



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Sunday 18th February 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 18th Feb                    10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**

**Rev. Colin Smith**

*Bible readings: Psalm 25: 1-10 (page 470); Mark 1: 9-15 (page 33)*

**19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's**

*We pray... for our Lenten journey*

Wed 21st Feb                    10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 22nd Feb    10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

12.30 for 13.00 Lent study course (*see overleaf*)

Fri 23rd Feb 18.30 for 19.15 "Table Talk"

19.45 Lent study course (*see overleaf*)

**Sun 25th Feb                    10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

**Rev. Alison Walker**

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**

**John Boocock**

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

## **Lent study course – starting this week**

Our Lent study course “Come and see: Journeying through Lent with John’s Gospel” begins this week. There are two opportunities:

- Thursday lunchtimes from 1pm for an hour, with a light lunch (soup and a roll) served at 12.30pm. (If you can’t come until 1pm, or have to leave at 1.30pm, that’s fine – please still do come along!)
- Friday evenings from 7.45pm until about 9.30pm (separate from Table Talk, which is now several weeks into the same course).

Both will run weekly, and there are five sessions in the course. If you can’t make either of those, then the same course is running at Toft Methodist Church every Wednesday morning (from 10.15am to 11.45am) starting on 28th February. The same course at Haslingfield Methodist Church on Sunday evenings from 6.30pm has already started, but you would still be welcome to join (the next one is this evening).

The topics of each of the five Thursday sessions are listed in the February *Castle View* – the Friday evenings will be the same as the day before.



## **Brian’s Big Birthday Barn Dance – next Saturday**

A final reminder about the family barn dance in the church hall next Saturday evening (24th February, a few days before the actual tenth anniversary of Brian’s tenth birthday), from 6pm. Full details are in the February *Castle View*, but everyone is invited (including people with young children) – please add your name to one of the sign-up sheets or let Brian know if you’re coming (there is plenty of room for more people). There will be a cold buffet, and thank you to those who have offered to help prepare it. Donations are in aid of the Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project. (And we will also have the opportunity to wish happy birthday to one of the youngest members of our congregation.)



## **“Faith to Live By” – next Sunday (25th February) at Haslingfield**

Memory Ruzvido, a lecturer at the University of Hertfordshire with a strong background in Primary Care, will talk about “Nursing, religious belief and person-centred care”. More details in the February *Castle View*. It starts at 6.30pm.

## **New café discussion group for those in mental health recovery**

A small, friendly discussion group for anyone in recovery from mental health issues started last Tuesday. It will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month (so the next one is on 27th February), between 11.30am and 12.30pm at The Locker in King Street (the former Clowns). It's a chance to air what's on your mind amongst kindred spirits, and is supported by the Fulbourn Chaplaincy. For more information, contact Mark Woods (e-mail: *coast at live dot co dot uk*).



## **“Making Refuge: Creative Responses to the Refugee Crisis”**

Great St. Mary's Church and the Michaelhouse Centre are pleased to invite everyone to this Monday lunchtime series on creative responses to the refugee crisis, featuring activists, artists, filmmakers and politicians. The talks are at the Michaelhouse Centre (home of the Michaelhouse Café), and start at 1pm (12.30pm on 19th March) with a soup lunch from 12.30pm (£2 suggested donation for lunch).

The speakers and topics are as follows:

- 19th Feb: Vaughan Pilikian, Documentary filmmaker whose forthcoming work, *Flight*, is about the journeys of refugees through Europe.
- 26th Feb: Stephen Wordsworth, Executive Director, the Council for At Risk Academics (CARA), helping academics in danger since 1933.
- 5th Mar: Ed Sexton, member of the Cambridge Convoy Refugee Action Group (CamCRAG), responding to the refugee situation in Europe.
- 12th Mar: Daniel Eng, Divinity Faculty PhD candidate and winner of the Goodwin Prize for his work on how the teaching of Jesus applies to Immigrant Care and Refugee Relief.
- 19th Mar: Cllr. Lewis Herbert, Leader, Cambridge City Council, speaking on Cambridge initiatives to help 100 refugees from Syria and refugees from other countries. (Note: this talk starts at 12.30pm).
- 26th Mar: Issam Kourbaj, Artist in Residence, Christ's College whose work *Another Day Lost* was inspired by and based on the Syrian refugee crisis.

## **Concert by the Pontanima choir from Sarajevo, 3rd March**

The Woolf Institute is organising this concert in the chapel at Robinson College on Saturday 3rd March at 6.30pm. The Pontanima choir was established as a peace and reconciliation initiative following the Bosnian war, and aims to bring back together people pushed apart by the conflict. Its repertoire is drawn from the Jewish, Muslim and Christian traditions that form the unique culture of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

At the start, Dr. Nedžad Avdić, one of the very few survivors of the Srebrenica massacre, will speak briefly about how his experiences in the war led to his work to ensure recognition of what happened as part of rebuilding peace and bringing about reconciliation between different factions. After the concert there will be a drinks reception in Hall.

Tickets cost £20 (£5 for students); for more information and a booking link visit [www.woolf.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/events/pontanima-choir](http://www.woolf.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/events/pontanima-choir).



## **“An Enchanted Evening” with Felici at Royston, Saturday 3rd March**

This vocal trio of Zoë Jasko (soprano), David Crew (baritone) and Robert Little (tenor), accompanied on piano by Margaret Johnson, will perform a selection of opera, operetta favourites and musical theatre hits at Royston Methodist Church on Saturday 3rd March.

Tickets cost £10 (including refreshments), and can be obtained from Sue (e-mail: [walter962 at btinternet dot com](mailto:walter962@btinternet.com); phone number on printed notice sheet) or by visiting [www.ticketsource.co.uk/royston-methodist-church](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/royston-methodist-church). Proceeds will be shared between the Royston Methodist Church and the Royston Town Mayor’s Community Trust Fund.



## **Future meeting dates**

Church Council: Thursday 12th April, Wednesday 4th July.

General Church Meeting: Sunday 29th April (after the morning service).

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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