



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

www.castlestreet.org.uk

Sunday 21st December 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 21st Dec** **10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP:**
CAROL SERVICE **Rev. Alison Walker**
- 18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP:**
CASTLE END MISSION CAROL SERVICE
- We pray... for light in the darkness*
- Wed 24th Dec** **18.00 CRIB SERVICE at St. Giles'**
(Christmas Eve) **23.30 MIDNIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE at St. Luke's**
- Thu 25th Dec** **10.45 CHRISTMAS DAY MORNING WORSHIP**
(Christmas Day) **Rev. Alison Walker**
- We pray... for the joy of the season*
- Sun 28th Dec** **10.30 UNITED MORNING WORSHIP WITH**
HOLY COMMUNION
at St. Luke's, Victoria Road
- We pray... for God's Church everywhere*
- Sun 4th Jan** **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**
Rev. Alison Walker
- 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**
Scarlett Chan and Barbara Phillips

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

This evening's service at Castle End Mission

Tonight's evening worship will be a traditional carol service at Castle End Mission. It will also be the last of our United Evening Services there – although we hope that those who worship with us on Sunday evenings will continue to do so, and that it will continue to be “business as usual” under the new arrangements which start in January (see *Castle View*). Please do go along to support this final service at Castle End Mission.



Services for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Castle Street has not held a communion service on Christmas Eve for over ten years, but there will be a midnight communion service at St. Luke's Church, Victoria Road (not St. Giles' as shown in *Castle View* and on the circuit Plan) at 11.30pm to which all are invited. St. Giles' is also holding a Crib Service with carols at 6pm.

Elsewhere in the circuit there are Christmas Eve communion services at Wesley Methodist Church at 11.15pm; at All Saints Parish Church, Haslingfield at 11.15pm; at Royston Methodist Church at 11.30pm; and at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Toft at 11.30pm. There is also a Christingle Service at Foxton Parish Church at 5pm.

On Christmas Day, Castle Street's family worship is at the usual Sunday time of 10.45am, and will be led by Revd. Alison Walker. Other Christmas Day services in the circuit are listed on the Circuit Plan (see www.cambridgemethodistcircuit.org.uk/plan%20dec-feb.htm).



Next Sunday (28th December)

As has become the tradition for the Sunday immediately after Christmas, next Sunday morning's service will be united with the other congregations which make up Church at Castle. On this occasion it will be held at St. Luke's Church, Victoria Road, but please note the earlier start time of 10.30am. This family service will include Holy Communion, and there will be refreshments afterwards. Please do go along if you are able.

There will be no evening service at Castle Street – and the only evening service in the circuit is at Dry Drayton Methodist Church at 6.30pm.

Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project – continued appeal for help

The CCHP gets underway in a couple of weeks, and more volunteers for helping on Wednesday nights are still needed – either being around in the evening, serving food and talking to those staying, or staying overnight.

However, there is another need: every week the inserts to the sleeping bags need taking away, washing and drying, and bringing back in time for the following Wednesday. There will be up to ten sleeping bag liners, which are made of cotton so require minimal drying time. If you are willing to help with this by going on a rota, please let Alison know as soon as possible. The more people volunteer, the less often any individual will need to do it (and the fewer inserts they will need to wash).



One Sound concert – Saturday 3rd January at 7.30pm

One Sound is the UK's leading Christian Youth choir and ensemble, with a current membership coming from everywhere from Durham to Southampton. The group is made up of young people (aged 16-26) who are passionate about music and passionate about Christ. It grew from the former MAYC Orchestra and Singers. See www.onesound.org.uk.

As an independent and ecumenical group, One Sound exists to develop young musicians' talents, sharing these talents in communities and with churches, and supporting these musicians on their journey of faith. Performing around the country three or four times each year, One Sound are excited to be visiting Cambridge on 3rd January and hope that you will be able to join them to celebrate the end of the festive season.

Tickets for the concert, at Wesley Methodist Church and starting at 7.30pm, cost £10 for adults and £7.50 for under 16s, but, because this extravaganza of festive music is suitable for all the family, family tickets are also available at £30 for two adults with two children. This could be the perfect opt-out from yet another game of Pictionary or Charades!

Tickets can be obtained from Ron Seaton at Castle Street, the Wesley Church Centre Manager, or on-line at www.picatic.com/onesoundwesley (bring a printout of your confirmation on the night); they can also be obtained on the door (cash only). Don't miss out!

Romsey Mill “Twelve Days of Christmas” appeal

Romsey Mill is asking for help to raise £12,000 to work with local young people facing challenges in their lives in 2015 – at home, at school and in the community. There is a growing call for the services of Romsey Mill, and any donation, large or small, *will* make a difference. There are several ways in which donations can be made:

- visit www.romseymill.org;
- visit justgiving.com/Romsey-Mill-12-Days-of-Christmas-2014;
- text MILL12£5 or MILL12£10 to 70070 to donate £5 or £10 respectively;
- send a cheque (payable to Romsey Mill) to Romsey Mill, Hemingford Road, Cambridge, CB1 3BZ.



Storytelling course, led by John Hardwick

After last year’s very successful communications course, John Hardwick will be leading a brand new Storytelling Course. Suitable for absolute beginners or for those who want to take their skills to the next level, John will introduce us to a variety of techniques which will enable us to bring the Bible and our faith to life for children and young people (and adults!).

It’s being held at Castle Street on Thursdays 15th, 22nd and 29th January 2015, from 7.45pm until 9.30pm. There is no charge, but places need to be reserved by contacting Revd. Simon Oliver (tel. 07554 20 29 29 or e-mail simon.oliver@cantab.net) by Thursday 8th January. It’s being funded by the circuit, but any donations will be appreciated!



New audio-visual system – operators required

Our new AV system is now up and running, but we need more operators! We’re hoping to draw up a rota of volunteers very soon, so please speak to one of the stewards if you feel able to help.

There will be no printed notice sheet next Sunday. Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on the notice sheet for Sunday 4th January, ideally by the evening of Friday 2nd January.

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