



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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## Sunday 1st May 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.*

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| <b>Sun 1st May</b>                            | <b>10.45</b> | <b>MORNING WORSHIP</b><br><b>Judy Wynn</b><br><i>Bible reading: John 21: 1-19 (page 111)</i> |
| <b>Wed 4th May</b>                            | 10.30-12.00  | Community coffee morning   |
|   | 12.00-13.00  | Strength and balance exercise class  |
| <b>Sun 8th May</b>                            | <b>10.45</b> | <b>ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP</b><br><b>Deacon Ian Murray</b>                                   |
|   | <b>18.30</b> | <b>UNITED EVENING WORSHIP</b><br><b>Maureen Kendall</b>                                      |
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| <b>Sun 15th May</b>                           | <b>10.45</b> | <b>MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b><br><b>Rev Alison Walker</b>                       |
|   | 12.00        | General Church Meeting <i>(see overleaf)</i>   |
| <u>Advance notice:</u><br><b>Sun 22nd May</b> | <b>10.45</b> | <b>UNITED MORNING WORSHIP</b><br><i>at Histon Methodist Church</i>                           |

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.

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.

### **Wednesday activities are back!**

After being suspended back in March 2020 when we went into the first lockdown, Castle Street's daytime activities on Wednesdays restarted last week.

At midday for one hour, the weekly Strength and Balance Exercise Class for the over 55's will take place. The cost is £3 per person per session, which includes the fee for the qualified tutor. There's no need to book ahead: just turn up on the day; you'll be most welcome.

Preceding the exercise class, from 10.30am, will be the Community Coffee Morning. Do drop in for some refreshments and chat. All the proceeds will be given to deserving charities.

Please do come along and support these weekly events. If you'd like to know more, please ask Mike Sharpe.

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### **Music for a Bank Holiday Monday – Robin Walker and Hazel Brooks**

Tomorrow afternoon (Monday 2nd May), Robin Walker (harpsichord and organ) and Hazel Brooks (period and modern violins) will perform an hour of beautiful relaxing and entertaining music at All Saints' Church in Haslingfield.

The programme will include baroque music from Italy and Germany, and contrasting twenty-first century music from the USA and the jazzy fun of Margaretha de Jong, while Hazel will introduce the period instruments she is playing and Robin the harpsichord. You will also have the chance to see the instruments after the concert. The concert is suitable for the whole family, a great opportunity for young and old alike.

It starts at 3pm, and will be followed by refreshments. Entry is free, but there will be a retiring collection.

## **General Church Meeting – Sunday 15th May**

This is our “annual general meeting”, and will take place after the morning service in two weeks’ time. We hope that as many as possible will stay, grabbing a cup of tea or coffee and then returning (with it) to the church. We also hope to have cake... (offers to bring cake, to the stewards please). We shall endeavour to finish by about 1pm, and there will not be a lunch afterwards (because we’re having lunch the following Sunday).

At the General Church Meeting, as well as brief reports of what has happened in the church since the last meeting and what plans there might be for the future, we also appoint the Church Stewards, members of the Church Council, and representatives to the Circuit Meeting. If you are currently a Church Council member, it would be helpful if you could indicate to our Church Secretary, Gilbert Mensah, whether or not you wish to continue; similarly, if you would like to become a member of the Church Council (which meets four times per year), please let either Gilbert, Alison or one of the stewards know. In addition, we are always looking for more people to join the stewarding team... have a word with one of the current stewards if you’d like to know more, or would like to put your name forward.

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## **Sunday 22nd May – joint morning service with Histon**

Since many of the folk from Castle Street and Histon were meeting and chatting after services on Zoom during the periods when we were not physically meeting together, it was thought a good idea to have a joint in-person service before Alison leaves the circuit. This will take place in three weeks’ time, and will be held at Histon Methodist Church at the usual time of 10.45am.

The service will be led by Rev Alison Walker, and will be slightly shorter than usual because it will be followed by some workshops and a bring-and-share lunch. We are hoping that members of both congregations will contribute something to a “finger buffet” to be shared – things which can be served up without needing to be heated, and can be eaten without the use of cutlery (or perhaps with just a fork or, for dessert, a spoon). If anyone has any specific dietary needs, it is suggested they bring something suitable for themselves.

Parking outside the church is quite limited, and we ask that spaces in the church’s small car park are left for those who find difficulty walking. However, there is a free public car park very close by, just behind the church and accessed via a lane to the left of the church (when looking at the frontage). If anyone needs transport, please speak to one of the stewards.

### **“Jubilee Jig” – barn dance, Saturday 4th June**

Just organised in the last few days is a barn dance on the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee weekend. The caller will be Joyce Goodall, no stranger to us. It will start at 5.30pm, to allow families to attend, and go on for about two hours. There will be food: volunteers are needed to bring a meat or vegetarian chilli (we shall use the church’s own rice cooker) and desserts. Ticketing arrangements are still to be confirmed, but please spread the word.

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### **Colin’s farewell – Sunday 3rd July**

Revd Colin Smith (circuit superintendent minister) retires this summer after thirty-one years as a Methodist minister, and all are invited to a service to mark the occasion. It’s at Wesley Methodist Church at 5pm on Sunday 3rd July, and the preacher will be Revd Bruce Thompson, Chair of the Lincolnshire District. It will be followed by refreshments. Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP to centremanager *at wesleycam dot org dot uk* or *casmith1898 at aol dot com*.

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### **Alison’s farewell**

Our own minister, Revd Alison Walker, also leaves Cambridge this summer for pastures new, and her farewell is two weeks after Colin’s, on Sunday 17th July. There will be an open-air service in the garden at Haslingfield Methodist Church at 2pm, but it will be preceded by a barbeque from 12.30pm. (It would be helpful if you bring your own cutlery and plates, and bringing a folding chair for yourself would also be useful.) There will still be a 10.45am service at Castle Street that day, but probably shorter than usual and without refreshments afterwards. We hope you will all go along – if you need transport, please ask!

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### **District events on previous notice sheets** *(more details can be found there)*

- Ordinands Testimony Service: Friday 20th May, 7.30pm, at St Neots Methodist Church.
- Book Launch and Open Morning, Saturday 7th May, 10am until noon, at Walsingham Methodist Church, Norfolk.
- “Treasure or Tat?": Saturday 7th May, 3pm, at Acle Methodist Church. Booking required for the afternoon tea (e-mail: *ursula dot franklin19 at gmail dot com*).