



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 19th 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 19th Jan

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev Alison Walker and Rev Joy Levine

including baptism of Simon Luke Burchell-Levine

Bible readings: Psalm 139 : 1-18, 23-24 (page 534)

Matthew 13: 45-46 (page 14)

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St Luke's

Prayer topic: for a new start in our Covenant with God

Wed 22nd Jan

10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class

19.30 Church Council

Thu 23rd Jan

10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 26th Jan

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP – COVENANT SERVICE

Rev Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP – CIRCUIT SERVICE

at Wesley Church

Preacher: Rev Nigel Uden

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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.

“A Faith to Live By” – tonight at Haslingfield Methodist Church

The first of these special services for 2020 is tonight, starting at 6pm. 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. The service starts with a time of worship, and there will be refreshments followed by a time for questions. If anyone would like a lift, please ask one of the stewards this morning.

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### **Circuit Service next Sunday evening at Wesley Methodist Church**

To mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, there is a circuit service at Wesley next Sunday evening (26th January), starting at 6.30pm. The guest preacher will be Revd Nigel Uden, Assembly Moderator of the United Reformed Church.

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“Time to remember” – special Church at Castle service this afternoon

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.

Travel Talk and Supper at St Luke's – Saturday (25th January) at 7pm

This is a final call for anyone wanting tickets for first of this year's Travel Talks, when Tom and Gill Ambrose will share their experiences of Sri Lanka which they visited last year. Tickets cost £12, including a hot two-course meal and soft drinks (you may take your own alcoholic drinks if you wish) – please speak to Brian Carter today if you'd like one, or contact Margaret Cooper at St Luke's.

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### **Sleep-out in aid of Homelessness Charities at St Giles' Church**

Over the last couple of years the Cambridge Convoy Refugee Action Group (CamCrag) has hosted an annual sleep-out to raise awareness and funds for refugees and homeless people both here in Cambridge and in Calais. The Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project has received significant donations from these events, and CamCrag has been a wonderful supporter of CCHP.

This year's is the third, and it's taking place on the night of Saturday 15th February. Volunteers are wanted to be sponsored to sleep rough for the night, either inside the church, outside in a tent, or outside under a tarpaulin. An evening meal and breakfast will be provided. Money raised will support the work of CamCrag in northern France and CCHP in Cambridge. For more details and to sign up, visit the Eventbrite page at <https://qrgo.page.link/AhQob>.

On the Saturday afternoon, from 1pm until 5pm, the St Giles' Winter Fair will take place. There will be stalls, soup, a raffle and cakes, plus a choral concert from the choir "ReSound".

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"A Peaceable Kingdom for Turbulent Times" – next weekend

This is a weekend of engaging teaching at St Andrew's, Histon (Saturday 25th January, 9.30am to 12.30pm) and St John's, Waterbeach (Sunday 26th January, 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 Wednesday (22nd January).

Charity Music Marathon – Saturday (25th January) at Waterbeach Baptist

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).

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### **Guest speaker at Shelford Free Church – Sunday 9th February at 7pm**

Great Shelford Free Church (Ashen Green, CB22 5EY) is holding a special United Worship Gathering on Sunday 9th February, when the guest speaker will be Revd Ken Benjamin, President of Baptists Together; in May he will take up the role of Church Relations Director with the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity. Ken is leading a weekend for Great Shelford Free Church, discussing the question "Where do we grow from here?", and this final session of worship and teaching is open to anyone. There is no charge, but an offering will be taken.

Parking is on-street or at the adjacent doctor's surgery. For more about the speaker, visit [www.wheredowegrowfromhere.org](http://www.wheredowegrowfromhere.org). For more information about the event, contact Revd Alan Brand (e-mail: alanbrand77 at icloud dot com).

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Marriage and Relationships report study evening – Wednesday 5th February

This circuit event is taking place at Castle Street, starting at 7.30pm and lasting about two hours. If anyone would like a copy of the report, please ask a steward.

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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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Items for the February Castle View...

...should be with Kirk or Cassie by Wednesday (22nd January) please.

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