



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

*Where all are welcome – all the time*

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## Sunday 1st March 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.*

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<b>Sun 1st Mar</b>	<b>10.45</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b> <b>Dr Derek Nicholls</b> <i>Bible readings: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 (page 2)</i> <i>Matthew 4: 1-11 (page 3)</i>
	<b>18.30</b>	<b>EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b> <b>Rev Alison Walker</b>  <i>Prayer topic: for the joy of spring</i>
<b>Wed 4th Mar</b>	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” prayer meeting <i>at St Luke’s</i>
	<u>18.45</u>	“Table Talk” <i>(see overleaf)</i>
<b>Thu 5th Mar</b>	10.00-12.00	“First Friends” baby and toddler group
<b>Sun 8th Mar</b>	<b>10.45</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b> <b>Rev Alison Walker</b>
	<b>18.30</b>	<b>EVENING WORSHIP</b> <b>“A Community of Witness” (1) <i>(see overleaf)</i></b>

## 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.

### Sunday evening “local arrangement” services this quarter – including Lent study

Those who have looked at the new circuit preaching plan will note that there are five evening services over the next three months which are marked as “LA” – “local arrangement”, when it has not proved possible to allocate a minister or local preacher to lead the service and it is down to the church itself to organise the service. Maureen Kendall (one of our regular evening congregation members, formerly of Castle End Mission, and a lay preacher in the United Reformed Church) has kindly agreed to lead worship on 26th April, while we are still waiting for confirmation of the plans for 3rd May.

However, for the three before Easter – during Lent – the services will be based around the East Anglia District’s Lent study notes, “A Community of Witness”, prepared with the aim of strengthening our Christian witness and shared common life in Christ. The sessions will be following the Acts narrative, as Luke tells the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church, and exploring the theme of being “a Community of Witness”. The first one, next Sunday (8th March) will be led by Chris Rayson, while Mike Sharpe and John Boocock will lead on 22nd March and 5th April respectively. Do come along for something slightly different.

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### Thursday morning Circuit Lent Study Group

This started last week, meeting weekly at 35 Millington Road. The list of sessions appeared in the February *Castle View*, and is also in the back of the March to May “plan”; this week (5th March) Revd Catherine Dixon will lead a study of the first eight verses of Psalm 139. It starts at 10.45am (with coffee from 10.15am), and will finish at around midday.

### **“Table Talk” – study on *Les Misérables***

“Table Talk” is about to start looking at a Lent study course based on the story *Les Misérables*, as outlined in the February *Castle View*. This week (Wednesday 4th March) we shall watch the film (musical), and so that we can avoid finishing too late, we shall all meet at 6.45pm (those who wish to eat will do so while we watch). Following that, the next session will not be until after Easter, when we shall begin the five-session study itself on 29th April, and run weekly. Each week of the study course stands alone, so you don’t need to commit to coming along every week.

Table Talk is open to anyone, not just the younger people of the church. For those who wish, we meet for a simple cooked meal at 6.45pm (usually pasta-based, followed by dessert or cake), with coffee served and the study usually beginning at around 7.30pm (except, of course, this week’s 6.45pm start).

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### **“Fireside” at Wesley Methodist Church – Tuesday (3rd March) at 2.45pm**

Lottie Taylor will ask the question “Is Climate change affecting Ethiopia?” Lottie visited Ethiopia in October 2019 with Christian Aid and will be sharing her thoughts following that visit. Tea and coffee served afterwards.

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### **“Making Sense of Sabbath Rest” (part 2) at St John’s, Waterbeach – tonight**

The second of two more evenings as part of the “Making Sense” series in the Church Room at St John’s, Waterbeach, presented by Paul and Sue Butler, is this evening (Sunday 1st March), starting at 7pm, and with refreshments afterwards. See the notice sheet two weeks ago for more information.

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### **Lent study group at Haslingfield Methodist Church**

The Tuesday morning Lent study group at Haslingfield, “From Now On”, based on the film *The Greatest Showman*, started last week. The remaining four sessions will be on 3rd, 17th, 24th and 31st March. It’s at 9.15am for a 9.30am start, and finishes at 10.30am. Open to all, there will be a creche available.

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### **Concert for Peace and Reconciliation – Friday (6th March) at St Giles’, at 1pm**

This lunchtime concert is to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the foundation of The Little Sisters of Joy (see [www.littlesistersofjoy.com](http://www.littlesistersofjoy.com)). In this concert, one of its co-founders, Gila Margolin, will sing with her guitar. The programme will include a variety of Jewish music, songs of the 1960s, and *World of Peace and Love* by local musician Cate Williams.

### **World Day of Prayer – Friday (6th March)**

A service to mark this day will take at St George's Church, Chesterfield Road, at 2.15pm. This year's theme is "Rise! Take your mat and walk", and the resources have been prepared by the Church in Zimbabwe. For more information about the World Day of Prayer, visit [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk). There are also services listed at several other churches, including Little St Mary's, Impington Parish (both 10.30am), All Saints Parish, Milton (6.30pm), Orwell Methodist, Mill Road Baptist (7pm), and Haslingfield Methodist (time not specified).

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### **"Science Meets Faith" at Wesley Methodist Church – Monday 9th March**

"Climate Change: What it means and what we can do about it" with Prof Joanna Haigh, Physics Department, Imperial College London University. Light refreshments from 7.15pm; talk will start at 7.45pm. Retiring collection.

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### **Buckden Handbell Ringers at Royston Methodist Church – Thursday 12th March**

This concert is in aid of Royston's church refurbishment project. A band of ten people – twenty hands and over fifty handbells – perform a repertoire of classical music, ragtime and popular music from shows and films. Tickets cost £5 and are available from Sue (e-mail: [walter962 at btinternet dot com](mailto:walter962@btinternet.com)) or on-line (visit [ticketsource.co.uk/rmc1](http://ticketsource.co.uk/rmc1)). It starts at 7.30pm.

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### **"A Faith to Live By" at Haslingfield Methodist Church – Sunday 15th March, 6pm**

Rev'd Julie Norris will address the subject of "Can we serve the common good by transplanting pig organs into human patients?" Worship, address, refreshments, and time for questions.

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### **Appeal for catering help – urgent response required**

We have been approached by the Women's Fellowship of St Mark's Methodist Church in London asking if they could use Castle Street as a base for a day out in Cambridge on Saturday 30th May. They have also asked if we could provide them with a tea before they go home. Before we can realistically offer to do this, we need volunteers who are willing to help make sandwiches, provide homemade cakes, and help set out and clear up afterwards. If anyone can commit to helping, please contact Denise as soon as possible so we can respond.

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

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