



## **Welcome to Castle Street Methodist Church!**

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please make yourself known to one of the stewards and pick up a welcome leaflet. All people of this church are part of the ministry, led by the Revd Alison Walker who may be contacted electronically via the church website or by telephone on (01223) 872 862.

Our church magazine **Castle View** contains more details of events taking place each month – please pick up a copy of the latest issue.

There is a **Prayer Request** book at the back of the church, which is used during services and at prayer meetings – but remember it is on display for anyone in the church to read, so please respect the privacy of those concerned and avoid including names and other personal details unless specifically requested.

### **United Service this evening at Wesley tonight**

To mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, there is a united service for the Cambridge Methodist Circuit and the Central Cambridge Churches this evening. It's taking place at Wesley Methodist Church, and starts at 6.30pm. The guest preacher will be Revd Nigel Uden, Assembly Moderator of the United Reformed Church. We do hope that you will go along and support this ecumenical event.

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### **Sleep-out in aid of Homelessness Charities at St Giles' Church**

Over the last couple of years the Cambridge Convoy Refugee Action Group (CamCrag) has hosted an annual sleep-out to raise awareness and funds for refugees and homeless people both here in Cambridge and in Calais. The Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project has received significant donations from these events, and CamCrag has been a wonderful supporter of CCHP.

This year's is the third of these sleep-outs, and it's taking place on the night of Saturday 15th February. Volunteers are needed to be sponsored to sleep rough for the night, either inside the church, outside in a tent, or outside under a tarpaulin. An evening meal and breakfast will be provided. Money raised will support the work of CamCrag in northern France and CCHP in Cambridge. For more details about the event or how to make a financial contribution, or to sign up to take part, visit the Eventbrite page at <https://qr.go.page.link/AhQob>.

On the Saturday afternoon, from 1pm until 5pm, the St Giles' Winter Fair will take place. There will be stalls, soup, a raffle and cakes, plus a choral concert from the choir "ReSound".

### **“Love and Marriage” – Wednesday 5th February at Castle Street**

This circuit study evening on the Marriage and Relationships report will be hosted by Revd Alison Walker and Deacon Ian Murray. Come and learn what the report says and contribute to an informal session working out what it means in today's society. It starts at 7.30pm, and will last about two hours. If anyone would like a copy of the report in advance of the evening, please ask a steward.

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### **Wesley “Fireside” – Tuesday 4th February at 2.45pm**

The February meeting of “Fireside” at Wesley Methodist Church will be with Emma Turner, on the subject of “the Conservation of Art on Paper”. Emma works for the Royal Collection and is based at Windsor Castle and will be talking about what her job involves. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards.

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### **“Tunes and Spoons” at Royston Methodist Church, Friday 7th February, 7.15pm**

...or “Dessert Island Discs Opus 8”. An evening of favourite music chosen by you, and with delicious desserts. Tickets cost £8 (or £4 for those aged 16 or under), and can be obtained from Sue (tel.: (e-mail: walter962 at btinternet dot com); for more information and to choose a piece of music (classical, opera, operetta, pop, jazz, etc), please contact Richard Elcock (e-mail: rs dot elcock at btinternet dot com). Proceeds in aid of the Royston Methodist Church Refurbishment Project.

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### **Guest speaker at Shelford Free Church – Sunday 9th February at 7pm**

Great Shelford Free Church (Ashen Green, CB22 5EY) is holding a special United Worship Gathering on Sunday 9th February, when the guest speaker will be Revd Ken Benjamin, President of Baptists Together; in May he will take up the role of Church Relations Director with the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity. Ken is leading a weekend for Great Shelford Free Church, discussing the question “Where do we grow from here?”, and this final session of worship and teaching is open to anyone. There is no charge, but an offering will be taken.

Parking is on-street or at the adjacent doctor's surgery. For more about the speaker, visit [www.wheredowegrowfromhere.org](http://www.wheredowegrowfromhere.org). For more information about the event, contact Revd Alan Brand (e-mail: alanbrand77 at icloud dot com).

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Items for next Sunday's notice sheet should be sent to Brian Carter by Friday evening.

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