



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Sunday 15th November 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 Nov      10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

12.30 "Out of Africa into Malta" – talk by Joy and Geoff Levine, preceded by a bring-and-share lunch (*see also overleaf*)

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

*We pray... for road traffic crash victims*

Wed 18th Nov      10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 19th Nov 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 20.15 "Table Talk" – "Eat, Pray, Share" session 4

**Sun 22nd Nov      10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Elsie Salmon**

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Dr. Derek Nicholls**

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

## **Bible readings for this morning's service**

Psalm 16 (*page 465*)

Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25 (*page 213*)

Mark 12: 1-12 (*page 46*)



### **“Out of Africa into Malta” – this lunchtime**

We hope that as many people as possible will join us after this morning's service – for a bring-and-share lunch (don't worry if you've not brought anything – there's always plenty to go around), followed by a talk about refugees in Malta...

Revd. Joy and Dr. Geoff Levine are Methodist Minister and Cambridge GP respectively, and both regular worshippers at Castle Street. Geoff has a particular interest in diabetes, and they have both worked over the past eleven years with hospitals in the slums of India where Geoff trains doctors. However, on this occasion they will talk about a project with St. Andrew's Church in Valletta, Malta (see [www.saintandrewsmalta.com](http://www.saintandrewsmalta.com)). They have twice visited the refugee camps in Malta at the invitation of the church and have explored the setting up of self-help groups there. This is a particularly critical time to discuss the plight of refugees with so many attempting to enter the EU and the risks to their lives they are taking both overland and at sea. As Christians we are all concerned about our response and this is an opportunity to air some of our thoughts.



### **Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes – urgent!**

The deadline for sending off the shoeboxes is rapidly approaching (details of the appeal were in a recent edition of *Castle View*), and Anne Littlefair apologises for the short notice of this...

Please would everyone taking part in this project this year get their shoeboxes, gifts, and any donations towards the £3 (per box) transport sum to the church by this coming Tuesday (17th November).

If you have something but can't get it to church by then, please telephone Anne (number on printed notice sheet) to arrange for her to collect it. It doesn't matter if boxes are not full, as they will be completed at the warehouse. Thank you very much.

## **Road Peace service – this afternoon**

There has been a Road Peace service on World Remembrance Day for Road Traffic Victims in Cambridge since 1998. It is always held on the Sunday after Remembrance Sunday (so that's today) to make it easy to remember the date. This year's takes place this afternoon at 3pm in the Chapel at Addenbrooke's Hospital, and will be led by Revd. Deborah McVey. All are welcome, especially families and friends of those who have died in road accidents in recent months, and those involved in the rescue services. The service will be followed by refreshments.



## **"Big Issues" at Histon Methodist Church**

The next in this series takes place on Thursday 26th November at 7.30pm, when doctor and chaplain Prof. Alastair Coles will tackle the question "Why does God allow suffering?" All are welcome – tea, coffee and desserts are served in the interval.



## **Living with Differences: Marriage and Relationships – advance notice**

Christians have always had to live with differences unless severe repression has been in place. In the twentieth century, British Christians took very different views on pacifism and warfare or on divorce. Today they have conflicting views on same sex relationships. With the sudden introduction of legal same-sex marriage, how does the church cope with different views on such a major subject. How does it affect our view of marriage?

There are to be two circuit consultation evenings as part of a national consultation by the Methodist Church, with Revd. Colin Smith (circuit superintendent minister) and Revd. Carole Irwin (Wesley House) speaking and leading a discussion on this subject. They are to be held on Thursday 3rd December at Histon Methodist Church and on Monday 1st February at Haslingfield Methodist Church, both starting at 7.30pm. (The format for the Histon meeting will be similar to the "Big Issues" evenings, and will include refreshments.)

There will be time to introduce the themes and encourage conversation to provide useful feedback to input into the national consultation process.

## **Cambridge House of Prayer – more information**

A Diocese of Ely initiative, the Cambridge House of Prayer (CAM-HOP) is an open hospitable community of prayer which has been meeting on Thursday evenings since September last year. This month it has begun meeting between 4pm and 6pm on most weekdays for “Worship and Intercession”, to pray for our city, our country and the nations – on Tuesdays at Great St. Mary’s Church; on Wednesdays and Fridays at St. Paul’s Church, Hills Road; and on Thursdays at Michaelhouse, Trinity Street – and this will continue until the week before Christmas and then resume again in the New Year. Sandwiches are served from 6pm. All are welcome to come along, for all or part of the two hours.

CAM-HOP also continues to meet for prayer on Thursdays, between 7.30pm and 9.30pm at 17 Rustat Avenue. Visit [www.cam-hop.org](http://www.cam-hop.org), or contact Revd. Andrew Taylor (e-mail: [andrew.taylor7 at cantab dot net](mailto:andrew.taylor7@cantab.net)).



## **Job advert: Fundraiser (Trusts and Community) for Romsey Mill**

This is an exciting opportunity for an experienced, skilled, and aspiring fundraiser: to help secure grants from trusts and other private bodies, to fund Romsey Mill’s programmed work to transform young lives; and to raise unrestricted voluntary funds from various sources.

Applicants should be at ease with working within a Christian framework and be sensitive to its various expressions across cultures and church backgrounds. Applicants looking to work full time (37.5 hours per week) or part time (minimum 22.5 hours per week) will be considered.

Salary range: £21,487 - £26,141 (pro-rata) on a permanent contract.  
Closing date for applications: Tuesday 8th December 2015 by 6pm.  
Interview date: Tuesday 15th December 2015.

For further information, visit [www.romseymill.org/work-for-us/](http://www.romseymill.org/work-for-us/), where you can also download the job description and an application form.

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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