



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Sunday 22nd 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 22nd Nov      10.45    MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Elsie Salmon**

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

*We pray... for women who suffer violence*

Wed 25th Nov      10.00    "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00    Coffee morning

12.00-13.00    "Forever Active" exercise class

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

19.00 for 20.00    "Table Talk" – a roundtable discussion on  
Israel and Palestine (*see overleaf*)

**Sun 29th Nov      10.45    MORNING WORSHIP**  
**(Advent Sunday)**      **Rev. Alan Ashton**

**18.30    EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Rev Alison Walker** (*see also overleaf*)

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

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

10.45am

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 (*page 759*)

John 18: 33-37 (*page 108*)

6.30pm

2 Corinthians 5: 11-21 (*page 172*)

Matthew 20: 1-16 (*page 21*)



## **Next Sunday evening**

Next Sunday is Advent Sunday, and during the evening service (led by Revd. Alison Walker) we will take the opportunity to look at some of the advent hymns in *Singing the Faith* which did not appear in *Hymns and Psalms*. Of course, many will already be familiar, and some were previewed at the recent "Singing our Faith" afternoon.

If you come to the service a little earlier than normal, you may get the opportunity to hear the tunes in advance of the service...



## **"Table Talk" on Thursday evening**

This week at Table Talk we shall be welcoming Tom and Gill Ambrose (from St. Luke's) and Revd. Alan Ashton (former minister at Castle Street) to lead a roundtable discussion about Israel and Palestine. Tom and Gill have just returned from Israel, while Alan has a particular understanding of the situation there (as many will know). All are welcome as we seek to explore more about the historic and present complexities. Come along for a simple dinner at 7pm, or just for the discussion, preceded by tea or coffee at 8pm.

Next week (3rd December) Table Talk will join with the circuit discussion evening at Histon Methodist Church at 7.30pm (see notice elsewhere) – but meet at Castle Street at 7pm if you would like transport to Histon. Table Talk will then take a break until the new term starts in January.



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

The next in this series takes place this 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.

## **“Climate change, the Paris Convention, and the future of us all”**

There are two Monday lunchtime talks related to climate change, which are to take place at the Michaelhouse Centre in Trinity Street. Both start at 1pm, and admission is free. More information at [www.gsm.cam.ac.uk](http://www.gsm.cam.ac.uk).

First, on Monday 23rd November (tomorrow), Prof. Sir Partha Dasgupta will talk about “Nature, the economy, and human well-being”. Prof. Dasgupta is Emeritus Professor of Economics in the University of Cambridge. He organised a conference in the Pontifical Academy in the Vatican City in 2014 entitled “Sustainable Humanity, Sustainable Nature, Our Responsibility”. Among his publications are *Human Well Being and the Natural Environment* (Oxford University Press, 2004).

The second is on Monday 30th November, when Susy Brouard will give a talk entitled “Engaging with Laudato Si: an inspiration or a challenge?”. Susy Brouard works for CAFOD in its Theology Programme, supporting churches in their social teaching and action. This will be an interactive-workshop with opportunities to study parts of the Pope’s encyclical.



## **Living with Differences: Marriage and Relationships**

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.

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

## **Christmas Tree Festival at St. Giles'**

This annual event begins next weekend, with the opening of the festival by the Mayor of Cambridge, Cllr. Robert Dryden, at 6pm on Friday (27th November). It will be followed by seasonal music and refreshments. The church will then be open from 10am until 4pm every day from Saturday 28th November until Saturday 5th December for visitors to the festival. Homemade, seasonal refreshments and light lunches will be available. Visit [www.churchatcastle.org/node/2097](http://www.churchatcastle.org/node/2097) for more information.



## **Other Advent events at St. Giles'** (*see [www.churchatcastle.org/events](http://www.churchatcastle.org/events)*)

- Scandinavian Advent Wreath Binding Workshop – Sat 28th Nov, 2pm.
- "Wake, O wake" Advent Carol Service – Sun 29th Nov, 3pm.
- St. Nicholas Celebration – Sat 5th Dec, 3pm: family activities and Romanian carols, led by the congregation of the Romanian Orthodox Parish of St. John the Evangelist, who share St. Giles' Church.
- Christingle Service and Christmas Music Concert by Tube Brass – Sun 6th Dec, 4pm (come at 3.30pm to make a Christingle).



## ***Amahl and the Night Visitors at St. Augustine's, Fri 4th Dec at 6pm***

A Christmas Opera for children by Gian Carlo Menotti performed by members of Cambridge Youth Opera. All welcome, admission free (retiring collection), complimentary glass of wine or fruit juice and nibbles.



## **Some events in the circuit for Advent**

- Royston: JMA Coffee Morning and Bazaar – Saturday 5th December, 9.30am to midday. Coffee and mince pies, stationery, books, toiletries, jigsaws, games, cakes, toys, Christmas gifts, bric-a-brac. Free entry.
- Orwell: Christmas Tree Festival – Saturday 12th December, midday to 6pm (with cakes, gifts and soup lunch), and Sunday 13th December, 2pm to 6pm with Christmas hymns and songs from 4pm.

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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