



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Where all are welcome – all the time

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Sunday 24th 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 24th Feb	10.00	Simple Prayer Time
	10.45	MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION Rev Alison Walker
		<i>Bible readings: 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50 (page 167)</i> <i>Luke 6: 27-38 (page 61)</i>
	18.30	EVENING WORSHIP Mary Ratcliffe
		<i>Bible reading: Psalm 133 (page 532)</i> <i>Prayer topic: for fair trade</i>
Wed 27th Feb	10.00	“Time to Be” prayer and fellowship
	10.30-12.00	Coffee morning
	12.00-13.00	Strength and balance exercise class
Thu 28th Feb	10.00-12.00	“First Friends” baby and toddler group
Sun 3rd Mar	10.45	MORNING WORSHIP Kimberley Rayson
	18.30	EVENING WORSHIP John Boocock

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”

A reminder that “Table Talk” will not meet this week or next; the last for this term will be on Tuesday 12th March. The current series will conclude next term, when we shall move back to Wednesday evenings.

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### World Day of Prayer – Friday afternoon (1st March) at St Luke’s

Details of this special service, organised by the North Cambridge Council of Churches, can be found in *Castle View*. It starts at 2pm, and all are welcome.

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Lent course: “Caring for Creation” – Friday evenings from 8th March

A hope-filled faith-based response to the needs of our world, looking at biblical texts and recent reports. In view of all of the recent news about the threats to our planet, we hope that looking at these issues and our responses feels both pertinent and helpful. A Lent course examining our responses as Christians fits well with the Lent challenges suggested by the Methodist Church’s Joint Public Issues Team – see www.livinglent.org.

The course will take place at Castle Street at 7.45pm for 8pm on Friday evenings, and run for five weeks starting on 8th March. The same course will also be running at Toft Methodist Church (Wednesday mornings at 10am for 10.15am, starting on 13th March) and at Haslingfield Methodist Church (Sunday evenings at 6pm on 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st March and 7th April). Details about the topic for each session will appear in the March *Castle View*. The course was written by Canon Brian Davis for Churches Together in Market Harborough. Brian is a member of the “Green Christian” organisation.

Cambridge Half Marathon – next Sunday

Road closures may affect a few people getting to or from Castle Street for Sunday morning worship next Sunday. Roads closed will include Victoria Avenue, Maids Causeway / Newmarket Road (between Elizabeth Way and Wesley), Chesterton Road (westbound only), Trumpington Road (southbound only), Fen Causeway, Barton Road (westbound only), and Newnham Road / Queen's Road (southbound only), as well as various other streets in the city centre itself.

A reminder also that Kirk is taking part in this event, to raise money for the Terrence Higgins Trust. You can sponsor him via the sign-up sheet on the notice board or on-line at uk.virginmoneygiving.com/KirksHalfMarathon.

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### **Fairtrade Fortnight**

Castle Street is officially a Fairtrade Church, and as part of that is required to use Fairtrade goods (tea, coffee, etc) and promote them. Fairtrade Fortnight begins tomorrow, and in two weeks' time (Sunday 10th March) we shall be holding a Fairtrade breakfast before the morning service, from 10am. Do come along.

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Church Open Day and Extinction Rebellion event

Church Council planned to run this on 23rd March, but it has had to be postponed to a Saturday in May or June – but the date has yet to be decided. We're hoping to find a well-known keynote speaker and run some workshops exploring the interactions of faith, environmental issues, and the work of faith-based development NGOs like Christian Aid, which has had a climate change campaign as part of its work. If anyone would like to get involved with the planning of this open day, please speak to Alison.

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### **“Fireside” at Wesley Methodist Church – Monday 5th March at 2.45pm**

“A Family In India” with Paul Ashley: several branches of Paul's family lived and worked in India in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and Paul will show photos from his trip in November 2018 to rediscover where they lived in Calcutta and Benares. All welcome.

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Millington Road Lent Group – “Fruit of the Spirit”

As in previous years, there will be a weekly Thursday morning Lent discussion group at 35 Millington Road. The first one is on 7th March, when Revd Colin Smith will introduce the course and look at the topic of “Love”. The session runs from 10.45am to 12 noon, with refreshments from 10.15am.

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

Wesley Methodist Church is organising another “Top Team Quiz”. 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 Angus Campbell or David Taylor at Wesley.

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### **“Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Church, Monday 11th March**

What does it mean to be Human? Some Reflections on Advances in Artificial Intelligence and Robotics with Prof John Wyatt, Professor Emeritus of Neonatal Paediatrics University College London and Faraday Institute, University of Cambridge. It starts at 7.45pm, with refreshments from 7.15pm. There will be a retiring collection. More details may follow if space allows. This event is part of the Cambridge Science Festival.

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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.

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### **“A Faith to Live By” – Sunday 17th March at Haslingfield Methodist Church**

The next in this series of services will be with Pastor Hankyu Kim (of the Keolim Church which meets at Castle Street), who will talk about the meeting of Korean Spirituality and Christianity, Bible, prayer, nationalism and evangelism. As usual, there will be a short time of worship, a presentation, refreshments and discussion. It starts at 6pm. If anyone would like transport to and from Haslingfield for this event, please speak to a steward.

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Notice sheets for 3rd and 10th March

Please note the deadline for receiving items for inclusion on the next two weekly notices sheets will be 6pm on the respective Thursday evening.

Items for next Sunday's notice sheet should be sent to **Brian Carter**, by 6pm on Thursday.

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