



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

*Where all are welcome – all the time*

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## Sunday 25th August 2019

*Welcome to worship with us, this morning at St Augustine's Church in a joint act of worship with our friends from across Church at Castle – 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 25th Aug**

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

*Bible readings: Isaiah 58: 9b-14  
Hebrews 12: 18-29  
Luke 13: 10-17*

**18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP  
Rev Colin Smith**

*Bible readings: Jeremiah 1: 4-10 (page 639)  
Hebrews 12: 18-29 (page 216)*

*Prayer topic: for housebound members and friends*

**Wed 28th Aug**

**10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship**

**10.30-12.00 Coffee morning**

**Sun 1st Sep**

**10.45 MORNING WORSHIP  
Rev Dr Brian Beck**

**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.

### Sleeping bags for refugees – appeal for help

Hundreds of sleeping bags have been salvaged from festivals, and CAMCRAG are needing to wash them all before transporting them to France for the refugees there. All that is needed are some willing people with washing machines!

If you think you could take on a batch, please get in touch with Rosemary (e-mail: [rosemary dot Watson at talk21 dot com](mailto:rosemary_dot_Watson_at_talk21_dot_com)) or Lianne (e-mail: [ljarrett at yahoo dot com](mailto:ljarrett_at_yahoo_dot_com)) as soon as possible, and they will put you in touch with the person organising this for you to discuss further. Please also publicise this.

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### Harvest weekend – two 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, and there will be a supper with jacket potatoes and fillings (and probably dessert). Tickets are available 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).

### **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".

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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 – a week on Saturday! 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**

A reminder that you can sponsor Robin (Alison's husband) for successfully completing the London to Surrey one hundred mile charitable cycle ride by visiting [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/robin-walker5](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/robin-walker5). He's raising funds for the Prostate Cancer Research Centre.

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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.

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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.

## **Welcome Service for Revd Catherine Dixon – next Sunday afternoon**

Catherine is no stranger to us, having worshipped with us while studying at Wesley House. She is joining the Ely and Newmarket Circuit, and a service to welcome her is to take place at Ely Methodist Church at 4pm next Sunday (1st September).

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## **Creating Safer Space Foundation Training – Tuesday 10th September**

A reminder that this is taking place at Chesterton Methodist Church, starting at 6.30pm (and finishing at about 9pm). If you need to attend one of these training courses, please book your place with Miriam in the Circuit Office (e-mail: office *at* wesleycam *dot* org *dot* uk or tel.: (01223) 352 115) so that printed materials can be prepared for you.

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## **So what's your faith story?**

When you do get an opportunity to say “Well, actually I’m a Christian”, and that leads to an open conversation, how do you feel? Nervous? Prepared? Worried about possible questions? Uncertain how to put your faith into words? The “Learning Network” is organising a training event, within easy reach of Cambridge (Haverhill Methodist Church), on Saturday 9th November between 10.30am and 3pm.

The Methodist Church’s “Faith Stories” initiative has been developed to help us grow in confidence in sharing our story with others, so that they too may feel moved to explore their journey of faith further. This day will be led by the Evangelism and Growth team in conjunction with the Cliff College evangelists. It will offer the opportunity, through workshops, practical activities and practice, to learn more about telling our own story and how to share faith stories effectively. The day will also equip participants to resource and encourage people in their own circuits to use testimony more often and more effectively.

Alison is about to book, and hopes we can organise a few car-loads and travel together. Please get in touch with her if you are interested.

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## **Notice sheet in two week's time**

A reminder that the deadline for items to be included in the notice sheet dated 8th September will be 6pm on the preceding Thursday (5th September).

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

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