

Histon Methodist Church Notices

Sunday 3rd January 2021

Services that we can all take part in:-

8.00am Sunday service on Radio Cambridgeshire.

8.10am Sunday worship on Radio 4

BBC1 Songs of Praise. (check TV guide for times)

Dear Friends,

In light of the increasing number of CoVid cases and the newly identified CoVid strain, the stewards from Castle Street, Histon and Haslingfield met (online) on Monday 21st, to share thoughts on continuing in person public worship. We concluded that it is wisest to stop public worship for January and February and review everything for March and April. We will arrange zoom worship led by different people, to take place each week at **10:45am**. We will consider if it may be possible to open the churches for private prayer - please note that this will not be led by anyone, and will still be subject to the maximum numbers and other rules (wearing masks, taking contact details).

Subsequent to that conversation on Monday 21st, we now have confirmation that we will be in tier 4 from Boxing Day, so I feel that we are acting in the best interests of our churches and the wider community. There will be though negative consequences for people who have found the contact of in-person worship particularly valuable. We can only overcome this by continuing to care for each other, to telephone and be in contact as we can.

We are also trying to make the zoom services available as a video (with a private YouTube link or on the Histon website, depending on the permissions given by the participants), or in limited numbers on DVD or audio CD for people who cannot access the internet. You may also like to watch the video prepared by Wesley Church in addition to the online services as advertised on the Methodist website. We are all continuing to learn new technical skills and producing the zoom services and the videos takes extra work. I want to thank the small team who are making the online worship possible, and those who have offered to help lead services in the next couple of months.

With best wishes,

Alison, on behalf of the stewards.

This week we pray for Roberta and Rosemary and all in their pastoral groups.

Sunday services on Zoom

We are invited to join the service every week at 10:45am – please let us know on webmaster@histonmethodist.org.

January Light

As advised in our previous newsletter we will be taking part in this Methodist District venture, with the aim of sharing some light from our church to our local community.

If you are passing our church after the Christmas decorations are taken down, look out for changes to our notice board and the display in the meeting room. Maybe you will be inspired to consider keeping a few lights handy when you take down your own decorations, to create a simple display in your window for your neighbours to see, a symbol of hope.

More information as to how you can be involved will follow very soon, in the meantime your continued prayers as we make our plans will be much appreciated.

Rosemary Watson

Wednesday Zoom Coffee Shop

Join the coffee shop each Wednesday at 10.30am – let us know on webmaster@histonmethodist.org if you would like the link.

Histon Methodist Church Recipe Book

Many thanks to Sue Watson for compiling and printing our latest recipe book. The book has been well received and so far has raised £170 for Church Funds. There are just 7 copies left please contact Rosemary Watson if you would like to buy one, £5 each.

If anyone else would like to write or send in an article for a future issue please let me know.

John (on behalf of the stewards).