



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Where all are welcome – all the time

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Sunday 18th 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 18th Aug

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Lynn Taylor

Bible readings: John 20: 24-29 (page 110)

Hebrews 11: 29 - 12: 2 (page 215)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Jim Taylor

Bible readings: Jeremiah 23: 23-29 (page 664)

Luke 12: 49-56 (page 72)

Prayer topic: for the beauty of creation

Wed 21st Aug

10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

Sun 25th Aug

**09.30 UNITED CHURCH AT CASTLE MORNING WORSHIP
WITH HOLY COMMUNION
at St Augustine's, Richmond Road**

**18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP
Rev Colin Smith**

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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.

Church at Castle family picnic – this afternoon (Sunday 18th August)

This is taking place this afternoon (sorry for short notice!) in the grounds of St Giles' Church, from 3pm until 4.30pm. Bring your own picnic food, your favourite teddy bear or other cuddly toy, and a rug to sit on. Drinks for all will be provided, and there will also be outdoor toys and games. All are very welcome.

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### **Strength and Balance Exercise Class**

A reminder that 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.

If you're able to help out with any of the above during the next three months, please contact Chris Rayson, 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; note that any response now isn't a commitment set in stone – swaps or cover can be arranged later. 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 – three 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 the recent 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.

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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.

