



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 28th February 2016

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 28th Feb **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**
Rev. Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Geoff Ling

We pray... for God's Church everywhere

Wed 2nd Mar 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 3rd Mar 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Fri 4th Mar 14.30 Service for Women's World Day of Prayer
(see overleaf)

Sun 6th Mar 10.00 Fairtrade Mothering Sunday Breakfast
(Mothering Sunday) *(see overleaf)*

10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP
Kimberley Rayson

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Rev. Colin Smith

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

Bible readings for today's services

10.45am: Isaiah 55: 1-19 (*page 628*)

Psalms 63: 1-8 (*page 491*)

Luke 13: 1-9 (*page 72*)

6.30pm: Jeremiah 22: 1-9, 13-17 (*page 662*)

Luke 14: 25-33 (*page 74*)



Joyce Major, RIP

It is with sadness we announce that Joyce Major passed away on Thursday evening. Joyce and her late husband, Colin, were very active members at Castle Street for several decades until they moved to Hitchin six or seven years ago. Funeral arrangements are not yet known as it is understood there is to be a post mortem. We remember Claire, Mike and the rest of their family in our prayers – if anyone would like their contact details, please ask one of the stewards.



Baby Aaron

Congratulations to Ruth and Martin on the arrival of their son, Aaron, at 3.07pm on Wednesday, weighing 3.5kg (7lb 11oz) – and also to Joy and Geoff as proud grandparents. Although Aaron was poorly at first, Martin reports that he has been improving.



Table Talk

Table Talk is moving to Wednesday evenings, but will not meet this week (2nd March). It will resume on Wednesday 9th March, when the topic from the Pilgrimage Lent Course will be "Alone and Together".



Women's World Day of Prayer: "Receive Children, Receive Me"

A service for the Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at Castle Street this Friday (4th March), starting at 2.30pm. This year's service has been written by the women of Cuba, and invites us to learn from each generation their own gift, to put children at the centre of God's Kingdom, and to hear Jesus' call to be that child. Do join us, if you can, for a delightful service, followed by refreshments in the church hall. All are welcome – including men.

Cambridge Calais Refugee Action Group jumble sale – next Saturday

Next Saturday (5th March), we are hosting a Cam-CRAG jumble sale. There are plenty of volunteers from Cam-CRAG and the Gates Scholars (funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) to staff the actual jumble sale. However, we need a few church members to be present to sell tea and coffee (also in aid of Cam-CRAG) during the jumble sale which will be open from 12.30pm until 3.30pm – a few people have already volunteered, but more offers of help (to Alison Walker or Elliot Carmichael-Harris) would not be turned down.



Fairtrade Mothering Sunday breakfast

To tie in with this year's "Breakfasts" theme to Fairtrade Fortnight, we'll be hosting a late breakfast / early brunch before the Mothering Sunday all-age service led by Kimberley Rayson next week. Join us for a welcoming continental-style spread at 10am featuring lots of Fairtrade goodies including tea, coffee, honey, jam, pineapple and bananas. Help setting up and clearing away would be much appreciated – please contact Anna Williams if you can do this.



Items from the March *Castle View*

The latest edition of *Castle View* is available today, and gives full details of a large number of forthcoming events in the circuit, Church at Castle, and other churches in Cambridge. Some have already been publicised on the weekly notice sheet. The following take place in the next fortnight:

- Children's / Families / Youth Work Easter gathering – Haslingfield Methodist Church, Thursday 3rd March at 7.30pm.
- Top Team Quiz – Wesley Church, Saturday 5th March at 7.15pm.
- Circuit Service planning meeting (for Sunday 24th April) – Toft Methodist Church, Monday 7th March at 7.30pm.
- "Big Issues": Chaplaincy – Church without walls? – Histon Methodist Church, Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm.
- Travel Talk with supper: A Visit to Japan (with Revd. Dr. Janet Bunker and husband Mark) – St. Luke's Church (Victoria Road), Saturday 12th March (tickets £10 from Heather Taplin).

Spring District Day – “Born in Song: are we still singing our faith?”

The Methodist Women in Britain Spring District Day 2016 is taking place at Upwell Methodist Church, Wisbech, on Saturday 21st April. There will be a thirteen-seat minibus going from the Cambridge Circuit, with the cost shared between those using it – if all seats are taken, the cost per person would be £7. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jim Taylor (e-mail: jamesitaylor at btinternet dot com) to reserve your place. Bookings will be on a first come, first served basis.



Facing the Refugee Crisis: Understanding, Praying, Acting

This public meeting is being organised by Churches West of Cambridge, and will take place this Friday (4th March) at Cambourne Church at 8pm. The speakers will include Heidi Allen MP, an Iraqi Christian, an ex-chaplain from Oakington reception centre, and a local organiser of relief trips to Calais. This is not just a secular meeting, and will be considering what a genuinely Christian response should be. Please keep it in prayer. More details can be obtained from Mike Booker (e-mail: mikebooker at lordsbridge dot org).



Job Vacancy at Romsey Mill

Romsey Mill, a leading Cambridgeshire-based Christian charity working with young people and families, particularly with those experiencing disadvantage, would like to appoint a 1-to-1 Support Assistant to start in April 2016 for one term only. The job will involve working within the Playgroup team, to provide a fun and stimulating environment for children aged two to four years, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage, and giving particular support to a child with additional needs. The post is for fifteen hours per week, with a salary of £7.85 per hour. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 9th March (at 5pm), with interviews on Tuesday 15th March. Visit www.romseymill.org/work-for-us/ to download a job description and 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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