



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 8th February 2015

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 8th Feb** **10.45** **MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**
Rev. Chris White
Bible readings: Isaiah 40: 21-31 (page 612); Mark 1: 29-39 (page 34)
- 18.30** **UNITED EVENING WORSHIP**
Rev. Ank Rigelsford
*Bible readings: Proverbs 8: 22-31 (page 546); Colossians 1: 15-20
(page 190); John 1: 1-14 (page 87)*
- We pray... for our ecumenical partners*
- Mon 9th Feb 19.30 "What makes a Methodist?" (see Castle View)
- Wed 11th Feb 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship
- 10.30-12.00 Coffee morning
- 12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class
- Thu 12th Feb 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group
- 19.00 for 20.15 "Thursday Table Talk" (see overleaf)
- Sun 15th Feb** **10.45** **MORNING WORSHIP**
Rebekah Blyth
- 19.00** **IONA SERVICE** *at St. Luke's*

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

Cecelia Marsh, RIP

John Boocock had a telephone call this week from Graham Marsh to say that his wife Cecelia died suddenly at home in Gerrards Cross on 26th January. They were married at Castle Street over sixty years ago, and were able to visit us last year both for the “wedding service” in July and our centenary anniversary in October. Graham is the fourth generation of Marsh local preachers (and, despite being in his late 80s, is still taking up to half a dozen services each quarter); he wrote a couple of items for *Castle View* last year (appearing in the May and June issues).

It is understand Cecelia’s thanksgiving service is next Wednesday (11th February) at 2.30pm following burial in the morning.



“Thursday Table Talk”

Last week we started an excellent Lent Course at “Table Talk”, entitled “Parables and Possessions”, and led by Martin and Ruth. Remember you don’t have to be young to join us! You don’t even have to come for dinner (although it is always tasty)! Just to remind everyone about the timings for the evening:

- Dinner 7-8pm;
- Coffee and second arrivals 8-8.15pm;
- Then at 8.15pm we start our evening “Talk” with some suitable worship, and finish by 9.30pm.

Plus, we have been asked by “Cambridge FoodCycle” to help them host an occasional evening meal. We think this fits very well with “TableTalk” so the first FoodCycle will be this Thursday (12th February): our usual “TableTalk” pattern is suspended so that we can join with FoodCycle and engage all those who come in conversation. This may happen once a month, depending on how it goes the first time.

The remaining topics in the Lent course “Parables and Possessions” are:

- 19th Feb: “Betrayal” (food will include pancakes)
- 26th Feb: “Forgiveness”
- 5th Mar: “Ridicule”
- 12th Mar: “Sacrifice”
- 19th Mar: “Transformation”

“Science Meets Faith” – Monday (9th) at Wesley Methodist Church

Revd. John Buxton, Honorary Treasurer of “Faith and Thought” in Harlow, Essex, will give a talk entitled “Your God is too small – issues in science and religion”. Refreshments from 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start.



“Big issues” – Thursday (12th) at Histon Methodist Church

Roger Wright will talk about “Policing in the Good Old Days – 1960s to 1980s”. Starts at 7.30pm, and refreshments will be served in the break.



“A Faith to Live By” – next Sunday (15th) at 6.30pm

This month’s “A Faith to Live By Service” at Haslingfield Methodist Church is entitled “Learning to Lead”, and will include a talk and discussion led by primary school head teacher Caroline Peet.

Having been a head teacher for seventeen years at Queen Edith Primary School in Cambridge city and now the executive head teacher at the Queen’s Federation, every day brings new challenges. The demands of leadership in the ever-changing world of education are not for the faint hearted. They are targeted by politicians who use education as a political football, the press on occasions consider they are responsible for the world’s ills, and parents often can see only the needs of their own child. Caroline has endeavoured to bring a Bible-centred approach to leadership, and, using a passage from Ephesians, will draw out the foundations she aspires to at school, looking at the topics of accountability, time and trust. Please come and join in the discussion.



“Disciple” Bible Study Course

A reminder that the next “Disciple” course will take place at Histon Methodist Church every Thursday morning from 10.30am, starting on Thursday 26th February. It will be led by Revd. Jean Simmonds from Histon, Kathy Batty from Wesley, and Steve Acklam from Toft.

The last Disciple Course was held at Castle Street, and the “graduates” included Anna, Anne, Heather, and John. If you are interested then please have a word with them about the experience, and give Jean Simmonds a ring on (01223) 237 981.

Cambridge Bible Society Action Group Spring Supper

This year's theme is "Stories of Jesus: Portrayals of Christ in art and fiction", and it will take place on Friday 27th February at 7pm in the Queen Edith Chapel, Wulfstan Way. The guest speaker is Revd. Dr. Rowan Williams (Master of Magdalene College, and former Archbishop of Canterbury). Tickets cost £6, and can be obtained from Brian West (e-mail brian.west1 at mypostoffice dot co dot uk).



East Anglia District Latvia Link

Our friends from Latvia have sent an invitation to attend Camp Wesley 2015 – an international all-age gathering from Monday 29th June to Sunday 5th July at Liepaja in Latvia. There will be times of fellowship, creative workshops, children's activities, devotions and a spiritual programme every evening. Sleeping accommodation will be in tents (if you prefer to make other arrangements, hotel accommodation is available a twenty-minute drive into Liepaja).

The cost is 7 EUR per day, but you will need to make your own travel arrangements to get there. There is the possibility of a grant from the East Anglia District Latvia Fund. For information, contact Brenda Sigsworth (tel.: e-mail sigsworthbrenda at gmail dot com) by 6th March.



February Castle View

A reminder that details of forthcoming church events in and around Cambridge can be found in *Castle View* – and there are lots this month!



Wanted – new home for a piano

We are looking into the possibility of replacing the piano in the Aldersgate room with a better one from Sturton Street. If this goes ahead, the old piano will be available free of charge to a good home (transport costs to be paid by the recipient). Anyone interested should speak to a steward.

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

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