



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 10th April 2022

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 10th Apr	10.45	PALM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP Rev Clifford Meharry <i>Bible readings: Philippians 2: 5-11 (page 187)</i> <i>Luke 19: 28-40 (page 79)</i>
Thu 14th Apr	19.00	MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE <i>at St Augustine's, Richmond Road</i>
Fri 15th Apr	10.45	GOOD FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP <i>Seven Last Words led by Rev Alison Walker</i> <i>(also see overleaf)</i>
Sun 17th Apr	05.00	EASTER DAY DAWN SERVICE <i>in St Peter's garden</i>
	08.00	OPEN-AIR EASTER MORNING SERVICE <i>Church at Castle event on Castle Mound</i>
	10.45	EASTER SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP Prof Judith Lieu
	18.30	EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION Rev Alison Walker
Sun 24th Apr	<u>09.30</u>	UNITED CHURCH AT CASTLE MORNING WORSHIP <i>at St Augustine's, Richmond Road</i>
	19.00	IONA SERVICE <i>(on Zoom)</i>

The **Methodist** Church



We are a
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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.

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.

Weekly notice sheet

Now that we are once again worshipping on a weekly basis, it is hoped to produce a printed notice sheet every Sunday and also make it available electronically via the church website (select “Weekly Notice Sheets” from the drop-down menu “News and Events” – the direct link has been removed). You will, however, notice that the only events currently listed on the front page are services, as most of our regular mid-week activities have not yet restarted.

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### Good Friday morning – 15th April at 10.45am

Our Good Friday morning service, led by Revd Alison Walker, will be based on the *Septem Verba*. The short readings of the seven last words of Jesus on the cross will be interspersed with a short prayer, extended silences, a piece of music, a shorter pause, and sometimes a brief reflection or a hymn.

Each “word” is accompanied by a movement (lasting two to three minutes) from the 2011 piece *Septum Verba* by the contemporary composer Frederick Frahm; the music to be used was recorded by David Felberg and Robin Walker. The music is accompanied by the poem *The Seven Last Words* by Mark Strand.

Seven readers are needed for this service. If you can help, please contact Chris Rayson.

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Morning service on Sunday 24th April

As has been our usual custom for many years, on the Sunday after Easter (two week’s time) we shall join with the rest of “Church at Castle” for a united morning service. This will be at St Augustine’s, Richmond Road, and will start at their usual time of 9.30am. The service is expected to include Holy Communion.

Other Holy Week and Easter services and events

In addition to those listed on the front page, the following services and events are taking place elsewhere in Church at Castle or in the Methodist Circuit on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday:

Maundy Thursday 14th April – Holy Communion

- 6.30pm at Haslingfield Methodist Church (Revd Alison Walker)
- 7pm at Royston Methodist Church (Revd Charity Nzegwu)
- 7.30pm at Wesley Methodist Church (Revd Colin Smith)

Good Friday 15th April

- 9.30am at Royston Methodist Church: Good Friday Meditation (Revd Charity Nzegwu)
- 10am at Haslingfield Methodist Church
- 10am in Histon: Good Friday Children's Trail (organised by Histon Churches Together)
- 12pm at St Augustine's: Music, Readings and Silence (with the St Augustine's Singers)
- 2pm at St Giles': Good Friday Liturgy
- 2pm at Toft: Good Friday Meditations (Revd Alison Walker)
- 4pm at Orwell Methodist Church: Good Friday Service (Revd Colin Smith) followed by afternoon tea (contact Frances Pascoe to book for the tea)
- 7.30pm at Wesley Methodist Church: Good Friday Music and Art

The times underlined differ from those stated on last week's notice sheet (and the Circuit Preaching Plan – where they were 7.30pm and 9am respectively). The times listed here were circulated by the Circuit Office a few days ago.

There are also services at all churches on Easter Sunday. Those which do not clash with our own include a sunrise service at Toft at 6am (led by Revd David Newton) and Holy Communion at Haslingfield Methodist Church at 8.45am (led by Revd Alison Walker).

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## **St Luke's Iona Service**

This usually takes place on the third Sunday evening of the month. This month, however, it is being pushed back to 24th April (so it doesn't clash with the Church at Castle United Evening Service at Castle Street, which would normally be on the second Sunday). The Iona Services are still taking place only on Zoom; please contact Sheila Rozeik in the Parish Office (e-mail: [office@curchatcastle.org](mailto:office@curchatcastle.org)) if you'd like the Zoom details.

## **General Church Meeting**

This will take place after the morning service on Sunday 15th May. More details will be given nearer the time; we would like to hold a lunch.

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Farewells and Welcomes – dates for your diary

- Sun 3rd Jul at 5pm at Wesley: Service of appreciation of 31 years in ministry for Revd Colin Smith (on his retirement)
- Sun 17th Jul at 2pm at Haslingfield: Farewell service for Revd Alison Walker
- Sun 4th Sep at 6pm at Wesley: Welcome service for Revd Rose Westwood (new Superintendent) and Revd Jenny Pathmarajah (our new minister).

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## **Ordinands Testimony Service**

The East Anglia District Ordinands Testimony Service will take place at St Neots Methodist Church (10 Berkley Street, Eynesbury, St Neots, PE19 2NB) on the evening of Friday 20th May. The preacher will be Revd Dr Jo Cox-Darling, and there will be a testimony from Revd Sue Baker-Maher. The service starts at 7.30pm, and there will be refreshments from 6.30pm.

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“Treasure or Tat?” at Acle Methodist Church, Saturday 7th May at 3pm

... or “What to do with all that stuff in the vestry”. An event organised by the Methodist Historical Society, Alison Butler (Liaison Officer for Historic Objects) will talk about how we decide what to keep and what to throw out when, for example, churches close. This will be fascinating, as well as extremely useful to many people, and is open to anyone to attend. It will be followed by afternoon tea – please book your tea place in advance (tel.: (01603) 423 535 or e-mail: ursula.franklin19@gmail.com).

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## **Book Launch and Open Morning at Walsingham Methodist Church**

This is also taking place on Saturday 7th May, but in the morning, from 10am until noon. The venue is the oldest chapel building in East Anglia which is still in use, dating from 1794. At 10.30am Norma Virgoe (District Archivist) will talk about her new book, *A Little Light* – a history of Walsingham Methodism. The book will be on sale for £5 at both events this day.

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

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