



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Where all are welcome – all the time

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Sunday 30th June 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 30th Jun

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev Colin Smith

Bible readings: Galatians 5: 1, 13-25 (page 180)

Luke 9: 51-62 (page 67)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Geoff Ling

Bible reading: Matthew 6: 5-14 (page 5)

Prayer topic: for those living in fear of persecution and violence

Wed 3rd Jul

10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class

Thu 4th Jul

10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Fri 5th Jul

17.00-21.00 Barbeque at the Manse *(see overleaf)*

Sun 7th Jul

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev Dr John Barrett

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Mary Ratcliffe

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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.

“Race for Life” next Sunday (7th July)

In connection with this event, there will be some road closures between 9am and 2pm next Sunday. However, all the roads affected are right within the city centre (the other side of the river), and none will directly affect us at Castle Street.

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### **Summer Social – Barbeque at the Manse this Friday (5th July)**

Once again Alison and Robin invite us to their home for a summer barbeque, but this time it's an evening event – starting at 5pm and going on until about 9pm. Please bring and share items to go on the barbecue – but not too much (two years ago 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. The address of the manse (in Haslingfield) is on the printed notices – or contact Alison if you don't know.

The next summer social is on the afternoon of Saturday 20th July, at the home of the Rayson family, when there will be tea and cake in the garden (weather permitting). If anyone else would like to host a summer social (or organise one in the church hall), please sign up on the sheet or have a word with Anna. As well as being events to get to know one another better, they're also to raise money for church mission projects.

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Church Council

A reminder that the next meeting of the Church Council will take place on Tuesday 9th July, starting at 7.30pm.

Castle Hill Open Day – Saturday 13th July, 12 noon to 5pm

Once again we're opening our doors for this event – as advertised on the back of the June *Castle View*. However, as always, these things never happen without volunteers! We're going to be serving refreshments, so we need cakes to serve with the tea and coffee (demonstrating that we are a Fairtrade Church might also be a useful approach here) and people to serve, while we also need people to welcome visitors. If you can help, please have a word with Anna. Note that there will be reduced car parking available (although we hope the scaffolding and skip will have been removed by then).

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### **Rotas for July and August**

Volunteers are still sought to fill in the gaps – speak to Chris (Rayson).

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Theologising Brexit – lecture on Monday 8th July

Prof Anthony Reddie is giving the inaugural Wesley House public lecture, based on his new book, *Theologising Brexit: A Liberationist and Postcolonial Critique*. The lecture is being held at Wesley Methodist Church and will start at 7.45pm. Refreshments are available from 7.15pm. This is a free event, with a retiring collection in aid of Wesley House.

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### **Haslingfield Strawberry Fayre – Friday 12th July, 5pm to 7.30pm**

This annual event is taking place in the gardens of Haslingfield Methodist Church (indoors if wet). There will be a delicious buffet, a barbeque, strawberries and cream, ice cream and more to eat, plus fun and games. Admission is by a (voluntary) contribution towards the food bank. Money raised is in aid of Action for Children, the Little Owls playgroup, and Haslingfield Methodist Church.

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Organ Concert by Robin Walker at Royston Methodist Church

This is taking place on Saturday 13th July, starting at 2.30pm, and followed at 3.30pm by tea and coffee. The programme will include Handel's *Music for the Royal Fireworks*, *Largo* from the *New World Symphony* by Dvorak, and *Jupiter* from the *Planet Suite* by Holst. Tickets cost £10 (including light refreshments) and can be obtained from Sue Walter (e-mail: walter962 at btinternet dot com) or by visiting www.ticketsource.co.uk/rmc1.

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### **Climate Change: what I should know and how can I respond?**

An evening of information and discussion facilitated by scientists from the British Antarctic Survey, at St Philip's Church Centre on Wednesday 17th July at 8pm.

### **Action for Children collection boxes**

Action for Children celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, and 14th July is “AfC Sunday”. This is the time when we empty the black “lantern” collection boxes held by some kind members of our congregation. Could the lovely holders of these boxes hand them to Joyce or to a steward as soon as possible please.

If there is anyone who doesn't have a collection box and would like one, then please have a word with Joyce. Also, if anyone would like to make a donation to the splendid work of AfC then please pass it to a steward; gift aid envelopes can be made available. Thank you.

Action for Children is a charity committed to helping vulnerable children and young people, and their families, throughout the UK. The charity's 7,000 staff and volunteers operate over 522 services in the UK, improving the lives of 301,000 children, teenagers, parents and carers every year.

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New Open Bible Discussion Group – fortnightly on Thursdays, 6pm to 7.15pm

A group of members from local churches are organising this group, which will meet at 6pm on Thursdays. The first one is this week (4th July), and it's being held at Castle Street. The group will begin looking at the book of Acts, guided by published study materials. For more information, contact Patricia McGuire (e-mail: *patricia dot mcguire5 at virginmedia dot com*).

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### **Rose Fair in Wisbech – Wednesday to Saturday this week**

The Rose Fair is happening again in Wisbech, from Wednesday 3rd to Saturday 6th July, and Trinity Methodist Church in the town will be open from 9am to 5pm each day. Details appeared on last Sunday's notice sheet.

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A polite reminder about tidying up and cleaning

Everybody thought Somebody would do it, but in the end Nobody did it... Last week's notice sheet mentioned that we are currently without our regular church cleaner, although we have employed a cleaning company – but they only come in for a few hours one day a week and it's very easy for our premises to become messy very quickly, with things not put away in cupboards or stacked up properly, or litter and spills not cleaned up. Taking a minute or two to do this after an activity or event would be very helpful and appreciated! Thank you.

Items for next Sunday's notice sheet should be sent to **Brian Carter**, by Friday evening.

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