



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 29th 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 29th Oct 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Maggie Richardson

We pray... for the bereaved and those who support them

Wed 1st 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" (*see also overleaf*)

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

Sun 5th Nov 10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP
Deacon Ian Murray

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.

Bible readings for today's services

10.45am: Acts 13: 38-39 (*page 126*)

Romans 3: 19-28 (*page 145*)

6.30pm: Mark 12: 28-34 (*page 47*)

2 Timothy 2: 1-7 (*page 202*)



"Table Talk" this week and for the rest of term

This week's Table Talk – our "group for young adults" – is the fourth and last session on the Letter of James. We'll look at the second half of chapter 4 (from verse 13) and all of chapter 5: "Living for the Lord".

We gather at 7pm for a simple meal, 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.

The following Wednesday (8th November) we shall, a little prematurely perhaps, begin a four-week advent course. Table Talk will then take a break during December and the first part of January, restarting with the new term but on a different evening (due to CCHP taking place on Wednesdays).



Church Family Meal – Sunday 19th November

We would like to invite students from the nearby colleges, who will be about three-quarters of the way through term and (perhaps) feeling a little homesick, to join us for a "Church Family Meal" after our morning service in three weeks' time (starting at about 12.15pm, and finishing by 1.30pm). We'd also like members of the church to be there, of course!

If you feel able to contribute a dish – ideally something prepared in a single pot or pan which can be quickly warmed up and served – please let Chris Rayson know (e-mail: [cjr43 at cantab dot net](mailto:cjr43@cantab.net)).



Church Council – next week

A reminder that the Church Council meets on Tuesday 7th November, starting at 7.30pm. Printed copies of the papers are being circulated – if you've not received yours, have a word with Alison.

“A Faith to Live By” at Haslingfield – next Sunday evening

In the next of these special services at Haslingfield Methodist Church, on 5th November starting at 6.30pm, Revd. Dr. Stuart Jordan will address the question, “What have the theologians ever done for us?”

If theology ever gets a mention in the media nowadays it’s likely to be as a put-down: to suggest something that’s obscure or irrelevant to the demands of daily living – as in “that’s just so much theology!” Even in the Church, reflection on the implications of faith or how it might relate to other ways of understanding the world often seems to rank way down on the list of priorities – sometimes out of sight. So why is “faith seeking understanding” (one classic definition of theology) important and how can we be involved? And what happens if we ignore it? Does that help protect faith and keep it uncomplicated or is it more likely to lead to unhealthy religion?

After training at Wesley House in the early 1970s, Stuart served as a university chaplain in Manchester and London, then in community ministry and in regional roles, most recently as one of the Chairs of the London District. In 2015, he retired to Cambridge and returned to Wesley House, this time as a Trustee.



Advent Course

Thank you to all who responded to the survey about the best evening to hold the Advent Course – it will take place at Castle Street on Friday evenings from 7.30pm until 9pm. If anyone would like to host a daytime session (to run in parallel), then please have a word with Alison.

It’s going to be a four-session course entitled “Christmas a time for (for)giving and a time for (for)getting”. The only way to fit everything in is to start a little earlier than anticipated, so the church-based sessions will take place on Fridays 10th, 17th and 24th November and 1st December.

Looking further ahead, Alison and Robin are holding an Open Manse for carols, mince pies and sausage rolls on Friday 8th December from 5pm until 8pm, while there will be carol singing around Haslingfield village, followed by carol singing in the village pub on Friday 15th December, starting at 6.30pm.

Collection of items for CamCrag on Mitzvah Day – 19th November

Mitzvah Day is a Jewish-led day of social action that brings thousands of people together of all faiths and none, and all ages, to give their time – not their money – to make a difference to the local community around them. It's the largest multi-faith day of social action in the UK,

Beth Shalom Reform Synagogue and Cambridge City of Sanctuary are collecting items for the Cambridge Calais Refugee Action Group (CamCrag) to take to northern France in its next convoy. Donations may be dropped off at the Beth Shalom Synagogue, Auckland Road (see www.beth-shalom.org.uk) between 1pm and 5pm on Sunday 19th November. This is drop-off only as there is no easy parking, but volunteers will be on hand to help. If any goods need collecting, please contact a City of Sanctuary volunteer (e-mail: cambridgecityofsanctuary@gmail.com).

The following items only will be collected on this occasion. Please ensure that all items are brand new and well within any expiry date:

- Hygiene: baby wipes, men's razors, men's spray deodorant, shampoo, toothbrushes, shaving foam, packs of tissues, hand sanitiser, hair oil, talcum powder
- Food: golden syrup, olive oil, oats, plain flour, tomato puree, lemon juice, UHT milk, tinned tomatoes (ring-pull top), white sugar, tinned chickpeas (ring pull top), kidney beans (tinned), dried fruit and nuts, salt and black pepper, cardamom, turmeric, chilli flakes, curry leaves, star anise, bay leaves
- Miscellaneous: washing up liquid, bin bags (strong), plastic gloves, disinfectant spray, cling film, strong biodegradable bin bags, orange tape, brown parcel tape, permanent markers, unlocked phones with chargers

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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