



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Where all are welcome – all the time

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Sunday 1st September 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 1st Sep

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev Dr Brian Beck

Bible readings: Micah 6: 1-8 (page 793)

Luke 14: 1, 7-24 (page 73)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Rev Alison Walker

Bible readings: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 (page 216)

Luke 14: 1, 7-14 (page 73)

Prayer topic: for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Wed 4th Sep

10.00 “Time to Be” prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class

Thu 5th Sep

10.00-12.00 “First Friends” baby and toddler group

Sat 7th Sep

18.00 Family Barn Dance *(see overleaf)*

Sun 8th Sep

(Harvest Festival)

10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP

Matthew Forsyth *(see also overleaf)*

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Traditional Harvest Celebration

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.

Harvest Festival Weekend – next week

Next weekend is our Harvest Festival, and the theme, at least for the morning service, will include potatoes. So do come along and see what that's all about!

We kick off the weekend at 6pm on Saturday evening (7th September) with a Family Barn Dance, with Joyce Goodall from Royston as the caller. Joyce is no stranger to us, and has been running fantastic barn dances for us for many years... so you'll miss a great evening if you're not there! As well as being a social event, with (as always) supper included (jacket potatoes with fillings, and there's bound to be lots of dessert), we're also raising money for the Methodist international development and emergency relief organisation "All We Can" and asking for donations – the suggested minimum for the barn dance is £8 per adult and £4 per child (pay on the night). (Some of the proceeds from Saturday evening will also go to Joyce's charity, the Cherry Homes Trust.) But we need to know how many people are coming, so we can make sure there is enough food – so please get a ticket from one of the stewards, book a place via the Eventbrite website by visiting <https://bit.ly/2OKwYae> (this can also be reached via the church's Facebook page), or contact Denise.

Then on Sunday morning Matthew Forsyth from All We Can will be leading worship, and the non-envelope part of the offering (plus any additional donations) will go to All We Can. On Sunday evening the plan says we have a Local Arrangement, and this will be a continuation of our harvest celebrations, led by the worship leaders and stewards, using further resources from All We Can, and singing traditional harvest hymns. If you've got a favourite harvest hymn then please let Chris Rayson know – and if you'd like to say something about that hymn during the service, that's even better!

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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### **St Giles' Church Fair – next Saturday afternoon (7th September)**

It's the annual St Giles' Fair next Saturday afternoon, from midday until 4.30pm, with stalls run by the whole parish (including Castle Street – see below), local trades people and craft makers, charities and other good causes. Along with traditional favourites such as bric-a-brac, jams and chutneys, cakes, a coconut shy, and white elephant, this year there will also be genealogy and family history, local honey, miniature gardens, and marbling workshops. There will also be delicious food, live music, displays, and special children's entertainments. Honey Bee and Thimble, two Shetland ponies who love to be petted and groomed, will tour the garden and meet as many children as possible. There will be a safe area for children's games at the far end of the garden.

Heather and Anne are again running a bric-a-brac stall in aid of the Lewy Body Society, and are still collecting donations of suitable items, including crockery, toys, games, books and albums. Please leave them in the (Castle Street) church hall – and thank you to all who have donated items so far. If you would like to know more about Lewy Body dementia, there are leaflets available in the church.

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Welcome Service for Revd Catherine Dixon – this 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 this afternoon (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](mailto:office_at_wesleycam_dot_org_dot_uk) or tel.: (01223) 352 115) so that printed materials can be prepared for you.

## **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 at 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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Induction of Revd Bill Miller at Cambourne Church – Saturday 28th September

All are welcome to attend this service, at 6.15pm for 7pm, but please let the administrator at Cambourne Church know before 14th September that you plan to go (e-mail: administrator *at* cambournechurch *dot* org *dot* uk).

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## **Royston Fringe: “Our Planet” – events at Royston Methodist Church**

- Sat 21st Sep at 7.30pm: Cambridge Clarinet Choir (tickets £10).
- Thu 26th Sep at 7.30pm: “The Life and Times of Simon Gogerly”, grammy award-winning music mixer and producer, senior lecturer in music technology at Anglia Ruskin University (tickets £5).
- Sat 28th Sep at 2.30pm: “Kaleidoscope of Life” with Judy Wynn, flower guild chairman of Ely Cathedral (tickets £5).
- Sun 29th Sep at 2.30pm: “Friendly Folk” with Jancis Harvey, Michael King and David Hayzen (tickets £5).
- Sat 28th Sep from 10am to 5pm and Sun 29th Sep from 11am to 5pm: Art Exhibition and Art Competition (more details on-line as below).

Tickets for all of the above can be obtained from Sue (e-mail: walter962 *at* btinternet *dot* com), or on-line at [www.ticketsource.com.rmc1](http://www.ticketsource.com.rmc1). See also [www.royston-methodist.org.uk/Fringe.htm](http://www.royston-methodist.org.uk/Fringe.htm).

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Items for next Sunday’s notice sheet should be sent to **Brian Carter** by 6pm on Thursday.

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