



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 17th February 2019

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 usually served in the hall after Sunday services – do stay for a chat over a cuppa and a biscuit.

Sun 17th Feb

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev Alison Walker

Bible readings: Jeremiah 17: 5-10 (page 657)

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 (page 167)

Luke 6: 17-26 (page 61)

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St Luke's

Prayer topic: for our ecumenical partnership

Tue 19th Feb 19.00 for 20.00 "Table Talk"

Wed 20th Feb 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

Thu 21st Feb 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 24th Feb 10.00 Simple Prayer Time

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Rev Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Mary Ratcliffe

Note: There is no exercise class on Wednesday this week.

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.

“Table Talk” – more revised dates for this term

“Table Talk” will meet this Tuesday (19th February), but not the following two weeks (26th February and 5th March); the last for this term will be 12th March. The current series will conclude next term, when we shall revert to Wednesdays.

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### **Bible Society Spring Meeting – Friday (22nd Feb)**

The Bible Society is holding its Spring Meeting this coming Friday evening, in the Queen Edith Chapel, Wulfstan Way, starting at 6.45pm. There will be a light supper, followed by guest speaker Revd Dr Craig Bartholomew whose address is entitled “Finding our place in the Biblical story”. Tickets cost £7, and can be obtained via Chris Heath.

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Charity Sale at Toft Methodist Church – Saturday (23rd Feb), 10am to 12.30pm

Toft Methodist Church is holding a Charity Sale on Saturday, with proceeds to be divided equally between the chapel maintenance fund and Water Aid. Stalls will include Books, Coffee and Cake, Bric-a-Brac, Pictures and Frames, Plants and Preserves, and Nearly New Clothes. Donations of cakes and fancies to eat or sell, preserves, nearly new clothes and bric-a-brac are welcome – contact Diana Tebbit or Pat Morton (telephone numbers on printed notice sheet).

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### **Travel Talk and Supper at St Luke’s – Saturday (23rd February) at 7pm**

In the second of these events for this winter, Margaret Cooper will show us the Camino from St Jacques to Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain. Tickets cost £10 (including supper), and are available from Heather.

### **Waldensian Church Mission event at Wesley Church – Saturday (23rd Feb)**

Revd Nigel Uden, Moderator of the United Reformed Church, and Dr Simone Maghenzani, History Tutor at Girton College, who have twice visited the refugee centre of Scicli in Sicily, will talk about the migrant crisis and the Waldensian-Methodist projects Mediterranean Hope and Humanitarian Corridors. In addition, author Jane Hawking will talk about “From Fact to Film to Faith”, in commemoration of Prof Stephen Hawking who died last year. There will be hot drinks and biscuits, plus books, Gianduiotti chocolates fresh from the Waldensian Valleys in Italy, and cakes for sale. It starts at 10.30am, and finishes at 1.30pm.

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CBM “See the Way” appeal

CBM, formerly the Christian Blind Mission, is an overseas disability charity which Castle Street has supported for a number of years. It is launching its latest appeal at an event on the evening of Thursday 28th February, which will be held at the Storey’s Field Centre in Eddington, starting at 6.30pm. The appeal is to improve access to sight-saving eye-health services in various parts of Africa, and donations made between 15th February and 14th May will be match-funded by the UK government.

We have been sent an invitation to this event for up to four people. There will be East African food, fun and music. If anyone is interested in going, please speak to Mike Sharpe – but he needs to confirm names with the organisers by this coming Thursday (21st February).

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### **“Top Team Quiz” at Wesley Church, Saturday 9th March**

Wesley Methodist Church is organising another “Top Team Quiz” early next month. Teams of six should enter, and the cost is £7 per person. There will be a variety of desserts to eat in the interval. It starts at 7.30pm, with doors opening at 7.15pm. For more details and to book a place, contact David Taylor at Wesley.

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“Honesty Over Silence” – Friday 15th March

This event is taking place at New Street Church in St Neots, and starts at 7.30pm. It’s an evening of live music and talks, seeking to open up conversations around difficult topics such as trusting in God when life is painful, and dealing with anxiety and depression. Featured will be speaker and author Patrick Regan OBE, and singer / songwriter Diane Regan. It’s being organised by Kintsugi Hope, CWR and local churches in St Neots. For more details, visit www.nsministry.co.uk or www.kintsugihope.com.

