



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 26th February 2017

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 26th Feb 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
John Boocock and Elliot Carmichael-Harris

We pray... for our preparations for Lent

Wed 1st Mar 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 2nd Mar 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 20.00 Table Talk: Lent Course (*see overleaf*)

Sun 5th Mar 10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP
Craig Shepherd

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.

Themes and Bible readings for today's services

10.45am: "Christmas unwrapped... or exploded" Luke 2: 1-7 (*page 53*)

6.30pm: "Passive Clay?"

Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-10

2 Kings 2: 1-12 (*page 316*)

Matthew 17: 1-23 (*page 18*)



Lent courses – including Table Talk at Castle Street

Lent begins this week, and there are a number of Lent courses taking place locally. Already advertised is one on Holiness on Thursday mornings at 35 Millington Road, Cambridge, starting at 10.45am (coffee from 10.30am) and finishing at midday: this week's introductory session is being led by Revd. Colin Smith. (For further information contact Mary and Michael Rycroft (e-mail: maryrycroft@btinternet.com).

Details of the course being run at Castle Street (as part of Table Talk on Thursday evenings, starting this week), Haslingfield (Sunday evenings, starting next Sunday) and Toft (on Wednesday afternoons, starting on 8th March) can be found in the March *Castle View*, now available. The theme is "What happens when we pray? Does it make a difference?", and the first session (this week) is entitled "Approaches to prayer".

All are welcome to attend the Castle Street "Table Talk" sessions, whether or not you have attended Table Talk before. The discussion itself begins at around 8pm (with tea and coffee served then), but a simple hot meal is served from 7pm – it's useful to know how many to expect for the meal (adding just a couple of extra people can make a significant difference), so please let Alison know if you plan to come for the meal.

There are also several five-session courses elsewhere in Church at Castle, details of which can be found at www.churchatcastle.org.uk/events:

- "Contemplating the Gospels": St. Giles', Thursday mornings at 10.45am (after the Thursday Eucharist), starting on 2nd March (but not 9th March) – brief informal discussion of the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.
- "All Loves Excelling – studies in the Letter to the Philippians": St. Luke's Rectory, Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm, starting on 7th March.
- "Lent discussions on Science and Faith": Wednesday evenings at 7pm, starting on 8th March (details also in *Castle View*) – venue not confirmed.

Ash Wednesday services

This coming Wednesday (1st March) is Ash Wednesday, and there are two services in Church at Castle – at 9.30am at St. Luke's, and at 6pm at St. Peter's.



Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday 3rd March

On Friday 3rd March, over five thousand services will be held in the British Isles, on the theme of "Am I Being Unfair to You?" The service being held in North Cambridge will be at St. Andrew's Church, Chesterton, at 2.15pm. This will be contributed to by Church at Castle (including Castle Street, of course), the Church of the Good Shepherd, Arbury, St Andrew's Chesterton and St George's Chesterton. All (including men!) are welcome.

The service focuses on the Bible story of the workers in the vineyard (Matthew 20: 1-16). The Christian Women of the Philippines wrote the service, and it will be used throughout the whole world, starting at sunrise over the Pacific Island of Tonga and continuing until sunset off the coast of American Samoa, all during the day of 3rd March. There is a reflection on the artwork designed by Rowena "Apol" Laxamana-St. Rosa, which illustrates contrasting scenes, and is very thought provoking.

In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan – named locally as "Yolanda" – struck the Philippine islands in the western Pacific Ocean. This is mentioned in the service but you will also hear the stories of a girl, a mother and an older woman, recounting their situations and their hopes and fears. The Day of Prayer is not just for women, and everyone is welcome to attend the service. If you need help with transport, or if you can offer a lift, please get in touch with Anne Littlefair (e-mail: anne *dot* littlefair *at* ntlworld *dot* com).



The Edmund Octet at Royston Methodist Church

An evening of popular classics and songs from the shows on Saturday 4th March at 7.30pm. To book tickets (£8, including light refreshments) and for further information contact Sue (e-mail: walter962 *at* btinternet *dot* com). Proceeds are to be shared between Royston Town Mayor's Community Trust Fund and Royston Methodist Church.

Bake Sale at St. Giles' – Saturday 4th March, 10.30am to 12 noon

This is the first of this year's bake sales, which take place on the first Saturday of every month (at the church gate if it is fine, otherwise inside the church). Come and buy something special – cakes, tray bakes, biscuits, quiches, tea breads and scones will be on sale (many are suitable for freezing). Every penny goes to support The Angel Tree Project, the Cambridge City Foodbank, and Namuncha Schools, Kenya.



Top Team Quiz at Wesley Methodist Church

This is taking place next Saturday evening (4th March), at 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Teams of six at £6 per person (including a ploughman's supper). Contact David Taylor (e-mail: Izzett-taylor at ntlworld dot com) or Angus Campbell (e-mail: angusfcampbell at btinternet dot com) for more details and application forms.



Hymns and Friendship – Saturday 18th March at 2.30pm

A chance to come and sing some of our old favourites, those we perhaps don't sing as often as we used to, and followed by afternoon tea. More details are in the March *Castle View* (and were on last week's notice sheet).



Looking ahead to Easter – and the Easter Breakfast: volunteers needed

With Lent starting this week, it's time to mention that the planning of Holy Week and Easter events has just about been finalised. One of our regular events is the Easter Breakfast, at 9am on Easter Sunday (following the 8am service on Castle Mound) – but, sadly, it does not organise itself! If you would like to volunteer to organise it, or would be prepared to be part of the team doing so, please have a word with Chris Rayson.



Correction to item in *Castle View* – “Fireside with Ted Garwood”

This is on Tuesday 7th March at 2.30pm at Wesley Methodist Church, and not as shown in the March *Castle View*.

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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