



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 16th March 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 16th Mar 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Phyllis Salmon

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP at C.E.M.
Henriette Wentinck

We pray... for the joy of spring

Mon 17th Mar 14.00 Lent Course: "Time to talk of God"

Wed 19th Mar 10.00 "Time To Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

14.30 Lent at Storey's House (*see overleaf*)

19.30 *Wildfire* rehearsal (*see overleaf*)

Thu 20th Mar 10.00-12.00 Castle Street Tots

Sun 23rd Mar 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP: CENTENARY LAUNCH
Rev. Jacqui Horton (*see also overleaf*)

12.30 Bring and share lunch, followed by talk

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP
Rev. Hilary Cheng

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

Theme and Bible Readings for this morning's service

Theme: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"

Readings: John 3: 1-17 (page 89); Genesis 12: 1-4a (page 9)



Next Sunday – Centenary Launch

Sunday 23rd March is the start of our seven months of celebrating the 1914 construction of our present buildings. Rev Jacqui Horton from Wymondham in Norfolk leads our morning worship at 10.45am. We stay on for a Bring and Share Launch Lunch in the Hall at 12.30pm, where there will be a display of interesting archives.

Then at 2pm Jacqui will give a well illustrated talk entitled "A. F. Scott (the architect). Why Plan B?". Previews suggest this will be an intriguing and far from dry presentation. Jacqui has put a lot of effort into it, including visiting Cambridge three times in the last two months to obtain relevant information and photos. This is a "not-to-be-missed" opportunity.

The service at 6.30pm is led by Revd. Hilary Cheng, a former Castle Street minister who is still in the Cambridge Circuit; Hilary will shortly go on sabbatical and then moves to London.



Lent at Storey's House: "With Jesus in the Upper Room"

The Church at Castle-run Lent course at Storey's House continues on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm. This week's theme is "The Promised Helper", focusing on John 14: 1-18. For more details, see *Castle View*. All are welcome, and tea or coffee and biscuits are served afterwards.



***Wildfire* rehearsals**

The next two rehearsals for *Wildfire*, planned to be performed on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May as part of our centenary celebrations, will be on Wednesday 19th March and Tuesday 25th March from 7.30pm until about 9pm. Anyone who has not yet joined us will still be very welcome – we still need more singers to make the production viable. Speak to Brian Carter for more information.

“A Faith To Live By” at Haslingfield Methodist Church

The next in this series of services takes place this evening (16th March) at 6.30pm. It will be led by Revd. Bernard Arnold, whose theme is “Science and Christianity: do they conflict or complement?”.

There seems to be an increasingly common view that science has done away with religion, in particular Christianity. We will reflect on the extent to which this is true and look at issues that some scientists find difficult in accepting the Christian faith. We will also look at whether we can address their objections. Bernard Arnold has served in Methodist ministry for forty years including overseas, and for many years has been interested in science and its relationship with Christian theology. Bernard is conscious of a growing gap in understanding between science and faith and believes the church is failing to cope with this gap.

The format of the evening will be a time of worship and the address, followed by refreshments and discussion. All are very welcome.



General Church Meeting

The annual General Church Meeting is to be held on Sunday 6th April at 12.15pm in the church hall. This is an important meeting which is open to all who come along to Castle Street. Reports of various activities during the last year will be given. It is also the meeting which appoints the stewards for the next year (starting in May) and the representatives from the membership of the church to the Church Council.



New Foodbank Distribution Centre in Chesterton

In May 2014, the Cambridge City Foodbank will be opening a new distribution centre in Chesterton. Supported by local churches, it will be open every Tuesday morning at Chesterton Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed to staff the foodbank when it is open, and especially potential team leaders – if you think you can help, please contact Deacon Ian Murray (e-mail: deacon.cmc@gmail.com, office tel.: (01223) 424 428, manse tel.: (01223) 240 360). May might be several weeks away, but offers of help are needed now in order to make sure that the project can be up and running.

Farewell for Revd. Hilary Cheng

A reminder that the Circuit Farewell Service for Revd. Hilary Cheng takes place at Histon Methodist Church on Sunday 6th April at 4pm. Hilary has been a minister in the Cambridge Circuit since September 2006, and for a period this included responsibility for Castle Street – during which she oversaw our temporary move to Castle End Mission at the start of our refurbishment programme. During her time in Cambridge, Hilary's pastoral skills in particular have been appreciated by many.

If anyone would like to make a financial contribution to a farewell gift to Hilary from the circuit, then please give it to Mike Sharpe (Church Treasurer) in the next fortnight (by Sunday 29th March). The amount will then be increased from Castle Street's own funds.



Concert at Royston

Next Saturday evening (22nd March) starting at 7.45pm, the Holy Saviour Choir will give a concert at Royston Methodist Church. Tickets are £8, and can be obtained from Brian Norwood on (01763) 241 066. Proceeds are to be split between church funds and the local Mayor's charities.



MRDF – future plans and new identity

The Chief Executive of MRDF (the Methodist Relief and Development Fund), and a Director from one of its Partner Organisations, will launch the future plans of MRDF and preview its new identity at Methodist Central Hall, London, on Tuesday 8th April at 5pm. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving commencing at 4pm. If you are interested in attending, please ring Rebecca Branch on (020) 7467 5132.



Items for the April Castle View...

... should be with its Editor, Colin Moule, by next Sunday (23rd) please.

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

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