



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 15th 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.

Sun 15th May 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Rev Alison Walker

Bible readings: Acts 11: 1-18 (page 123)

John 13: 31-35 (page 103)

12.00 General Church Meeting *(see overleaf)*

19.00 IONA SERVICE *(on Zoom – see overleaf)*

Wed 18th May 10.30-12.00 Community coffee morning

12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class

Sun 22nd May 10.45 UNITED MORNING WORSHIP

Rev Alison Walker

at Histon Methodist Church (see overleaf)

Wed 25th May 10.30-12.00 Community coffee morning

12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class

Sun 29th May 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev Alison Walker and Allison Burnette

It is likely there will not be a notice sheet produced on Sunday 22nd May.

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.

General Church Meeting – today!

This is our “annual general meeting”, and will take place after the morning service today. We hope that as many as possible will stay, quickly grabbing a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake, and then returning (with them) to the church. We plan to finish well before 1.30pm.

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. There are vacancies on the Church Council, and we also need people to join the stewarding team... if you'd like to know more about what is involved, please ask.

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### **Iona Service this evening**

The St Luke's Iona Services continue to take place monthly, on the third Sunday evening of the month at 7pm. At the moment, they are also still held on Zoom, and all are welcome to “attend”.

The Zoom link was forwarded in an e-mail to the Castle Street Google Groups list late on Saturday evening. If anyone would like that link but hasn't received it, then please e-mail Brian Carter (e-mail address at the end of this notice sheet).

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Castle Street Google Groups list and WhatsApp group

This is probably a good time to remind people that they can keep in touch electronically by subscribing to our Google Groups e-mail list (this replaced Castle Street Announce when Yahoo Groups closed down) or by joining the church WhatsApp group. Speak to Alison or a steward. They are closed groups.

Next Sunday – joint morning service with Histon

Next Sunday morning there will not be a service at Castle Street... because we're joining with Histon Methodist Church for a united service. It will take place at Histon, will start at 10.45am, and will be led by Revd Alison Walker.

The service will focus on the Methodist Church's "Walking with Micah" project. We shall be thinking about (in)justice and what responses we want to see the whole Methodist Church make in the next few years – ourselves included.

After the service there will be two workshop sessions, each thirty minutes long, and with lunch in between. There will be a choice of three workshops, and during the second session you may return to the first one if you wish. One of the workshop choices is "craftivism" (craft and activism) – an opportunity to get creative: doodle, design, craft, collage, knit, sew (we're only limited by the resources we can gather). If you are more of a words person, then there is a Bible study workshop as well as a discussion-based workshop.

There are two requests for resources for the craftivism workshop:

- Do you have any scraps of fabric, pieces of card (perhaps cereal packets), items that could be reused before being recycled, wool, suitable needles for knitting or sewing? If you like to knit, crochet or sew, can you bring things with you, and maybe teach someone? There is a suggested idea for the craft, or you could be guided by your own inspiration.
- If you take a newspaper, could you try to collect headlines or images about justice, peace, kindness, injustice, unkindness – all of these will be useful too.

Alison is looking for volunteers to take some notes during the discussions (forms provided) so we can send our feedback to the "Walking with Micah" team. Six note-takers would be ideal, as it would then be one workshop per person.

Lunch is "bring-and-share" – please bring savoury and sweet items, plated up and ready to serve: "finger food" not requiring the use of cutlery as we won't all be able to sit around tables. If you've got specific dietary needs, it's suggested you bring food just for yourself.

Parking outside the church is limited, and we ask if those who are able could use the free public car park just behind the church (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. We plan to finish at around 1.30pm.

More information about "Walking with Micah" can be found on the Methodist Church website (see <https://tinyurl.com/walking-with-micah>).

“Jubilee Jig” – barn dance, Saturday 4th June starting at 5.30pm

To mark the approaching end of the university term, our student group “Table Talk” proposed holding a barn dance. It will take place on the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee weekend, and the caller – as always – will be Joyce Goodall. We hope that the start time of 5.30pm will allow families to attend, and we plan to go on for about two hours. There will be food: volunteers are needed to bring a meat or vegetarian chilli and desserts. Tickets will be available soon (free of charge – but please book your place so we can anticipate how many are coming), although we shall ask for donations on the night with proceeds going to charity.

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### **Ordinands Testimony Service – Friday 20th May**

The East Anglia District Ordinands Testimony Service will take place at St Neots Methodist Church (10 Berkley Street, Eynesbury, St Neots, PE19 2NB) this coming Friday evening. 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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A reminder of farewells

- For Revd Colin Smith (our circuit superintendent): Sunday 3rd July at 5pm at Wesley Methodist Church. RSVP if you plan to go.
- For Revd Alison Walker (our own minister): Sunday 17th July at 12.30pm (barbeque) / 2pm (service) in the open air at Haslingfield Methodist Church.

Full details have already been publicised, and will be repeated nearer the time.

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### **Centenary Symposium and Open House at Wesley House**

On Friday 1st July, Wesley House is holding a symposium looking at how churches and other institutions wrestle with the legacy of slavery and colonialism. That event is at Wesley Methodist Church; it starts at 11.30am and concludes with a Prayer Service starting at 5pm. Then, the following afternoon (Saturday 2nd July) there will be an Open House at Wesley House, with tours and presentations from 2pm until 3.30pm, afternoon tea at 3.30pm, and then Centenary Celebration Worship at 5pm. For further information and registration, visit [wesleyhouseopenhouse.eventbrite.co.uk](http://wesleyhouseopenhouse.eventbrite.co.uk).

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

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