



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Where all are welcome – all the time

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Sunday 3rd March 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 3rd Mar	10.45 MORNING WORSHIP Kimberley Rayson
	18.30 EVENING WORSHIP John Boocock <i>Bible readings: Exodus 34: 29-35 (page 78)</i> <i>John 12: 27-36a (page 102)</i> <i>Extracts from 1 Corinthians 15 (page 167)</i> <i>Prayer topic: for the joy of spring</i>
Wed 6th Mar	10.00 “Time to Be” prayer and fellowship 10.30-12.00 Coffee morning 12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class
Thu 7th Mar	10.00-12.00 “First Friends” baby and toddler group
Fri 8th Mar	19.45 for 20.00 Lent course: “Caring for Creation” <i>(see overleaf)</i>
Sun 10th Mar	10.00 Fairtrade Breakfast 10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP Rev Alison Walker 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION Rev Alison Walker

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 again not meet this week; the next, and 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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### Lent course: “Caring for Creation” – Friday evenings, starting this week

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](http://www.livinglent.org).

The course runs for five weeks, and will take place at Castle Street at 7.45pm for 8pm on Friday evenings. 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*, but the first one (this week) is entitled “The Environment” and will focus on God’s wonderful creation, planet earth, the place of humankind in it, and why it is under threat.

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Fairtrade breakfast – 10am next Sunday

Fairtrade Fortnight began last Monday, and next Sunday we shall be holding a Fairtrade breakfast before the morning service, from 10am. Do come along.

“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, Wesley Church is organising a weekly Thursday morning Lent discussion group at 35 Millington Road. The first one is this week (7th March), when Revd Colin Smith will introduce the course and look at the topic of “Love”. The remaining sessions are about “Joy” (14th March, Bishop Alice Muthoni Mwila), “Peace” (21st March, Prof Judith Lieu), “Patience” (28th March, Revd Dr Peter Graves), “Kindness” (4th April, Revd Dr Andrew Stobart), “Faithfulness (11th April, Prof Morna Hooker-Stacey) and “Gentleness” (18th April, Revd Dr Brian Beck). The sessions run from 10.45am to 12 noon, with refreshments from 10.15am. All are welcome.

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“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.

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“Mr Darwin’s Tree” – Thursday 14th March, 5.30pm, Old Divinity School

As part of the Cambridge Science Festival, the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion is hosting a performance of this one-man play about the relationship between the agnostic Charles Darwin and his Christian wife, Emma. Written and directed by Murray Watts and performed by Andrew Harrison, it takes us on a fascinating journey through Darwin’s life and some of his own exploration of questions of science, faith, love and human destiny. Tickets cost £10 (plus a booking fee) – visit www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk or phone (01223) 766 766.

“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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Methodist Women in Britain East Anglia District Day: “The Sound of Silence”

This is taking place on Thursday 28th March at Dereham Methodist Church, starting at 11am (coffee from 10am) and finishing at 3.30pm. It will be led by Mrs Judith Lampard.

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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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Next week's notice sheet

Please note the deadline for receiving items for inclusion on next week's notice sheets will again be 6pm on Thursday evening.

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

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