



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 7th January 2018

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 7th Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Maggie Richardson

Bible readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6 (p. 632); Matthew 2: 1-12 (p. 1)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

John Boocock and Shuo-en Liang

Bible readings: Isaiah 42: 1-9 (p. 614); Matthew 3: 13-17 (p. 3)

We pray... for the hope of a new year

Wed 10th Jan 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 11th Jan 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 14th Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

John Baker

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.

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

The monthly series of special services continues next Sunday evening (14th January) at 6.30pm when our own Gordon McMillan will talk about “Life with an Ambulance”.

Following a varied career over thirty-five plus years and redundancy from Cambridge University Press, Gordon took a post with the East of England Ambulance Service. Over the last seven years he has crewed emergency ambulances. Gordon will share some insights into life on the “frontline” of ambulance work – some funny, some not. The evening will include a short time of worship, Gordon’s talk, refreshments, and time for discussion.



Supper and Travel Talk at St. Luke’s – next Saturday evening

The first of this year’s travel talks (with supper) will take place next Saturday evening (13th January), when Paul and Sylvia Custerson will take a journey through Central America. A traditional Costa Rican rice meal (details in *Castle View*) will be served at 7pm, and the travel talk will follow. Tickets cost £10, and can be obtained from Heather.

Further talks will take place on 10th February (Spitzbergen) and 10th March (capitals around the Baltic Sea) – more information nearer the time.



“Table Talk” this term

Table Talk, our term-time study group for the younger people at Castle Street, is moving to Friday evenings this term, and also starting at the earlier time of 6.30pm (with coffee at 7.15pm and the “talk” starting at 7.30pm, with the evening finishing at about 8.45pm). It will restart on 19th January, and the theme for this term will be “Exploring Spiritual Practices”.



Help needed once a month with First Friends

Could you volunteer once per month to help at First Friends? Duties include: buying (refundable) and preparing the fruit snack and biscuits; running the tea / coffee; helping set up; helping clear away; talking to the adults. If you can help, please speak to Jane Dominey.

“An Impromptu Gathering” at Orwell – next Saturday (13th Jan) at 5pm

To celebrate twenty-one years of the music group “Impromptu” in Orwell, they will give a concert at Orwell Methodist Church – a “pick-me-up” after Christmas with music and songs for all the family. Music will include an extract from *The Snowman*, music from films, hymns, jazz and blues. Admission is free, but donations to Orwell Methodist Church.



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. The rota has lots of gaps at the moment...



“Science Meets Faith” at Wesley – tomorrow evening (Mon 8th Jan)

Dr. Simon Mitton FRAS FRG FRHistS, Life Fellow at St. Edmund’s College, Cambridge, will talk about “Georges Lemaître, priest and cosmologist: revealing the Universe through reason and revelation” at Wesley Methodist Church tomorrow evening. It starts at 7.45pm, with refreshments from 7.15pm. There will be a retiring collection.

Georges Lemaître was one of the first mathematicians to apply Einstein’s general theory of relativity to the entire Universe. His education had included classics, philosophy and theology, as well as mathematics and engineering. Following his ordination to the Catholic priesthood in 1923, he came to Cambridge for one year to work with Sir Arthur Eddington on general relativity. From then, until his death in 1966, he worked alongside the great astronomers of the 1930s and 1940s on understanding the origin of the Universe. Lemaître is now widely credited as being the Father of the Big Bang theory. In this presentation, Simon will explain why Abbé Georges Lemaître saw no conflict between science and faith in his work on the Universe and its origins.

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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