



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Sunday 22nd July 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 22nd Jul            10.45    MORNING WORSHIP**

**Rev. Dr. Brian Beck**

*Bible readings: Ephesians 2: 11-22 (page 183)*

*Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56 (page 39)*

### **18.30    EVENING WORSHIP**

**Deacon Ian Murray**

*Bible reading: Mark 3: 7-19 (page 35)*

*We pray... for the beauty of creation*

Wed 25th Jul            10.00    "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00    Coffee morning

12.00-13.00    "Forever Active" exercise class

**Sun 29th Jul            10.45    MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

**18.30    EVENING WORSHIP**

**Jim Taylor**

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

## **“Praying the Beatitudes” – next Sunday morning**

For those who missed the recent interactive prayer-themed evening service, it will be repeated as part of our Holy Communion service next Sunday morning. There will be five prayer stations to visit: four about the Beatitudes, with the fifth being Holy Communion. Help will be available to any with mobility problems.



## **Summer socials – manse barbecue next Saturday**

Alison and Robin invite everyone to the manse barbecue next Saturday – coffee from 11am, and then the barbecue will get going at midday. Please bring and share items to go on the barbecue and other bits – but not too much (last year there was enough left over for another party!). Bringing your own chairs or picnic blankets might be useful if you have any (Alison and Robin have only a limited number), as might bringing your own picnic crockery to avoid plastic waste. It would be helpful (but not essential) if you could let Alison know if you are planning to go along. The manse address can be found on the printed notices and in *Castle View*.



## **Action for Children collection boxes – final call**

A final reminder to those who hold Action for Children “lantern” collection boxes to bring them in for emptying before the end of July. Please hand them to a steward who will pass them to Joyce Sharpe.



## **St. Giles’ Fair – Saturday 8th September**

The annual Fair at St. Giles’ Church takes place on Saturday 8th September, and once again Castle Street will be having a stall. This year, in memory of Chris Moule, it will be to raise funds for the Lewy Body Society ([www.lewybody.org](http://www.lewybody.org)) in order to help with research and awareness raising.

Anne and Heather will be running a “preloved” stall, and donations of any bric-a-brac will be gratefully received. Labelled collection boxes have already been placed in our church hall and at the back of the church; please help them to raise as much as possible for this really good cause. Anyone wishing to help before, during or after the fair will be most welcome – have a chat with Heather or Anne.

## **End Hunger UK – petition**

End Hunger UK is built on a vision of a society where everyone has access to good food, and no one has to go to bed hungry. It calls on Government to fix Universal Credit to prevent more people going hungry.

We all rely on the welfare safety net being there for us in times of financial stress or hardship. But Universal Credit is currently failing in that task. In areas where Universal Credit has been rolled out, foodbanks and other food aid providers report a surge in the numbers of people pushed into greater debt, destitution and hunger as a result of delays, errors, a lack of flexibility, and inadequate support. As a matter of urgency, End Hunger UK is calling on the government to:

- Take action to improve the flexibility and support for people on Universal Credit.
- Make improvements to Universal Credit, to ensure it does not leave more people at risk of debt and destitution.
- Make a long-term commitment to ensure Universal Credit provides people with enough income to afford good food on a regular basis.

The petition will be delivered to 10 Downing Street in the lead-up to the Autumn Budget in mid-November.

The campaign is being supported by a range of national food and poverty charities including Child Poverty Action Group; Church Action on Poverty; the Church of England; the Food Foundation; the Independent Food Aid Network; Sustain: the alliance for food and farming and the Trussell Trust. You are invited to join them.

The petition can be downloaded from <https://bit.ly/2LgRX1G> and then printed, or to sign it on-line visit <https://bit.ly/2zOUwn9>.



## **“I Wonder” summer special**

Details of this event for children aged five and over can be found in the July / August *Castle View*. It's taking place on Thursday 30th August from 10.30am until 3.30pm. For more information and to download a registration form, visit [www.castlestreet.org.uk/I-wonder](http://www.castlestreet.org.uk/I-wonder), or speak to Alison or Kimberley.

## **“Uprooted” – a new Christian Aid exhibition at Emmanuel**

Two-thirds of people around the world who are forced from home are still in their own country. That’s more than forty million people. Seeking safety but unwilling or unable to cross a border, they are largely ignored by the international community and denied the official protection afforded to refugees. But Christian Aid believes that everybody counts.

“Uprooted” is a moving photographic exhibition featuring stories of those displaced in Nigeria, Kenya and Iraq which can be seen at Emmanuel United Reformed Church, Trumpington Street, on Tuesdays to Fridays between 10.30am and 3pm, from this week until the end of August.

Ayuba Azagwu was one of the first to flee his village, so managed to find a property in Maiduguri, northern Nigeria. He’s opened up his home to those who’ve fled violence. Although his house only has nine rooms, he’s sheltered up to a hundred people. Many are from his home village; they fled the destruction Boko Haram brought and arrived in Maiduguri with nothing.

Ayuba is losing rent money, but he feels obliged to help: he said, “They have no-one else to help but me.” He’s not sure if he’ll ever get back to his farm and his old life. The harrowing stories of Boko Haram show us the worst that people can do to one another. But there are also stories like Ayuba’s which reveal the best humanity can be.

Come along to the exhibition and add your voice to those calling for a fairer deal for everyone on the move including Ayuba and those like him. Although the United Nations and its member states are currently working on two new agreements on refugees and migration, neither will tackle the problem of internal displacement.

Christian Aid believes that the world can and must do better.

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

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