



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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## Sunday 24th November 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.*

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Sun 24th Nov

**11.00 UNITED MORNING WORSHIP WITH YEOLIM  
WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

**Preacher: Rev Alison Walker**

*Bible readings: Jeremiah 23: 1-6 (page 663)*

*John 12: 12-19 (page 101)*

12.30 Bring-and-share lunch

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**

**Rev Dr Mike Wilson**

*Bible readings: 1 Samuel 8: 4-20 (page 238)*

*John 18: 33-37 (page 108)*

*Prayer topic: Women against Violence Sunday*

Wed 27th Nov

10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class

Thu 28th Nov

10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 1st Dec

**(Advent Sunday)**

**10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**

**Rev Dr Peter Graves**

**18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP at Wesley Church  
Advent Carols**

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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 hustings for the General Election – next Saturday (30th November)

The main candidates for the City of Cambridge constituency have asked that the churches come together to support a “faith and values” themed hustings, and the Jubilee Centre is collaborating with Great St Mary’s Church to organise the event. It will take place from 12 noon to 2pm. Chairing the event will be Roger Mosey, Master of Selwyn College and formerly Head of BBC Television News and Editor of *Today* on BBC Radio 4.

A Facebook event has been created, and people are encouraged to sign up through Eventbrite (see [tinyurl.com/cam-churches-hustings](http://tinyurl.com/cam-churches-hustings)) to manage numbers – both pages have more details, and list the other public hustings.

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### “Who is my Neighbour? An Evening with the ‘Vicar of Baghdad’”

Revd Canon Dr Andrew White will be speaking at St Philip’s Church, Mill Road next Saturday evening (30th November). It starts at 6pm with a bring-and-share dinner, and the talk will conclude with a question-and-answer session. The event is being organised by Youth with a Mission (YWAM) Cambridge.

Revd Canon Dr Andrew White is an internationally-renowned peacemaker, facilitating dialogues between religious and political leaders, particularly in the Middle East, and is engaged in the work of interfaith reconciliation and conflict resolution around the globe. He served as the vicar of St George’s Church, Baghdad until 2014, when he was ordered to leave due to the threat posed by ISIS. He now directs a foundation caring for the physical and pastoral needs of Iraqi refugees in Jordan as well as travelling extensively to speak, advise and lecture at various academic, political and religious forums.

## **St Giles' Christmas Tree Festival 2019 – “Hope for the Future”**

This annual event opens next weekend, and runs until the following Sunday. The Grand Opening takes place on Friday (29th November) at 6pm, with the Mayor of Cambridge, Cllr Gerri Bird doing the honours; there will be a Blessing of the Trees, and music from Quadriga, with mulled wine and mince pies being served.

St Giles' Church will then be open between 10am and 4pm every day from Saturday 30th November until Sunday 8th December (although please be aware of any services taking place on the Sundays). Admission is free, and refreshments will be available from 12 noon.

Other associated events taking place during this time are:

- Sat 30th Nov, 12.00-16.30: Christmas Mini-market, with light lunches and seasonal refreshments available.
- Sat 30th Nov, 13.00-16.30: Scandinavian Wreath-Making and Danish Paper Hearts Workshops. £20 charge for all materials and refreshments, but bring your own secateurs and scissors.
- Sun 1st Dec, 15.30: Advent Carol Service by candlelight, with Cantores (conducted by Jeremy Wong), followed by afternoon tea.
- Wed 4th Dec, 14.00-16.30: Enjoy a seasonal Tea Among the Trees, and relax with a piano accompaniment by Colin Floodgate.
- Sat 7th Dec, 15.00-16.30: Children's Party, with a visit from Father Christmas.

We at Castle Street always decorate a tree, and this year the plan is to cover our tree in Christian hope and encouragement. We would like people to write, preferably by hand (but printed is OK), on A6 paper (quarter A4 – paper of the correct size will be available) their favourite verse or couple of verses from the Bible about hope, encouragement or good news (include the Bible reference on it). The more we get the better, so don't feel limited to just one – but only one per piece of paper please. The hope is that everyone visiting the Christmas Tree Festival will be able to take away a message of hope from our tree. There will be a box at the back to church to collect them, along with some pre-cut pieces of paper. They are needed no later than this coming Thursday (28th November).

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## **“Fireside” at Wesley Methodist Church – Tuesday 3rd December at 2.45pm**

The speaker at this meeting will be Alan Fawcett, whose topic is “The Secrets of English Mediaeval Church Wall Paintings”. Why, where, and when were they painted? Who painted them, and what did they portray? Where can you find them now? Alan will give the answers to all these questions. If you'd like to know more about the “Fireside” series, please speak to Amanda.

## **“Breathing Space” – next meeting on Wednesday 4th December**

The third “Breathing Space”, the new monthly Church at Castle prayer meeting, will be at St Luke’s Church on Wednesday 4th December, starting at 5.30pm and lasting around an hour. The atmosphere will be informal, and the prayers freely formatted. More about the format appeared in the October *Castle View*.

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## **Volunteer note-takers needed for Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee**

This committee, of which Deacon Ian Murray is one of three co-chairs, is relocating to Bar Hill next year. It is looking for three volunteer note-takers to make a written account of the conversations at the Panel of Reference interviews. The volunteers would be needed between 10am and 2pm on 24th, 25th, 26th and, possibly, 27th March 2020, and then may be asked to serve again at similar sessions in November. Travel expenses would be paid, and refreshments and lunch provided. Brian Carter or the circuit office can provide more details, or contact Deacon Ian Murray.

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## **Events listed in the December Circuit Diary**

- Sat 7th Dec, 09.30-12.00: JMA Christmas Bazaar and Coffee Morning at Royston Methodist Church.
- Sat 7th and Sun 8th Dec: Christmas Tree Festival at Orwell Methodist Church – open 12 noon until 6pm on Saturday, with cake and gift stalls, plus homemade soup, rolls, toasted sandwiches and drinks; open 2.30pm to 6pm on Sunday, with carol singing and mince pies around the fire from 4pm.
- Mon 9th Dec, 19,15 for 19.45: “Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Church: “Brokenness, compassion and identity in rehabilitation after brain injury” (more details to follow).
- Thu 12th Dec, 7.30pm: Eldon Thursday Christmas Special with Royston Roses – carols, seasonal music and refreshments at Royston Methodist Church. Free admission but a collection for Action For Children will be taken.

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## **Castle Street Carol Services – looking ahead**

- Sun 15th Dec, 10.45: All-Age Carol Service
- Sun 22nd Dec, 10.45: Traditional Carol Service (led by Rev Colin Smith)
- Sun 22nd Dec, 18.30: Church at Castle United Carol Service at St Luke’s

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

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