



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 10th December 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 10th Dec **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**
Rev. Alison Walker and Rev. Joy Levine
including baptism of Aaron Burchell-Levine

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Valu Bullen

We pray... for the plight of refugees

Wed 13th Dec 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 14th Dec 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group –
Christmas celebration

Sun 17th Dec **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP : ALL AGE CAROL SERVICE**
Rev. Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP: CAROLS BY CANDELIGHT
Rev. Alan Ashton

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

Bible readings for today's services

10.45am: Isaiah 40: 1-11 (*page 612*)

Mark 1: 1-11 (*page 33*)

6.30pm: Psalm 40: 1-13 (*page 480*)

Romans 15: 4-13 (*page 154*)

Matthew 11: 2-11 (*page 11*)



Next Sunday's services

Our popular all-age carol service is taking place next Sunday morning at the usual time of 10.45am. It will include another world premiere written by Kimberley Rayson and performed by the younger members of the church. Some of the carols will be accompanied by a small group of instrumentalists, with the remainder by the organ.

Then at 6.30pm we have a more-traditional service of readings and carols, led by Revd. Alan Ashton. We hope you'll come along to both services.



Carol singing in Haslingfield – this Friday (15th December)

There's traditional carol singing around Haslingfield village on Friday evening – meet at 6.30pm at the Wisbey's Yard community room. From about 7.45pm the singers will make their way to the village pub (The Little Rose), where there will be more carols from about 8pm. All are welcome.



Christmas Tree Fair at St. Giles'

Today is the last day, so if you've not yet been over the road to see the Christmas trees you've got until 4pm to pop in... This afternoon, from 2pm, is the "Festival Finale" children's party with games, crafts, quizzes and a visit from Father Christmas.



Royston Nativity Set Festival and Christmas Activity Afternoon

The Nativity Set Festival "It happened in a stable..." at Royston Methodist Church is open for visitors until 2pm today (admission is free). This is followed at 2.30pm by a Christmas Activity Afternoon, when there will be the opportunity to decorate Christmas biscuits, and to make stars, gift tags and other crafts. After this, at 4pm, there's a children's Christmas service followed by a bring-and-share tea.

Seventeenth Orwell Christmas Tree Festival

This also finishes today, and the church (Orwell Methodist) is open from 2.30pm until about 6pm, with carol singing and mince pies around the fire from 4pm.



“Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Methodist Church – tomorrow evening

Guest speaker Prof. Monica Grady CBE, Professor of Planetary and Space Science at the Open University, will ask “Where is heaven?” and give “A perspective from a space scientist”. Refreshments are served from 7.15pm, with the talk starting at 7.45pm. There will be a retiring collection.



This week at Chesterton Methodist Church

On Tuesday (12th) at 6pm the Mayor of Cambridge will be present for the grand switch-on of the Chesterton Christmas Lights. Join in the singing, and say hello to Santa! Light refreshments will be provided, but please bring a lantern if you have one.

Then, next Sunday afternoon starting at 4pm there will be an all-age Christingle service.



Rotas for Sunday mornings

A reminder please to sign up on the various rotas, including two people to be door stewards (the “Welcome Team”), a reader, someone to organise coffee, and someone to organise the flowers.



Weekly notice sheet over the holiday period

There will be no printed notice sheet on Sundays 24th and 31st December, so if you have any notices for early January please send them for inclusion next Sunday. There are already some events listed in *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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