



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 12th January 2020

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 12th Jan

10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP

Kimberley Rayson

*Bible readings: Psalm 29 (from International Children's Version)
Acts 10 (interactive story, with slideshow)*

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Margaret Cooper

*Bible readings: Isaiah 53 : 1-12 (page 626)
Matthew 3 : 13-17 (page 3)*

Prayer topic: for health workers

Wed 15th Jan

10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class

Thu 16th Jan

10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 19th Jan

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev Alison Walker

including the baptism of Simon Levine

18.30 IONA SERVICE at St Luke's

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.

Christine Pooley RIP

We announced last week that Christine Pooley died on 21st December after a long battle with cancer. She was known and loved throughout the Cambridge Circuit, and had been both a Local Preacher and Local Preachers' tutor as well as holding various other church and circuit roles.

Her funeral service will be at Histon Methodist Church on Tuesday (14th January) at 2.30pm. It will be followed by refreshments in the church hall. (The service at Histon will be preceded by a committal at Cambridge Crematorium at 1.30pm for family and close friends only.) If you require further details about the funeral, please contact Rosemary Watson (e-mail: j dot watson12 at icloud dot com) or Michael Simmonds (e-mail: ms2ambrose at outlook dot com).

We remember Christine's family and friends in our prayers.

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### "A Faith to Live By" – next Sunday evening at Haslingfield Methodist Church

The first of these special services for 2020 will be next Sunday evening (19th January). The guest speaker is Jane Dominey (a member here at Castle Street), and she will talk about "Why all our prison sentences are too long". Jane will draw on her experience as a researcher (at the Institute of Criminology in Cambridge) and as a probation officer to argue that prison sentences passed by the courts in England and Wales are too long. Jane started her career working with homeless people at the Whitechapel Mission of the Methodist Church. She joined the probation service in 1989 and worked in London, Leicester and Cambridge for around ten years before moving from practice to research and teaching. It starts at 6pm with a time of worship, and there will be refreshments.

### **Next Sunday morning's baptism service**

We hope that you will join us next Sunday morning when we officially welcome, at his baptism, the youngest member of our church family, Simon.

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Saturday evening Travel Talk and Supper at St Luke's – 25th January

It's that time of the year again when our friends at St Luke's hold a series of monthly Saturday evening illustrated travel talks with supper – an excellent way to forget the cold East Anglian winter nights, at least for a couple of hours!

The first of the three is being held on Saturday 25th January, when Tom and Gill Ambrose will share their experiences of Sri Lanka, which they visited last year. They had an extensive tour throughout the country with a wonderful guide, who provided an excellent introduction to the cultures and history of this beautiful island off the southern coast of India, along with its geography and wildlife. Tickets cost £12, which includes a hot two-course meal and soft drinks (you may take your own alcoholic drinks if you wish), and can be obtained from Margaret Cooper at St Luke's or Brian Carter at Castle Street (Brian will note your name and give you a ticket, and you should then pay on the night). It starts at 7pm.

The remaining two for this year will be held on Saturdays 29th February and 4th April; the former will be about Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands (given by Paul and Sylvia Custerson), while the latter will be a Trinidad and Tobago safari (presented by Bill Block).

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### **"Science Meets Faith" at Wesley Methodist Church, tomorrow evening**

Dr Suchitra Sebastian will talk about "Being an Academic: In whose image?" tomorrow evening (Monday 13th January). Dr Suchitra Sebastian is a University Reader in Physics at the University of Cambridge. Her research is in the area of quantum materials and their unconventional properties, particularly the exotic phenomenon of superconductivity. Light refreshments will be served from 7.15pm, with the talk starting at 7.45pm. There will be a retiring collection. More details about this speaker as well as the rest of the "Science Meets Faith" series can be found at [www.wesleycam.org.uk/sciencemeetsfaith.htm](http://www.wesleycam.org.uk/sciencemeetsfaith.htm).

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"Time to remember" – special Church at Castle service, next Sunday (19th Jan)

Everyone is welcome to this gentle, contemplative service at St Luke's, and especially those who have been recently bereaved. It starts at 4pm, and will be followed by refreshments.

Circuit Service – Sunday 26th January at Wesley Methodist Church at 6.30pm

At the circuit service to renew our ecumenical commitment, the guest preacher will be Revd Nigel Uden, Assembly Moderator of the United Reformed Church.

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### **Recycling appeals – used Christmas cards (as well as used postage stamps)**

In addition to the previous appeal for used postage stamps (still on their envelopes), in aid of CamSight (there's a box for them at the back of the church), Amanda is collecting old Christmas cards for recycling into new ones.

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“A Peaceable Kingdom for Turbulent Times” – Sat 25th and Sun 26th Jan

This is a weekend of engaging teaching at St Andrew's, Histon (Saturday 25th, 9.30am to 12.30pm) and St John's, Waterbeach (Sunday 26th, 7pm to 9pm). Dr Stephen Backhouse will present on Jesus' central message: the kingdom of God, and its relevance for the way we live as a Christian community in contemporary culture. He will also preach at St John's, Waterbeach at 10.15am on the Sunday. Stephen is an international speaker and teacher, the director and primary teacher at Trent, and is passionate to resource the local church and make theology accessible to everyone; for more information about his ministry, visit www.tenttheology.com/page/about/. The cost of the weekend is £15 per person (or £10 if you can only attend one day). To book, please contact Revd Paul Butler (e-mail: [revpbutler at gmail dot com](mailto:revpbutler@gmail.com)), ideally by 22nd January (but pay on the day).

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### **Charity Music Marathon – Saturday 25th January at Waterbeach Baptist Chapel**

This is being organised by Revd Normal Setchell, and is in support of the BBC Radio appeal from St Martin-in-the-Fields to provide deposits to enable homeless women and men to have shelter. It's running from 10am to 5pm (with tea and cakes on sale), and there will be a variety of musical styles. For £5 any budding young drummer can “sit in” for a “number”. Norman is also looking for people to play instruments for 20 minutes, an hour, or more... To find out more or to offer to play, contact him (e-mail: [christian9 at tiscali dot co dot uk](mailto:christian9@tiscali.co.uk)).

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Deadline for the notice sheet on Sunday 26th January (two weeks' time)

This will 6pm on Tuesday 21st January.

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

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