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## Sunday 23rd February 2014

*Welcome to worship with us – whether this is the first time you have entered our church, or if you are a long-standing member of our congregation. We seek to offer friendship and opportunities for learning more of God's will in this place and in this generation.*

*Refreshments are served in the hall following most Sunday services – please do stay for a chat over a cuppa and a biscuit.*

**Sun 23rd Feb                    10.45    MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Rev. Alison Walker and Dan Woodhouse**

*Bible readings: Matthew 5: 38-48 (page 5)*

*Matthew 26: 47-55 (page 29)*

**18.30    UNITED EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Dan Woodhouse**

*We pray... for the expansion of fair trading*

Mon 24th Feb                    19.30    Church Council

Wed 26th Feb                    10.00    "Time To Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00    Coffee morning

12.00-13.00    "Forever Active" exercise class

19.30    *Wildfire rehearsal (see overleaf)*

Thu 27th Feb    10.00-12.00    Castle Street Tots

**Sun 2nd Mar                    10.45    ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

**18.30    UNITED EVENING WORSHIP at C.E.M.**  
**Penny Flynn**

*Please take a copy of Castle View for fuller details of what's on each month.*

## **Lent Course – “Time to talk of God”**

Times and venues for this year’s Lent Course are now confirmed as:

- Monday afternoons (2pm to 4pm) at Castle Street Methodist Church, starting on 10th March;
- Wednesday evenings (time to be confirmed) at St. Luke’s Church, Victoria Road, starting on 12th March;
- Thursday afternoons (1.30pm to 3.20pm) at Haslingfield Methodist Church, starting on 13th March;
- Thursday evenings (7.45pm to 9.45pm) in the homes of various members of Sturton Street Methodist Church (in central Cambridge and Coton), starting on 13th March.

All are very welcome to take part in this course – please indicate which time and venue would be best for you either by signing the sheet on the notice board or by contacting Revd. Alison Walker. Each group will study the same material each week, so it should be possible to swap groups on a temporary basis if that becomes necessary.



## **Wildfire production**

The first get-together for Castle Street’s centenary musical production will be on Wednesday (26th February) from 7.30pm until about 9pm, in the Aldersgate room (or upstairs in Epworth if the Cambridge Churches Homeless Project is in operation). This will be an opportunity to listen to the music, and then decide what would be good times to have future rehearsals – although the rehearsal the following week will also need to be on Wednesday (5th March). We do hope that many people from Castle Street will come along and take part – you don’t need to be an expert singer, or even to be able to read music! See the February *Castle View* or Brian Carter for more about the production, which is to take place in May.



## **“Big Issues” series at Histon**

The next of these stimulating and at times controversial evenings takes place on Thursday (27th February) at Histon Methodist Church, when Revd. Dorothy Peyton Jones will talk about the Chaplaincy to People at Work. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Refreshments and tempting desserts served.

## **Event for Fairtrade Fortnight**

On Wednesday (26th February) in the café at Emmanuel United Reformed Church, Trumpington Street, from 6pm until 8pm there will be an event for Fairtrade Fortnight. Sue Bentley, chair of the National Campaigner Committee for Fairtrade, will talk about this year's campaign, and there will be a presentation and video of the importance of fair-trade in the promotion of a Cambridge student-led social enterprise, AndesCrafts.

Meet others with concerns about justice, poverty and sustainability, and enjoy sampling Fairtrade wines, juice and nibbles. If you would like to attend, please e-mail [fairtrade.cambridge@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fairtrade.cambridge@hotmail.co.uk).



## **Lands of the Bible Cruise**

From 24th October to 5th November 2014, Revd. Dr. Peter Graves will be leading a group on a "Lands of the Bible Cruise". Starting in Istanbul and ending in Rome the group will, of course, be visiting Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. However, remembering that First Century Israel was deeply influenced by Greek and Roman Culture as well as its own Hebrew Heritage, this trip seeks to see the ministry of Jesus in the wider context of the Biblical world.

The group will therefore visit Istanbul and Ephesus in Turkey, Malta (where Paul was shipwrecked) and Sicily, to explore the culture and architecture of ancient Greece. Sailing on to Naples, there will be the opportunity to explore the ruins of Pompeii, and so come to a better understanding of the Roman Empire.

There will be professional guides to help explore places of interest, but optional on-board lectures will also be given by Peter Graves to help better understand the cultural background and significance of the places visited.

Brochures and full details are available from Peter Graves. If you would like to know more, please feel free to contact him (tel.: (01638) 724 928, or e-mail: [pcgam@yahoo.com](mailto:pcgam@yahoo.com)). All are welcome!!

There will be a publicity meeting at Wesley on Monday 31st March at 7.30pm at which further information will be given and literature will be available.

## Accommodation required from September

On last week's notice sheet there was an appeal for accommodation for the eighteen-year-old daughter of a local preacher from Loughborough, who has been offered a training internship at Price Waterhouse Cooper on Castle Hill from September. She is looking for short-term accommodation until she finds her feet and a friendship group. If anyone can help, please ring Emma on (01509) 260 129 or e-mail [emma.lowe@phonecoop.coop](mailto:emma.lowe@phonecoop.coop).



## One Hundred Years Ago

On 19th February 1914 – a hundred years ago last Wednesday – the Foundation Stone of the present Castle Street Methodist Church building was laid. You can see it now on the front face of the tower, behind the railings.



There is a small display today in the hall: a couple of photos of the stone-laying occasion, and the newspaper account next day; also a small ceremonial trowel used by one of the seven people chosen to help lay the stone(s). This one was for Alice Stubbens (wife of church steward John Stubbens) on behalf of the Ladies Committee. Alice was born a Buck. She was cousin to Cyril Buck, John Baker's uncle.

The two Windram ministers (named on the stone), George and Shirley, were father and son. The manse then was in Alpha Road between Victoria Road and Chesterton Lane.

To learn more about the architect Augustus Frederick Scott (and an intriguing connection with an earlier chapel) come to our Centenary Launch events a month hence on 23rd March.

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on next week's notice sheet, by Wednesday evening this week.

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