



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Sunday 15th 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 15th Feb**            **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Rebekah Blyth**  
*Bible readings: Joshua 2 (dramatised); Mark 9: 2-9 (page 42)*
- 19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's**  
*We pray... for our preparations for Lent*
- Wed 18th Feb**            10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship  
                                 10.30-12.00 Coffee morning  
                                 12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class
- 18.30 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE at St. Peter's**
- Thu 19th Feb**    10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group  
                                 19.00 for 20.15 "Thursday Table Talk" (*see overleaf*)
- Sat 21st Feb**            **15.00 CIRCUIT SINGING THE FAITH WORSHIP**  
**at Wesley Methodist Church** (*see overleaf*)
- Sun 22nd Feb**            **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Alex Corio**
- 18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

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

### **“Thursday Table Talk”**

The excellent Lent Course “Parables and Possessions” continues at Thursday Table Talk this week, led by Martin and Ruth. This week’s topic is entitled “Betrayal”. Being close to Shrove Tuesday, the food will include pancakes (even though Lent has actually begun). 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)!

Dinner is served from 7pm to 8pm, followed by coffee (and the non-diners arriving); the “Talk” part begins at 8.15pm with some suitable worship, and it all finishes by 9.30pm.



### **“A Faith to Live By” – this evening 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.



### ***Singing the Faith Day* – Saturday 21st February at Wesley**

The interest in the *Singing the Faith Day* at Wesley next Saturday has been overwhelming and the event is now fully booked with over one hundred participants. However, there is a Circuit Worship at 3pm which is open to all. This celebration of music and song in our faith will be led by Revd. Alison Walker and Revd. Dr. Peter Graves, with the music led by Robin Walker. If you arrive at 2.45pm, you may be able to get some tea...

## **A Calendar for Lent**

Have a bit of fun in completing a quirky calendar for the forty days of Lent, and help raise some money to support the practical work of Action for Children. Please have a word with Joyce Sharpe to obtain your free copy of the calendar.

Although the Calendar runs from Ash Wednesday (18th February – this coming Wednesday), if you don't have your calendar from the outset then you can still join in the action part way through Lent. Let's count our blessings in Lent; we don't only have to deny ourselves chocolate. There's an opportunity to reflect on some of the good things in our lives, and to support Action for Children at the same time.



## **Cambridge History Festival**

Seven of the illustrated talks that form part of the Cambridge History Festival will be held here at Castle Street. They are:

- Thu 26th Feb, 7.30pm: "1914-18: A Century On" (Prof. David Reynolds)
- Fri 27th Feb, 7pm: "The Impact of the Railways in Cambridge"  
(Tony Kirby)
- Sat 28th Feb, 3.30pm: "Primitive Methodism in Castle Hill"  
(John Boocock)
- Sat 28th Feb, 6.30pm: "Cambridge in the Good Old Days"  
(50s and 60s)
- Mon 2nd Mar, 7pm: "Oliver Cromwell, Hero or Villain?"  
(David Smith)
- Tue 3rd Mar, 7pm: "The History of the Cambridge News"  
(Chris Elliott)
- Wed 4th Mar, 7pm: "A History of Mill Road" (Becky Proctor)

Tickets cost £7.50 (£5 concessions) for each one, except for the 3.30pm talk on Saturday 28th February (by our own John Boocock), which cost just £3. This talk will, clearly, be the highlight of the whole festival! Do come along to this, and to other talks as well.

If you're quick off the mark, John might have a few complementary tickets available, and might be willing to part with one or two...

## 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](mailto:brian.west1@mypostoffice.co.uk)).



## Histon quiz night

Histon Methodist Church is holding a Quiz Night on Friday March 6th at 7pm. You don't have to be a *Mastermind* finalist or *Brain of Britain* champion but you do need a sense of humour and a competitive spirit – who will win the wooden spoon? Bring your friends (safety in numbers... and you can fill each other's knowledge gaps). Tickets cost £8 including refreshments – a hearty ploughman's style buffet – and can be booked with Robin and Joy McCombie (tel. 01223 232 391).



## 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 coming up!



## 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.



## Items for the March Castle View...

...should be with its Editor, Anna Williams, by next Sunday (22nd) please.

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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