



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Where all are welcome – all the time

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Sunday 11th August 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 11th Aug

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Prof Morna Hooker-Stacey

Bible readings: Genesis 15: 1-6 (page 11)

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 (page 214)

Luke 12: 22-34 (page 71)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Rev Charity Nzegwu

Prayer topic: for peace in our world

Wed 14th Aug

10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

Thu 15th Aug

18.00 Open Bible Discussion Group

Sun 18th Aug

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Lynn Taylor

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Jim Taylor

Advanced notice:

Morning Worship on Sunday 25th August will be at St Augustine's, Richmond Road, starting at 9.30am.

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.

Strength and Balance Exercise Class

The weekly exercise class which takes place after our Wednesday coffee mornings is currently taking a summer break. It will resume on Wednesday 4th September.

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### Rotas for the next quarter – appeal for help

Once again we are looking for volunteers for those vital jobs that need doing on Sunday mornings:

- welcoming people as they arrive at church;
- serving tea and coffee afterwards;
- reading one of the Bible passages during the service.

Many thanks to those who put their names down last quarter; as ever, you're much appreciated! If you're able to help out with any of the above during September, October or (for those who plan that far ahead) November, please let Chris Rayson know which week(s) you'd be available – either contact him directly (face to face, by telephone, or by e-mail), complete the sign-up sheet on the noticeboard at the back of the church (which may be circulated over coffee), or fill out the on-line Doodle poll at <https://bit.ly/2YiO1ny>.

A draft rota will be sent round before final publication – and don't worry, there'll be a chance to revisit October and November closer to the time. Note too that any response isn't a commitment set in stone; if something comes up later we can always arrange swaps or cover. Do speak to Chris if you'd like to know more about what's involved, or if you're thinking of volunteering for the first time and would like to be paired up with an "old hand".

### **Harvest weekend – four weeks’ time**

We shall be celebrating our Harvest Festival on the morning of Sunday 8th September, at which our guest preacher will be Matthew Forsyth from All We Can, the Methodist Church’s “relief and development fund” (formerly MRDF). We shall be requesting monetary donations towards All We Can, but also watch this space for any requests for help decorating the church or other related things.

On the Saturday evening (7th September) we shall be holding another of our popular family barn dances, with Joyce Goodall from Royston as the caller. It’s starting at 6pm so as not to be too late for those with children, and there will be a supper with jacket potatoes and fillings (and probably dessert). Tickets will be available very soon (if not today) from the stewards, or you can book your place on the Eventbrite website by visiting <https://bit.ly/2OKwYae> (this can also be accessed via the church’s Facebook page). Tickets and booking are free of charge (we need to know numbers), but donations are requested on the night – the minimum suggested is £8 per adult or £4 per child: this is a fundraising event as much as a social, and the proceeds will be split between All We Can (Castle Street’s harvest charity) and the Cherry Homes Trust (Joyce Goodall’s charity).

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St Giles’ Church Fair – Saturday 7th September

Heather and Anne have kindly offered to run another stall in aid of the Lewy Body Society at the St Giles’ Church Fair on Saturday 7th September. They would appreciate donations of suitable bric-a-brac including crockery, toys, games, books and albums – they can be left in the church hall between now and that date. If you would like to know more about Lewy Body dementia there are leaflets available in the church.

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### **Robin’s epic cycle ride**

Almost six years in living in the UK’s most cycle-friendly city have finally had effect upon Robin (Alison’s husband), as he participated in last weekend’s charitable London to Surrey one hundred mile cycle ride and safely completed it in 5 hours and 35 minutes. He is still raising funds for the Prostate Cancer Research Centre, and you can help him reach his target by sponsoring him on-line at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/robin-walker5](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/robin-walker5).

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Addenbrooke’s Hospital Chaplaincy – fundraising activity

Details of this “One Hundred Envelope Challenge” have been given on several recent notice sheets (available to download from the church website), and can also be found on a letter pinned to one of the church notice boards.

Women in Leadership short course at Cliff College

This course is being led by Dr Joanna Williamson, a member of Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, co-founder of One Rock International and founder of SheLives. It's taking place from 16th to 20th September, and there will be a team of eight female Christian entrepreneurs to help deliver some content and offer one one-to-one coaching. With a generous bursary from Methodist Women in Britain, it is a great opportunity for women to deepen their walk with God and enhance their leadership toolbox.

The course will cover a wide variety of subjects relating to women who are or aspire to be in leadership roles, including issues such as: unique challenges and opportunities for women in leadership; how can we live out our best story as women; wellbeing of women in leadership; skills and competences; resilience; and so on. It is not designed with ordained women in mind. More details can be found on the Cliff College website (visit <https://bit.ly/31tRCwK>). The cost is £435, but bursaries are available (you can apply via the Cliff College website).

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## **Job advert – Church Office and Community Centre Manager**

St Mark's Church, Newnham, and St Andrew and St Mary's Church, Grantchester, are seeking to appoint a Church Office and Community Centre Manager to oversee administration across the two churches, to run the office based at St Mark's and to manage the busy Community Centre, also at St Mark's. The person appointed to this new role will need to be capable, committed, good with people and able to commit to working each morning from St Mark's Church in Barton Road, with some flexibility over other hours. They will need good administrative skills, including the ability to update their websites (Wordpress) and engage in social media. Basic finance and accounting skills are also desirable. It's 22 hours per week, to be reviewed after three months, and has a competitive salary, including holiday pay and pension. For more information visit [www.stmarksnewnham.org](http://www.stmarksnewnham.org) or contact Revd Rachel Rosborough (e-mail: [rachelrosborough@hotmail.com](mailto:rachelrosborough@hotmail.com)).

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Notice sheets over the next few weeks

It is planned to produce a notice sheet every Sunday for the remainder of the summer, but note the deadline for the issue dated 8th September will be 6pm on the preceding Thursday.

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

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