



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Sunday 11th October 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 11th Oct            10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

12.30 Bring-and-share lunch

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Maureen Kendall**

*We pray... for healthcare services*

Mon 12th Oct        19.30 Finance and Property Committee

Wed 14th Oct        10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

19.30 Pastoral and Family Committee

Thu 15th Oct    10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

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

Sat 17th Oct        14.00 "Singing our Faith" day (*see overleaf*)

**Sun 18th Oct        10.45 MORNING WORSHIP        Prof. Judith Lieu**

**19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's**

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

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

10.45am: Hebrews 4: 12-16 (*page 209*)    6.30pm: Mark 10: 17-31 (*page 44*)

Job 23: 1-9. 16-17 (*page 443*)

Amos 5: 6-15 (*page 782*)

Mark 10: 17-31 (*page 44*)

Hebrews 4: 12-16 (*page 209*)



## **Welcome (back) to students – bring-and-share lunch today**

Today is the first Sunday since lectures restarted at the University of Cambridge (although a few weeks since the Anglia Ruskin term began), and we welcome (back) any students joining us for worship today. We have recently become a Student Christian Movement (SCM) Link Church, and Lizzie Gawen from SCM is taking part in this morning's service. Afterwards there will be a bring-and-share lunch to which all are invited – but don't worry if you've not brought anything: there's always plenty to go round. Do stay.



## **Autumn Barn Dance and Supper**

Thank you to all who supported this family event yesterday, to those who prepared and served food (excellent as always!), and to Joyce Goodall from Royston for supplying the music and being the "caller". A total of £222 was taken in donations, which has been split equally between the Methodist Refugee Support Fund and the Cherry Homes Trust.



## **Table Talk**

"Table Talk" restarts this week, on Thursday evening (as previously – but at a later date it might change to a different day). As usual, it will begin with a hot meal from 7pm, tea and coffee from 8pm, and the "talk" section (on this occasion, planning the meetings up to Christmas) from 8.15pm – but turn up for coffee or just the talk if you don't want a meal. Anyone offering to cook for the first one is asked to contact Alison.



## **Mission and Social Responsibility Committee**

Due to needing to hold the Pastoral and Family Committee before Church Council on 21st October, the M&SR Committee planned for this Wednesday has been postponed.

## **“Singing our Faith” day – next Saturday (17th October)**

A reminder about this event, which runs from 2pm until 7pm, and will be led by Robin Walker with Revd. Catherine Dixon as guest preacher. Full details can be found on the back cover of *Castle View*. To book a place, contact Phil Dale (e-mail: phildale48 at aol dot com). The worship at 6pm is open to everyone, not just those attending the afternoon.



### **Volunteers required**

There are a number of roles within the church family at Castle Street which need filling or for which we need help.

First, the Pastoral and Family Committee needs a secretary. It only meets three times each year, but is one of the two committees we *must* have under current Methodist Church rules. Connected with this, we also need some more Pastoral Visitors – Alison can explain what this job entails.

We thank Mike Sharpe for all the work he has done at Castle Street over many years, but he is having to give up some of the jobs he currently does, due to taking on more responsibility in the circuit. Two important jobs which Mike currently does are with regard to managing car park lettings, and managing external bookings of the church hall and the two meeting rooms. Both are important in the fact they make a big financial contribution to the running of our church – income from the weekly offering (including standing orders) is a long way short of being enough. If you want to know more about what these two jobs involve, then have a word with Mike. Eventually Mike will also need to stand down as Church Treasurer, so we’re also looking for someone to become a deputy treasurer, to “learn the ropes” with a view to taking over eventually.

Finally, we often have one or two residents of Edward House worshipping with us on Sunday mornings. They are in wheelchairs, and need to be collected and taken back. We’re looking for a few people to join a rota for collecting them from Edward House, which would necessitate going for them at about 10.30am, probably only once a month.

Anyone who thinks they can help with any of this should have a word with one of the stewards. Could it be you?

## Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project Training

A reminder about the training for those volunteering with the CCHP. Details appeared on last Sunday's notice sheet, but the dates are:

- Tuesday 3rd November, 7.30pm at Little St. Mary's Church
- Thursday 5th November, 7.30pm at St. Giles' Church
- Thursday 12th November, 7.30pm at Great St. Mary's Church

Please let Revd. Alison Walker know if you will be attending – the evening starts with supper, so they need to know numbers.

In addition, for the "team leaders" (those staying overnight), there are two further training evenings. These are both at Little St. Mary's Church, and start at 7.30pm:

- Tuesday 24th November: Leading a night of the CCHP: practicalities. What are our "boundaries"? Friendship and pastoral care between guests and volunteers.
- Thursday 26th November: Alcohol dependency: what it means in practice; Drug use: awareness and responsibility.



## Events elsewhere

- "Faith to Live By" at Haslingfield Methodist Church – Sunday 11th October at 6.30pm: "The Changing Face of Methodism: too many wrinkles?", led by Revd. Dr. Brian Beck.
- "Science Meets Faith" at Wesley Methodist Church – Monday 12th October at 7.15pm for 7.45pm: Revd. the Baroness Richardson of Calow, OBE, will ask, "Is there a Christian case for assisted dying?" Admissions is free, but there will be a retiring collection.
- Open Day at Westminster College (on Madingley Road) – Saturday 17th October, from 10am to 1pm: come along to learn about the work of Westminster College, the Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide, and the Woolf Institute. All are welcome.

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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