



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Sunday 28th 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 28th Jan                    10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

**Rev. Alison Walker**

*Bible readings: Colossians 3: 1-14 (page 191)*

*Luke 10: 38 - 11: 13 (page 68)*

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**

**Rev. Colin Smith**

*We pray... for the homeless*

Wed 31st Jan                    10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 1st Feb                    10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Fri 2nd Feb 18.30 for 19.15 "Table Talk"

**Sun 4th Feb                    10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**

**Kimberley Rayson**

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

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

## **Homelessness Sunday: “A Tale of Two Cities”**

Today is Homelessness Sunday, and there is to be a sponsored sleepout at St. Giles’ Church in aid of Winter Comfort and the Cambridge Calais Refugee Action Group (CamCRAG). More information can be found at <https://camcrag.org.uk/sleepout>.

The event will be launched at 4pm with soup, information and guest speakers. If you’d like to support it by sleeping out overnight (inside the church will be available, it will be supervised, and there will be hot drinks, plus a “safe house” nearby to retreat to), you can sign up to this via the CamCRAG website. You can also sponsor the event on-line. It will end at 6am tomorrow.



## **“Come and see: Journeying through Lent with John’s Gospel”**

It has been suggested that we organise a weekday lunchtime Lent study group, which would take place on five Thursdays, starting on 22nd February. Lunch (soup and a roll, with fruit) will be served at 12.30pm, with the discussion starting at 1pm and going on for about an hour and a half. This is the same Bible study as Table Talk has just started using.

Although it’s still a few weeks away, a sign-up sheet was put on the noticeboard last Sunday for those who would like to come along (and also if you’re able to help with lunch) – so that we can gauge whether there is interest in running a lunchtime session. The course is also taking place at Haslingfield on Sunday evenings (starting next Sunday) and at Toft on Wednesday mornings – more details in the February *Castle View*. It *could* also be run at Castle Street on Friday evenings starting on 16th February – if you’d prefer this, please speak to Alison.



## **“Making Sense of the Death of Christ” – tonight**

There’s a warm invitation to the Church Room at St. John’s, Waterbeach this evening at 7pm, when Revd. Dr. Matthias Grebe will be helping us make sense of the death of Christ, which is so central to the Christian faith. Matthias is currently Associate Priest at St. Edward King and Martyr in Cambridge and visiting fellow in Systematic Theology at the University of Bonn. There will be refreshments and time for Q&A.

## **Forthcoming events listed in the February *Castle View***

See *Castle View* for more information, ticket prices, how to book, etc.

- “Tunes and Spoons” – an evening of favourite music, with delicious desserts: Friday 9th February, 7.15pm at Royston.
- Saturday Supper and Travel Talk – a tour of Spitzbergen with Bill Block, followed by supper: Saturday 10th February, 7.15pm at St. Luke’s. Tickets (£10) from Heather.
- “Science Meets Faith” – Monday 12th February, 7.45pm at Wesley.
- “Friends across the Rainbow” – an interfaith gathering for LGBT History Month 2018: Tuesday 13th February, 7-9pm at the Friends Meeting House, Jesus Lane. (E-mail [lgbthm18 at gmail dot com](mailto:lgbthm18@gmail.com) for further information.)
- Ipswich Choral Society Concert – Saturday 17th March at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. (Features Robin Walker.)



## **Creating Safer Space training sessions – last call**

A reminder about the Creating Safer Space Refresher Training for those who have not attended a course since 2015 (see *Castle View*) – the one remaining session is on Thursday 8th February from 7pm to 9pm at Chesterton. Book your place with Miriam in the circuit office (e-mail: office [at cambridgethodistcircuit dot org dot uk](mailto:atcambridgethodistcircuit.org.uk) or tel.: 352 115). The March Foundation Training has been postponed until later in the year.



## **MWiB Writing competition**

Methodist Women in Britain is running a writing competition inspired by the life, writing and work of Revd. Julie Hulme. You are invited to submit a meditative or reflective piece of writing on the theme of “At the Heart...” in prose or poetry. Entries must be no more than 500 words. Each must be an original piece of work, not previously published either in print or electronically. The competition is open to British residents, male or female, aged sixteen or over, and you may submit up to three entries. The winning prize is £150, with the runner-up receiving £50. The closing date is 25th April 2018. For full details – including the rules and how to enter – visit <http://mwib.org.uk> and follow the link from the homepage.

## **Wesley House Easter School – Monday 26th to Wednesday 28th March**

Wesley House is running an Easter School aimed at those who preach or lead worship. It's entitled "Power, Politics and the Passion: Good News in an Age of Fake News?", and is an opportunity to join leading thinkers and academics in Cambridge and spend time reflecting, learning and developing their skills.

There will be:

- In-depth teaching, including seminar time with keynote speakers.
- Practically-focussed workshops, including Revd. Dr. Mike Long, from Notting Hill Methodist Church, on "Praying at the foot of Grenfell Tower".
- Daily prayers.
- Free time to explore Cambridge.

Planned seminars and keynote speakers:

- "Power and Passion: The Resurrection of Politics": Revd. Dr. Sam Wells, Vicar of St-Martin-in-the-Fields and visiting Professor of Christian Ethics at King's College, London.
- "The Politics of the Cross": Dr. Elaine Storkey, writer and broadcaster.
- "The Preacher as the Resident Theologian for the Local Community": Professor R. Simangaliso Kumalo, President of Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

The cost is £495 (residential) or £295 (non-residential). For further information and to register visit <https://easterschool2018.eventbrite.co.uk>.



## **Brian's Big Birthday Barn Dance – Saturday 24th February**

Full details of this can be found in the February *Castle View* (available now). As well as a birthday celebration, this is also a fundraising event for the Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project. Sign-up sheets are now on the noticeboards in the foyer and at the back of the church.

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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