



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Sunday 27th May 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 27th May**      **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH  
HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev. Alison Walker** *(see also overleaf)*

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Local arrangement** *(see overleaf)*

*We pray... for Father, Son and Holy Spirit*

**Wed 30th May**      **10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship**

**10.30-12.00** Coffee morning

**12.00-13.00** "Forever Active" exercise class

**Thu 31st May** **10.00-12.00** "First Friends" baby and toddler group

**Fri 1st Jun** **18.30 for 19.30** "Table Talk" *(to be confirmed – speak to Alison)*

**Sun 3rd Jun**      **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Joyce Goodall**

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Prof. Judith Lieu**

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

### **This morning's service**

During this morning's service we celebrate the confirmation and reception into membership of Kirk, and the official transfer of membership for Yaa and Yaw, and their children Kobby and Kasey. All five have already been part of the Castle Street community for some time, so now we are making it official. We rejoice in their presence at Castle Street and we pray for Kirk as he makes an important step on his journey of faith.



### **This evening's service**

Tonight we have a "local arrangement", advertised on last week's notice sheet as "a mystery to be revealed". The theme is "Loving one another", using 1 Peter 1: 13-25 as our Bible reading (verse 22 as a kind of text). There will be no sermon, just a series of ad lib connections and discussions between hymns – which will be from one section of the hymnbook, and chosen by both the leader and the congregation as the service progresses. So it's a sort of DIY event: if you don't normally come along on Sunday evenings, why not do so tonight for something a little different?



### **General Church Meeting**

The General Church Meeting on 29th April was very positive, and we had lots of people volunteering to do things. However, in all the excitement Alison forgot to call for an official vote to elect the new volunteers. We will therefore hold a single-item GCM immediately after the service on Sunday 10th June, to elect the new people to their roles. The GCM elects people to be Church Stewards, to the Church Council (automatically including the Church Stewards), and to the Circuit Meeting. Details of the people to be elected to those positions were given on last week's notice sheet; a master copy of this is filed in the vestry, and it is also available to download from the church website.

The meeting also agreed that in July we would start holding a prayer meeting every Sunday morning in Aldersgate, and that one evening service per month would be given mainly to prayer. Elliot volunteered to assist with the morning prayer meeting; other people are also sought for the morning and evening prayer times.

## Church Council Meeting, 4th July 2018

Our next Church Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th July at 7.30pm. The main items on the agenda are as follows:

- Reflection on issues raised at the General Church Meeting and also at the 22nd May ReImagine follow up meeting
- Budget for the next Methodist year
- Monitor and review Church financial accounts
- Review of “First Friends”
- Student involvement – review the year and make plans for Welcome Weeks 2018
- Small groups – review the groups and consider future possibilities. If you have attended a group, please offer your thoughts.
- Outreach and church publicity, including if we want any particular resources, to create an initiative, and reflect on the use of our window and noticeboards
- Pastoral Care and annual appointment of Pastoral Visitors
- GDPR regulation – guidance from Methodist Church: any next steps?

If anyone (Church Council member or not) has other matters they wish to be discussed, please contact Alison and / or Gilbert. If you would like to bring anything to the meeting that is not on the agenda, please either attend (people who are not members of the Church Council are welcome to attend, but will not be allowed to vote) or speak to a member of the Church Council. The deadline for reports is Sunday 10th June.



### Events this week at other churches – details in the June *Castle View*

- Sat 2nd Jun, 6pm at St. Augustine’s, Richmond Road – “Viva España”: concert with a Spanish theme.
- Sat 2nd Jun 11am to 4.30pm at St. Barnabas Church, Mill Road – Green Christian: On the Road Together (*see also last week’s notice sheet*).

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on next Sunday’s notice sheet, by 6pm on Friday evening.

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