



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Where all are welcome – all the time

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Sunday 7th July 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 7th Jul

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev Dr John Barrett

Bible readings: Isaiah 40: 1-6 (page 612)

Luke 1: 27-66, 80 (page 54)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Mary Ratcliffe

Bible readings: Ephesians 3: 14-19 (page 183)

Luke 24: 13-35 (page 86)

Prayer topic: for the work of our Methodist Conference

Tue 9th Jul

19.30 Church Council

Wed 10th 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 11th Jul

10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sat 13th Jul

12.00-17.00 Castle Hill Open Day *(see overleaf)*

Sun 14th Jul

10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP

Rev Alison walker and Kimberley Rayson

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Rev Alison walker

The **Methodist** Church 



We are a
FAIRTRADE
church

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.

Castle Hill Open Day – next Saturday afternoon, 12 noon to 5pm

Once again we're opening our doors for this event – as advertised on the back of and inside the July *Castle View*. There will be displays in the church and hall, as well as two talks in Aldersgate – at 2.30pm and 3.30pm, the latter by the Churches Conservation Trust.

As last year, we shall be serving refreshments, and need volunteers to serve them, plus we need offers of biscuits and cakes to serve with the tea and coffee. We also need people to welcome visitors. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet on the notice board or have a word with Anna. Note that there will be reduced car parking available (because there will also be some food vans in the car park), but if you need a space reserving have a word with John Boocock.

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### **Theologising Brexit – lecture tomorrow evening (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.

Action for Children collection boxes

Action for Children celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, and next Sunday (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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### **Organ Concert by Robin Walker at Royston Methodist Church**

This is taking place next Saturday afternoon (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](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rmc1).

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Next summer social

Following Alison's successful barbeque on Friday evening, the next summer social is on the afternoon of Saturday 20th July (two weeks' time) when we are invited to the home of the Rayson family (address on printed notice sheet) for tea and cake in the garden from 2.30pm. If anyone would like to organise a summer social on either a weekday evening or any time at the weekend, then please add it to the sheet on the noticeboard, or speak to Anna.

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### **New Strength and Balance Exercise Class at The 3C Centre**

Castle Street runs its own exercise class on Wednesdays (formerly part of "Forever Active") and there are others at several churches in Cambridge, but another one has just started at The C3 Centre (Cambridge Community Church) in Brookes Road on Thursdays. It starts at 10.30am with refreshments from 10am. The trained instructors come from the Spritely Osteopathy organisation. To register, e-mail hello at thec3 dot uk or telephone (01223) 844 415.

## **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.

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Youth Worker

Cambridge and District Youth for Christ is looking to appoint a part-time Catalyst Worker (15 hours per week) to work with the YOUTHINC project to help develop youth ministry with rural churches in South Cambridgeshire. The successful applicant will work with the team in order to enable young people to grow as disciples, increase the capacity of local churches in their youth ministries, and try to build and maintain positive relationships, growing the partnership and impact of the YOUTHINC project. The role is 15 hours per week, flexible, for a salary of up to £19,000 (depending on experience) based on 37.5 hours per week; starting date is 1st September. For full details e-mail mail *at* cambridgeyfc *dot* uk or telephone (01223) 778 730. The closing date is 21st July, with interviews during the week beginning 29th July.

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### **Everybody thought Somebody would do it, but in the end Nobody did it...**

Many people will be aware that we are currently without our regular church cleaner, who usually pops in frequently to do the odd bit of cleaning on several days during the week – and also tidies up! The company we currently employ is only contracted to clean for a few hours on one day each week, and is not expected to put away things that have been left out. So we need everyone's help in making sure our premises are ready for us and others hiring rooms...

It would be helpful if things are put back in cupboards or stacked properly after use, litter is picked up from floors, and any other mess cleared up. Please wipe down tables after refreshments have been served (there is a disinfectant spray in the kitchen), as well as the kitchen work surfaces. If we all get involved in keeping our rooms clean and tidy, it will help to make Castle Street continue to be the welcoming church it is. Thank you to those who are already doing this!

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Notice sheet over the summer

As usual, we plan to produce the weekly notice sheet every Sunday, but it is probable there will not be one on Sunday 4th August – that for Sunday 28th July will therefore be a double issue, and also with a deadline of Tuesday or earlier.

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

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