



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Sunday 5th March 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 5th Mar**                    **10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Craig Shepherd**
- 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev. Alison Walker: "Pray without ceasing"**

*We pray... for our Lenten journey*

- Wed 8th Mar**                    10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship
- 10.30-12.00 Coffee morning
- 12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class
- Thu 9th Mar**    10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group
- 19.00 for 20.00 Table Talk: Lent Course

- Sun 12th Mar**                    **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Rev. Dr. Stuart Mews**
- 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Rev. Barbara Garwood**

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

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

10.45am: Matthew 4: 1-11 (*page 3*)

6.30pm: Luke 6: 12-19 (*page 61*)      Timothy 2: 1-9a (*page 198*)



## **Lent courses – including Table Talk at Castle Street**

Lent began last week, and there are a number of Lent courses taking place locally. The Thursday morning one at 35 Millington Road, Cambridge, (starting at 10.45am with coffee from 10.30am, and finishing at midday) on the topic of Holiness began last week: this week's session, entitled "Holiness and community life" is being led by Revd. Jane Leach.

Details of the course being run at Castle Street, Haslingfield and Toft, on the theme "What happens when we pray? Does it make a difference?", can be found in the March *Castle View*. It's on Thursday evenings at Castle Street (as part of Table Talk) and began last week, Sunday evenings starting tonight at Haslingfield (but not next Sunday evening), and Wednesday afternoons starting this week at Toft. Castle Street's Table Talk starts at about 8pm, but is preceded by a hot meal from around 7pm – if you're coming for the meal, please let Alison know so that we make sure there's enough food.

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

- "Contemplating the Gospels": St. Giles', Thursday mornings at 10.45am (this started last week but misses this week, 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 this week.
- "Lent discussions on Science and Faith": Wednesday evenings at 7pm, starting this week (details also in *Castle View*), in a relaxed home environment – the telephone number to find out where it is taking place can be found at [www.churchatcastle.org/node.2464](http://www.churchatcastle.org/node.2464).



## **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*.

## **Baptism of Gabriel Mensah**

The morning service on Sunday 26th March (three week's time) will include the baptism of Gabriel Mensah, one of the youngest members of our church family. Gilbert and Marie would like to invite the congregation to join them and their family for lunch afterwards in the church hall. The majority of the food will be provided, but any contributions of dessert would be very welcome. Please do come along.



## **Lenten Meditation at St. Augustine's – tonight at 6pm**

The St. Augustine's Singers, conducted by Philip Mead, present a concert with readings on the theme of mortality. More details in *Castle View*.



## **Wesley "Fireside" with Ted Garwood: "We don't do that modern stuff"**

This monthly event at Wesley Methodist Church takes place this coming Tuesday afternoon (7th March) at 2.30pm (and not as shown in the printed copies of *Castle View*). Ted was a professional toastmaster and will be letting us into some of the secrets of that profession.



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

The next in this series takes place on Thursday evening (9th March) at 7.30pm, when Revd. Colin Smith will address "The future of Christian-Jewish relations".



## **"A Faith to Live By" at Haslingfield Methodist Church**

The next in this series is next Sunday evening (12th March), when the speaker will be our own Rebekah Blyth. Rebekah graduated last summer from the University of Cambridge (having read Theology), is training to be a Methodist Local Preacher, and has successfully candidated to train for the Methodist Ministry.



## **"Science Meets Faith" at Wesley Methodist Church**

The next in this series is on Monday 13th March, at 7.15pm for 7.45pm. Prof. Alister McGrath, Director of the Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at the University of Oxford, will talk about "Conflict or Mutual enrichment?"

## **Travel Talks at St. Luke's: Iceland – the land of ice and fire**

The third and final of this year's travel talks is on the evening of Saturday 25th March – and details are in *Castle View*. Tickets (£10, including supper) can be obtained from Heather.



## **Looking ahead to Easter – volunteers needed for the Easter Breakfast**

The Easter Breakfast takes place 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.



## **Church at Castle weekend away at High Leigh**

There's a piece in *Castle View* about this, and your attention is drawn to it. It's at the High Leigh Christian Conference Centre in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, and is taking place from the evening of Friday 30th June until late afternoon on Sunday 2nd July. The theme of the weekend will be "God deepen your life in me – exploring our faith in changing times", and it will be led by Revd. Bob Fyffe, General Secretary of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. If you'd like to reserve a place or find out more, please have a word with Mike (e-mail: *mike dot sharpe at btclick dot com*).



## **Evening service on 26th March**

The preacher for this service will be Maureen Kendall.



## **Prayer request book**

It is perhaps not known by all that there is a book for prayer requests at the back of the church. We'd like to encourage more people to write in it! It is used at our weekly "Time to Be" prayer meeting on Wednesday mornings, and often in the prayers of intercession during Sunday worship. Anonymous requests are perfectly acceptable.

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on next Sunday's notice sheet, by Thursday evening this week please.

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