



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Sunday 1st April 2018 – Easter Day

*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 1st Apr**
- 05.00 DAWN SERVICE at St. Peter's Church**  
**"Lighting the Easter Fire"**
- 08.00 EASTER CELEBRATION IN WORD AND SONG**  
*on Castle Mound*
- 09.00 Easter Breakfast
- 10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Elliot Harris and John Boocock**
- 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

*We pray... for the joy of Easter*

- Wed 4th Apr**
- 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship
- 10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

**Fri 6th Apr** 19.45 for 20.00 Lent course (*rescheduled last session*)

- Sun 8th Apr**
- 11.00 UNITED MORNING WORSHIP at St. Giles'**
- 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Rev. Colin Smith**

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

## **Bible readings for today's services**

10.45am: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 (*page 157*) John 20: 1-18 (*page 110*)

6.30pm: Mark 16: 1-18 (*page 52*) Acts 10: 34-43 (*page 123*)



## **Next Sunday morning**

The service next Sunday morning will be a united Church at Castle event, held at St. Giles' Church, and starting at 11am (rather than St. Giles' usual time of 9am). As usual, Holy Communion will be celebrated.



## **Church at Castle Easter Egg Hunt**

Tomorrow afternoon (Easter Monday), between 2pm and 4pm, this annual event will take place at St. Giles' Church. It's free to enter, and includes an egg hunt in the garden, craft activities, cupcake decorating, and the chance to make an Easter bonnet for the Easter Parade – with prizes for the best one. Children will receive an Easter activity booklet to take home. Refreshments will be available (for which there will be a modest charge).



## **Friday evening Lent course – rescheduled final session**

A reminder that the last Friday evening session of the Lent course was rescheduled for this coming Friday evening (6th April), at 7.45pm for 8pm.



## **Easter "I wonder..." – Wednesday 11th April, from 10.30am**

Following the success of previous "I wonder..." Godly Play sessions for children aged 3 to 10, we're organising another one during the second week of the forthcoming school Easter holidays. The cost is £2 per child, and booking is essential – visit [www.castlestreet.org.uk/I-wonder](http://www.castlestreet.org.uk/I-wonder), or contact Alison. Parents are invited to stay at our coffee morning, so John Boocock would be pleased to receive offers of extra cakes for it.



## **MWiB Spring District Day in Ipswich, Thursday 26th April**

Anyone going to this event who would like transport is asked to contact Lynn and Jim Taylor (e-mail: [lynngtaylor@btinternet.com](mailto:lynngtaylor@btinternet.com)). Transport will be by car, as the minibus Jim previously used is no longer available. The guest speaker is Revd. Catherine Dixon, no stranger to us at Castle Street.

## **“Science Meets Faith” at Wesley, Monday 9th April, 7.15pm for 7.45pm**

The next in this series of lectures will be given by Dr. Elizabeth Stockdale, Head of Farming Systems Research at NIAB in Cambridge. Her talk is entitled “Mud matters: some revelations of a soil scientist.”

Dr. Stockdale manages NIAB’s Farming Systems team, which delivers research, evaluation, demonstration and knowledge exchange activities on combinable crops and forage, with a particular focus on soils, cultivations and rotations. Previously she was senior lecturer in the School of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development at Newcastle University. She has been working in collaboration with farmers to investigate soil health and develop tools to help measure soil health and to support improved soil management. She currently leads the Soil Biology and Soil Health Partnership, funded by farmer-levy funding, which will bring together the best available research and practical approaches to tackle soil biology and soil health on-farm. Elizabeth has been playing with mud for a long-time, having become fascinated with the interactions of physics, chemistry and biology that underpin soil processes during her undergraduate study (1987-1990). She has been a Local Preacher in the Methodist Church for as long, and continues to be challenged and enlivened by God in interaction with his folk.

You will often find Elizabeth in a hole in the ground, getting over-excited about the colour, texture and smells that are the expression of a soil’s living community – or talking enthusiastically about the interactions of organisms with physics and chemistry that all happens in the habitat of soil. Yet the irony is that we know far less about the habitat of soil which is close to our toes – and upon which so much life on this planet ultimately depends – than we do about the stars overhead. Soil has often been described as the living skin, perhaps most poetically by William Bryant Logan as the “ecstatic skin of the Earth”. This confirms the dictionary definition that soil is a “thin layer at the surface of the Earth” and reminds us that we need to think about biology, as well as geology, when we bend down to study it. But why on earth does this thin layer of dirt matter so much? Why should we all care about – and nurture – it? With these questions in mind, Elizabeth will draw from her science, and also reflect from the standpoint of faith, on matters of mud and why mud matters.

## **District Celebration: “Day by Day in Worship and Mission”**

This special service is taking place in St. Edmundsbury Cathedral (Bury St. Edmunds) on Saturday 5th May, starting at 6.30pm (with tea, coffee and cakes from 5pm). The guest speaker will be Revd. Loraine Mellor, President of the Methodist Conference. The Cambridge Circuit is looking to organise a coach if there is sufficient interest. So, if you are interested in going, please speak to Chris Rayson as soon as possible – the coach will be funded entirely by the district and circuit, so would be free to those going.



## **Ivor Jones Memorial Concert, Friday 20th April, 7.30pm**

Revd. Dr. Ivor Jones was best known to us at Castle Street as the Principal of Wesley House, a post he held for fifteen years until 1999, while he was also one of the compilers of the Methodist hymnbook *Hymns and Psalms*. He died in April 2016, and, two days short of two years on from his funeral, Wesley Methodist Church is hosting a concert in his memory. The concert will feature Alison Nicholls on harp and Geoff Batty on organ. Tickets cost £12 (£6 for concessions), and can be obtained from Wesley Church (tel.: 352 115) or Wesley House (tel.: 765 832).



## **“Creating safer space” safeguarding training**

A reminder of the two dates for this (see *Castle View*), both at Chesterton Methodist Church:

- Tuesday 17th April, 7pm to 9pm – refresher training
- Saturday 21st April, 10am to 12.30pm – foundation course

To book your place, contact Miriam in the circuit office at Wesley (tel.: 352 115 or e-mail: office *at* cambridgemethodistcircuit *dot* org *dot* uk).



## **Church Council – Thursday 12th April at 7.30pm**

Reports and any additional agenda items should be sent to Gilbert by this Wednesday (4th April).

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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