



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 27th November 2016 – Advent Sunday

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 27th Nov 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Prof. Judith Lieu

Bible readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5 (p. 580); Matthew 24: 3, 36-33 (p. 25)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Advent lessons and carols

We pray... for the joy and promise of Advent

Wed 30th Nov 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

19.00 for 20.00 Table Talk

Thu 1st Dec 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 4th Dec 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rebekah Blyth

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.

This evening's service

Today is Advent Sunday, and this evening we have a special service of readings and carols for the Advent season. Do come along.



Advent Carol Service at St. Giles' – "Wake, O Wake"

This is taking place this afternoon at 3pm.



Eighth Annual Christmas Tree Festival at St. Giles' Church

This is now underway, and continues until next Sunday (4th December). The church is open between 10am and 4pm every day – do go along. At the end of it, next Sunday (11th) from 3pm until 4.30pm, there will be a children's party: all are welcome to come and share the fun and games, music, yummy food and a visit by Father Christmas.



Wanted: poppies

Have you ever wondered what to do with your poppy after Remembrance Sunday? This year we would be really grateful if you would donate them towards a large display planned for 2018 to remember the end of the First World War. There is a shoebox on the side in the foyer to collect them.



"Faith to Live By" tonight – "From Fact to Film to questions of Faith"

This evening at Haslingfield Methodist Church at 6.30pm, Mrs. Jane Hellyer-Jones will reflect on aspects of her life as the wife of Prof. Stephen Hawkin. The service will comprise an act of worship, an address by the guest speaker, refreshments and informal discussion. Jonathan Hellyer-Jones, Jane's husband, will play the organ for the service



Christingle Service at St. Luke's – 18th December

It's still three weeks away, but there is to be a Christingle Carol Service at St. Luke's at 5pm on Sunday 18th December, for people of all ages. Come along at 4.30pm if you'd like to make a christingle. It will be followed by seasonal refreshments.

That day also sees our own Family Carol Service at 10.45am, and a "traditional" Service of Lessons and Carols at Castle Street at 6.30pm.

Forthcoming Christmas events in the circuit

- Christmas Market at Histon Methodist Church, Saturday 3rd December from 10am until 2pm, with exciting stalls and delicious refreshments.
- Sixteenth annual Christmas Tree Festival at Orwell Methodist Church on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December: on Saturday it will be open from 12 noon until 6pm, and there will be a cake and gift stall, plus homemade soup, rolls, toasted sandwiches and drinks available; on Sunday it will be open from 2.30pm until around 6pm, with carol singing and mince pies around the fire from 4pm.



Free concert at Castle Street – Monday 12th December at 7.30pm

Enjoy a free musical evening with “Singing Allowed”, a choir which practices here each week. Refreshments will be available after the concert, and donations will go the Royal Voluntary Service “Sing Your Heart Out” appeal. Do come along – there’s a good chance you’ll enjoy the evening!



Forthcoming Christmas events in Church at Castle

More details of some of these events can be found on the Church at Castle website (visit www.churchatcastle.org.uk/calendar/month/2016-12, and then click on the event).

- Whiteacre Rhapsody – Thursday 1st December, 7.30pm at St. Giles’: as part of the Christmas Tree Festival, the Whiteacre Clarinet Quartet will give a special concert in candle-lit surroundings.
- The Icing on the Cake – Saturday 3rd December, 2pm to 4pm at St. Giles’: Christmas cake workshop; there is a small charge for materials, and pre-booking is essential – tel.: (01223) 315 000.
- Carol Concert with Fitzwilliam College Chapel Choir – Friday 9th December, 7.30pm at St. Giles’; free entry, collection for the Music Fund.
- A Yorkshire Christmas Concert – Saturday 17th December, 1pm at Michaelhouse: Christmas songs and folk songs sung by the St. Augustine’s Singers conducted by Philip Mead with Clare Simmonds (piano).
- A Victorian Christmas – Saturday 17th December, 3pm at St. Augustine’s: an hour or so of Victorian Christmas music and entertainment led by Anne Taylor.

Christmas presents for our CCHP guests

We'd like to give a shoebox of useful gifts to each of our overnight guests (we're expecting fifteen) on 28th December. The contents of each box need to be identical (as much as possible), and a list of items can be found in the December *Castle View* and on the church website. Can you supply a wrapped shoe box (lid wrapped separately), with gifts? The boxes are to be organised on Wednesday 21st December, so please bring them to church on Sunday 18th December (our carol services).



"BOTGO": buy one to give one – to the Cambridge Foodbank

A reminder that we are still collecting non-perishable items for the Cambridge Foodbank. A list of items required urgently (and on a regular) basis plus a second list of special Christmas items has appeared on the notice sheet over the last few weeks (back copies can be downloaded from the church website, and there are still printed copies in the vestry). Thank you to everyone who donates.



Christmas Charity Carol Concert in aid of CCHP and Arthur Rank

The Rotary Club is organising this event on Thursday 8th December, with proceeds being split between the Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project and the Arthur Rank Hospice. It will feature King's Junior Voices, Vox Pop, St. Alban's Catholic Primary School Choir, Barton Primary School Choir and Windband, and St. Mary's Junior School Chamber Choir. The venue is Great St. Mary's Church, and it starts at 7pm. Tickets cost £10 for adults (£5 for under 18s), and can be obtained from the participating choirs, www.billetto.co.uk/charity-concert, or on the door.



Come and Sing Carols with John Rutter – Saturday 10th December

A reminder about this charity event, for which advance booking is necessary – see previous notice sheets (available via the church website). Tickets cost £10 (students £8); book via [ccmscomeandsing at gmail dot com](mailto:ccmscomeandsing@gmail.com).

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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