



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Sunday 22nd 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 22nd Feb            10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Dr. Alex Corio**

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

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

Mon 23rd Mar            19.30 "What makes a Methodist?"

Wed 25th 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 Church Council

Thu 26th Feb    10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 20.15 "Thursday Table Talk" (*see overleaf*)

**Sun 1st Mar            10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH**  
**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

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

## **Bible readings for today's services**

10.45am: Genesis 9: 8-17 (*page 7*); Mark 1: 9-15 (*page 33*)

6.30pm: As 10.45am, plus 1 Peter 3: 18-22 (*page 223*)



## **Ron Germany, RIP**

Some may already have heard of the recent death of Ron Germany who was known to us as a local preacher within the Cambridge Circuit. Ron's funeral will take place this Friday (27th February) with a committal at Cambridge Crematorium at 11.15am followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Royston Methodist Church at 2.30pm (with a light lunch served in the church hall in between). A large attendance is expected, so anyone going is encouraged to arrive in good time.



## **"Thursday Table Talk"**

This week's topic in the Lent course "Parables and Possessions" is "Forgiveness". 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.



## **"The Big Issues" – Thursday 26th February at Histon Methodist Church**

The next in this series takes place this coming Thursday at 7.30pm, when Prof. Sir Brian Heap will discuss the topic "Stem cells and the right to life".



## **Lent activities (1) – 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 (last Wednesday), it's not too late to join in the action. 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.

## **Lent activities (2): “Forty Acts – Do Lent Generously”**

Are you thinking of finding a different way of spiritual discipline for Lent (rather than perhaps just giving up chocolate in the dual hope of being more spiritual and losing some weight)? An interesting challenge for Lent can be found at [www.40acts.org.uk](http://www.40acts.org.uk). If you sign up, each day you'll receive an e-mail with a reflection and a generosity challenge. There's a “traffic light” system, so each day you can choose whether to take the easy, moderate or harder option of the actions for that day.



## **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.



## **Cambridge Bible Society Action Group Spring Supper**

This will take place this Friday (27th February) at 7pm in the Queen Edith Chapel, Wulfstan Way – see previous notice sheets. The guest speaker is Revd. Dr. Rowan Williams. Tickets cost £6, and can be obtained from Brian West (te-mail [brian.west1 at mypostoffice dot co dot uk](mailto:brian.west1@mypostoffice.co.uk)).

## **Real Easter Eggs**

Out of the eighty million chocolate Easter eggs sold each year in the UK, The Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate Easter egg to explain the Christian understanding of Easter. The Meaningful Chocolate Company, which makes The Real Easter Egg, gives a sizeable donation from profits and Fairtrade Premium fees to their farmers. This allows them to invest in their community, buying everything from school books to solar panels and providing fresh water.

The Real Easter Egg is now in its fourth year of production with more than 400,000 sold so far. If you're interested in buying any Real Easter Eggs through Traidcraft this year, please contact Martin Burchell.



## **Saturday Night at St. Luke's: Madagascar – Saturday 28th February**

Paul and Sylvia Custerson will show us around Madagascar, with its exclusive wildlife. This is the second in the new series of illustrated travel talks which begin with a themed supper at 6.30pm. The cost is £10, to include a chicken curry supper (vegetarian option if required) and soft drinks – see Heather Taplin for tickets.



## **Histon quiz night**

Histon Methodist Church is holding a Quiz Night on Friday March 6th at 7pm. 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).



## **Items for the March Castle View...**

...should be with its Editor, Anna Williams, today 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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