



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 15th October 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 15th Oct 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Alison Walker

Bible readings: Colossians 3: 1-17 (page 191)

Luke 1: 39-45 (page 54)

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's

We pray... for social justice

Mon 16th Oct 19.30 Finance and Property Committee

Wed 18th Oct 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" (*see also overleaf*)

Thu 19th Oct 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 22nd Oct 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Mary Ratcliffe

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Geoff Ling

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

“Table Talk” this week

Table Talk is our “group for young adults”, but don’t worry if you feel that this description is no longer true for you as there will be other forthcoming opportunities for small groups / Bible study groups / fellowship groups in the coming months.

This term we are meeting on Wednesday evenings, at church. We gather to eat a simple meal at 7pm, or if you just want to come and join us for coffee, worship and discussion then arrive at 8pm. We finish by 9.30pm. If you’re planning to come for the meal then it’s helpful (but not essential) if you can let Alison know (if you haven’t already done so, or filled in the Doodle poll) so we can more accurately estimate numbers.

During October we will be studying the Book of James, and started last week with chapter 1. The remaining three sessions are:

- 18th Oct – James 2 : “Faith and Works”
- 25th Oct – James 3 and 4: 1-12: “Speech and Wisdom”
- 1st Nov – James 4: 13-17 and 5: “Living for the Lord”

(This term’s Table Talk will continue beyond this, until the end of November, but the programme has yet to be decided.)



“A Faith to Live By” at Haslingfield Methodist Church – tonight

After the summer break, this series of monthly Sunday evening services restarts this evening (Sunday 15th October), when Revd. Dr. Brian Beck will address the question “What is wrong with Charles Wesley’s hymns?” Brian is a past President of the British Methodist Conference and a former Secretary of Conference, as well as being a former Principal of Wesley House – and is, of course, well known to us at Castle Street. The service begins at 6.30pm with a short time of worship, followed by the presentation and discussion, and then refreshments.



“Big Issues” at Histon Methodist Church

The next of these twice-monthly talk and discussion evenings takes place on Thursday 26th October, starting at 7.30pm. Sir Brian Heap, Senior Advisor of the Smart Villages Initiative will ask, “Can smart villages help to stem poverty?” Refreshments will be served during the interval.

Christian Aid “Inherit the Earth” exhibition at Wesley

The October *Castle View* has details of this exhibition at Wesley Methodist Church, which is open from 9am until 12.30pm on Monday to Friday for two weeks starting tomorrow (Monday 16th October).



Songs for Seed – Saturday 28th October at St. Paul’s Church, Hills Road

An uplifting evening of sizzling songs of hope with an African flavour from the Resound Acappella Choir. The concert is in support of the Seed Project, helping Zimbabwean communities to work themselves out of poverty, and there is a suggested donation of £10 (to be paid on the door). Seat reservations can be made by contacting Janet Walker (e-mail: janet dot walker3 at googlemail dot com). It starts at 7.30pm, and there will be nibbles and drinks available.



“Creating Safer Space” training dates – advance notice

Dates for safeguarding training sessions have recently been announced:

- Foundation Training (for those who have never attended safeguarding training in this circuit) – Thursday 30th November, 6.30pm to 9pm at Chesterton Methodist Church.
- Refresher Training (for those who have not attended a safeguarding course in the circuit since 2015) – Saturday 27th January 2018, 10am to 12 noon at Haslingfield Methodist Church, or Thursday 8th February, 7pm to 9pm at Chesterton Methodist Church.

If you have questions about the training or to check if you need to attend, please contact Deacon Ian Murray (e-mail: deacon dot cmc at gmail dot com) or Richard Elcock (e-mail: rs dot elcock at btinternet dot com). To book a place, contact Miriam in the circuit office (tel.: (01223) 352 115 or e-mail: secretary at cambridgemethodistcircuit dot org dot uk)



An Evening with Paul Field – advance notice

Saturday 25th November at Royston – more details will appear in the November *Castle View*. Singer-songwriter Paul Field is known in Methodist circles for the musicals *Daybreak*, *Breaking Bread*, *Here and Now* and *Hopes and Dreams*.

Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project – again!

The November *Castle View* will contain an article about CCHP, but, in advance of this, your attention is drawn to the information on the back cover of the October issue. Training dates for new volunteers (also useful as a refresher for those who have helped before) are Wednesday 8th November at St. Paul's, Thursday 9th November at Great St. Mary's, and Tuesday 14th November at Little St. Mary's. All start at 7pm, and include supper; new volunteers need to attend one training session.



Part Time Office Manager, Cards from Africa

Cards from Africa is looking for an Office Manager to work in its Cambridge office (on Keynes Road) for sixteen hours per week, flexible time. Cards from Africa is a Christian-based fair-trade business helping orphaned youth in Rwanda.

The main duties would include basic book-keeping, filing, ordering supplies, shipping orders, and unpacking boxes. Book keeping experience not essential, but a basic knowledge of computer skills (Word and Excel) is. Anyone interested should get in touch with Chris Page (e-mail: *chris at cardsfromafrica dot co dot uk*), sending a CV / resume and a covering letter explaining why you would be interested in the post. For more information about Cards from Africa, visit www.cardsfromafrica.co.uk.



Faith in the Arts: The Word and the Arts – Monday 30th October, 7.45pm
“A New Reformation” with Revd. Dr. Tim Macquiban at Wesley Methodist Church. Refreshments from 7.15pm. Free admission – retiring collection



Items for the November *Castle View*...

...should be with Anna (*mattandannawilliams at yahoo dot co dot uk*) or Cassie (*cassandra dot morris dot miet at gmail dot com*) by Wednesday 18th.

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

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