



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Where all are welcome – all the time

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Sunday 12th May 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.

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- Sun 12th May** **10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**
Rev Alison Walker
Bible reading: John 10: 22-30 (page 99)
- 12.00 General Church Meeting
followed by lunch
- 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**
Circuit Easter Offering Dedication service:
“Longer Tables, Lower Fences”
Bible readings: Isaiah 58: 1-12 (page 630)
John 6: 1-13 (page 93)
Prayer topic: for the work of Christian Aid
- Wed 15th May** 10.00 “Time to Be” prayer and fellowship
10.30-12.00 Coffee morning
12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class
19.00 for 20.00 “Table Talk”
- Thu 16th May** 10.00-12.00 “First Friends” baby and toddler group
- Sun 19th May** **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**
Dr Derek Nicholls and Rev N Turaganivalo
19.00 IONA SERVICE at St Luke’s

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.

General Church Meeting – after the morning service today

The General Church Meeting is our AGM, and all those who come along to Castle Street are invited (and encouraged) to attend. It's taking place after this morning's service, and will be held in the church – we shall serve tea and coffee there rather than in the hall. We also hope to take a new photo of the congregation. After the GCM there will be a simple lunch of filled jacket potatoes in the hall. If you didn't sign up for lunch but would like to stay, please have a quick word with Denise to see if there will be any spare potatoes.

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### **Circuit Service tonight (at Castle Street)**

This is the Easter Offering Dedication service, and will be based on the theme of this year's appeal ("Longer Tables, Lower Fences") – and there's more about that in the May *Castle View*. We hope you can come along.

It is planned to have a small singing group to sing a specially-requested (but simple) single-verse introit to start the service, but we need singers! The singers will meet briefly at 6pm to rehearse. If you'd like to know more (and to offer your support), please speak to Brian.

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"Table Talk" – Wednesday evenings

This term, our study group for students and young adults is looking at the five-session course "Nothing more and nothing less", based on the film *I, Daniel Blake*. Last week we watched the whole film; this week we shall start the course itself. We meet at 7pm for a simple meal, and then the prayer, discussion and Bible study begins at around or just after 8pm. New members welcome!

Christian Aid Week united service – this afternoon at 3.30pm

Today is the start of Christian Aid Week, and this united service is taking place at St Mary and St Andrew Church, Grantchester. Worship will be led by Revd Rachel Rosborough, and the speaker will be Sue Claydon from Christian Aid. The service will be followed by refreshments. Parking will be available in the field beside the church.

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### **“Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Methodist Church**

The next of these lectures takes place tomorrow (Monday 13th May) at 7.45pm (refreshments from 7.15pm), when Revd Dr Christopher Knight will talk about “An Eastern Orthodox Perspective”. For more details, see the *May Castle View*.

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East Anglia District Probationers’ Testimony Service

This is taking place at Bowthorpe Road Methodist Church in Norwich this Wednesday (15th May), starting at 7pm. The preacher will be Revd Cleopas Sibanda, and the probationers are Revd Cliff Shanganya and Revd Mary Sachikonye. The service will be followed by refreshments.

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### **Extinction Rebellion talk – Wednesday (15th May)**

Histon and Impington Sustainability Group is hosting an event with representatives from Extinction Rebellion. They will talk about the movement to date and its plans for the future, and there will be time for questions – a two-way discussion and an exploration of opportunities going forward. It’s being held in St Andrew’s Centre, School Hill, Histon, and starts at 7.30pm (finishing at about 9pm). It’s a free event, and all are welcome.

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“Christians, Climate and Our Culture” – Wednesday (15th May) at 6pm

This public lecture, organised by The Faraday Institute and Christians in Science, will be given by Prof Katherine Hayhoe of Texas Tech University. It’s in the Old Divinity School, St John’s College. Book on-line at www.faraday.cam.ac.uk.

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### **Come and hear Bishop Nathan Amooti at Royston Methodist Church**

Celebrating God’s transforming work in Rwanda over the twenty-five years since the genocide, this inspirational multimedia evening will take place next Monday (20th May) at 7.30pm. It is a story that warms the heart and challenges the soul. Bishop Nathan is a stirring speaker with a great sense of humour.

