



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 29th 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 29th Sep

10.00 Simple Prayer Time

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Rev Alison Walker

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP
at Wesley Methodist Church
Rev Colin Smith

Prayer topic: for the season of invitation

Wed 2nd Oct

10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class

17.30 "Breathing Space" *at St Augustine's*
(see overleaf)

Thu 3rd Oct

10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sat 5th Oct

11.00-13.30 Sausage Sizzle *(see overleaf)*

Sun 6th Oct

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Elsie Salmon

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.

“Breathing Space” – Church at Castle reflection and prayer meeting

This is an exciting new monthly meeting to help us deepen our prayer lives and come closer to God in quiet reflection and prayer. It will meet on the first Wednesday of the month, starting at 5.30pm and lasting around an hour, and will rotate around the various Church at Castle churches. The first one is this Wednesday (2nd October), and the venue is St Augustine’s (Richmond Road).

After greetings and refreshment there will be some opening prayers, usually a time of Bible reading and / or poetry, perhaps followed by some music. This will lead into a short period of silence before the main time of prayer. The atmosphere will be informal, and the prayers freely formatted. As the Psalms show us, prayers may take the form of complaints and laments as well as praises, thanks and petitions.

For more information, see previous notice sheets, an article in the October *Castle View* (available in the next few days), or contact Margaret Cooper (e-mail: mc dot golly24 at talktalk dot net) or Mike Good (e-mail: mikegood at ntlworld dot com).

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### **Sausage Sizzle – next Saturday lunchtime**

All are welcome to come along to this event next Saturday (5th October), from 11am until 1.30pm. It’s taking place in the car park (at the Castle Street end), and we hope to attract the attention of passers-by, offering them a sausage in a bun (cooked on a barbeque), a hot or cold drink, and a friendly chat. It’s a chance to let people know we’re here and what we’re about, but it doesn’t need to be all deep and meaningful... we just need some church people there to do what we do well – welcome people!

### **“Table Talk” – restarting on Wednesday 9th October**

“Table Talk” has been our study group for students and young people, but we’re opening it up to anyone who wants to come along. It will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings, but with slightly revised timings to allow more time for “talk” without finishing too late! So, those who would like to come along for a simple cooked meal (not compulsory) are asked to arrive at about 6.45pm if possible, and then tea and coffee will be served at 7.30pm as the “talk” part gets underway. The first will take place on 9th October, and any coming for the meal are asked to let Alison know so she can cater for the right number of people.

The first meeting will be a planning and welcome back / catch-up session, but then we plan to follow a five-week course entitled “Time to Talk of God”. After Christmas, Table Talk will meet only fortnightly during Lent Term, on the Wednesdays when Castle Street is not hosting CCHP – but more details later.

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Church Anniversary – Sunday 20th October

The preacher for our Church Anniversary will be Revd Jonathan Dean, who was our part-time second minister nearly twenty years ago! We’re going to have a bring-and-share lunch that day – please sign up to say if you are coming and to offer contributions of food (a sign-up sheet will appear today).

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### **Kenya Youth Project Autumn Fayre – Saturday 12th October at Wesley Church**

Come and purchase pictures, stationery, handcrafts, nearly new, books, jigsaws, toys and Kenyan gifts, and support our circuit project in Kenya. It will be open from 10am until 3pm, admission is free, and refreshments will be available.

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CCHP 2019-20 – training dates

A reminder that all CCHP volunteers this year – including those who have helped previously – will need to attend one of the training sessions listed below:

- Wed 30th Oct at Castle Street Methodist Church, starting at 7.30pm
- Fri 1st Nov in the Community Centre at Our Lady and English Martyrs Roman Catholic Church, starting at 8pm
- Mon 4th Nov at Christ Church, starting at 7.30pm
- Tue 12th Nov at St Barnabas’ Church, starting at 7.30pm
- Thu 14th Nov at Great St Mary’s Church, starting at 7.30pm

All attendees will be registered on the door, with doors opening half an hour before the start time. Tea and coffee (with biscuits) will be served. Rota co-ordinators and team leaders will attend a different training session (only).

Two interesting Jubilee Centre talks this week

Cambridge is vying with London to be the AI capital of Britain... but at the same time it has the highest income inequality in the country. Come and consider these two issues from a Christian perspective. Both events are organised in collaboration with Faith in Business and KLICE (the Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Ethics).

- Just Pay: what does the Bible have to say about the Gig economy?

Wednesday 2nd October, 6.30pm to 8pm at Westminster College (free parking available).

Speakers: Calum Samuelson and Tim Young, with Sue Halliday (Acting Director, KLICE) and Richard Higginson (Chair, Faith in Business).

This talk introduces the biblical ideas of justice, dignity and reward as a challenge to contemporary remuneration practices (as outlined in Jubilee Centre's recently published report, *Just Pay: a Biblical perspective on the ethics of remuneration* (see www.jubilee-centre.org/just-pay/). In the light of rising levels of participation in the Gig economy, this talk will outline how these Biblical themes may be invaluable to both employers and employees moving forward in the near future.

- Artificially Intelligent?

Thursday 3rd October, 12.30pm to 1.30pm in the Jubilee Lounge at the Jubilee Centre (second floor of 59 St Andrew's Street).

Speakers: Calum Samuelson and Charlee New.

How might Christians develop a theology of surprise to help them avoid undue fear, naive optimism, and resigned apathy with regard to Artificial Intelligence? A lunchtime discussion with Calum Samuelson (author of *Artificially Intelligent: grappling with the myths, present realities and future trajectories of Ai* (see www.jubilee-centre.org/artificially-intelligent-grappling-with-the-myths-present-realities-and-future-trajectories-of-ai) and the Jubilee Centre's Charlee New.

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## Royston Fringe: "Our Planet" – at Royston Methodist Church

This annual series of events concludes today (Sunday 29th September) with the concert "Friendly Folk" at 2.30pm, featuring Jancis Harvey, Michael King and David Hayzen; tickets cost £5. In addition, the Art Exhibition is open from 11am until 5pm.

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

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