



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

*"Where all are welcome – all the time"*

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## Sunday 3rd June 2018

*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 served in the hall following most Sunday services – please do stay for a chat over a cuppa and a biscuit.*

**Sun 3rd Jun            10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Joyce Goodall**

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Prof. Judith Lieu**

*We pray... for the joy of church music*

Wed 6th Jun            10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 7th Jun    10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Fri 8th Jun    18.30 for 19.30 "Table Talk"

19.30 Storey's Way House Group (*see also overleaf*)

**Sun 10th Jun            10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Rev. Alison Walker** (*see also overleaf*)

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

*Please take a copy of Castle View for fuller details of what's on each month.*

## **Bible readings for today's services**

10.45am: Mark 2: 23 - 3:6 (*page 35*)                      2 Corinthians 4: 5-12 (*page 171*)

6.30pm: Jeremiah 5: 1-6, 14-19 (*page 644*)      Luke 7: 1-10 (*page 62*)



## **General Church Meeting – voting next Sunday**

The General Church Meeting on 29th April was very positive, and we had lots of people volunteering to do things. However, in all the excitement Alison forgot to call for an official vote to elect the new volunteers. We will therefore hold a single-item GCM immediately after the service next Sunday morning (10th June), to elect the new people to their roles. The GCM elects people to be Church Stewards, to the Church Council (automatically including the Church Stewards), and to the Circuit Meeting. Details of the people to be elected to those positions were given on the notice sheet two weeks ago (which is available to download from the church website), and also appear in the June *Castle View*.

The meeting also agreed that in July we would start holding a prayer meeting every Sunday morning in Aldersgate, and that one evening service per month would be given mainly to prayer. Elliot volunteered to assist with the morning prayer meeting; other people are also sought for the morning and evening prayer times.



## **Teddy Bears' Picnic, Sunday 24th June (weather permitting)**

Joy and Geoff are hosting a Teddy Bears' Picnic in their garden at 1 Storey's Way, from 12.30pm on Sunday 24th June. Please bring picnic food to share. Everyone welcome, regardless of age – teddies included. Bring any suitable garden games and fun ideas. Do join us and let's hope for sunshine.



## **Storey's Way House Group – Friday at 7.30pm**

A reminder that the new house group meeting in Joy and Geoff's home, 1 Storey's Way, continues this coming Friday. Details can be found in the June *Castle View*. This is an open group, but only suitable for adults, and will be thinking about "call" in relation to Exodus.

## **Church Council Meeting, 4th July 2018**

Our next Church Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th July at 7.30pm. The main items on the agenda are as follows:

- Reflection on issues raised at the General Church Meeting and also at the 22nd May ReImagine follow up meeting
- Budget for the next Methodist year
- Monitor and review Church financial accounts
- Review of “First Friends”
- Student involvement – review the year and make plans for Welcome Weeks 2018
- Small groups – review the groups and consider future possibilities. If you have attended a group, please offer your thoughts.
- Outreach and church publicity, including if we want any particular resources, to create an initiative, and reflect on the use of our window and noticeboards
- Pastoral Care and annual appointment of Pastoral Visitors
- GDPR regulation – guidance from Methodist Church: any next steps?

If anyone (Church Council member or not) has other matters they wish to be discussed, please contact Alison and / or Gilbert. If you would like to bring anything to the meeting that is not on the agenda, please either attend (people who are not members of the Church Council are welcome to attend, but will not be allowed to vote) or speak to a member of the Church Council. The deadline for reports is Sunday 10th June.



## **St. Giles' Benefactors' Day with viewing of architect's plans**

This event is taking place next Saturday afternoon and evening (9th June), and will celebrate the past, present and future of St. Giles' Church. It opens at 4pm with a chance to discuss the plans for the enhancement and updating of the interior, including the creation of a West Room, providing exhibition space, and improving the heating and lighting. At 6pm the Bishop of Ely will officiate at a Eucharist Service, sung by the choir of Peterhouse Chapel, and this is followed by dinner at St. Edmund's College. For more details and to book tickets (priced at £63.47), visit [www.stgilesbenefactors.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.stgilesbenefactors.eventbrite.co.uk).

## “Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Church, Monday 11th June

The last of this series for this academic year sees Revd. Dr. Julie Norris address the theme of “Welcoming Xenotransplantation as a therapeutic good: ethics and praxis from a Christian theological perspective”.

Julie studied at Wesley House from 1986 to 1989 where she undertook a Master’s degree. This included a dissertation on the ethical and theological issues of infertility treatments, which was supervised by Baroness Mary Warnock. She later undertook a PhD at Birmingham University, looking at the ethical and theological issues of the transplantation of living cells, tissues or organs from one species to another, termed Xenotransplantation. This thesis was supervised by the Methodist Minister and theologian Revd. Dr. Kenneth Wilson.

Julie is an Anglican Parish Priest. She has stepped aside from parish ministry to write a book on Xenotransplantation, at the point when clinical trials on human patients are beginning on the international scene. This is a treatment which has the potential to help many people with end-stage organ failure. However, it is also a treatment that raises ethical objections and anxieties. Julie will set out the current state of research; she will present a theological case for welcoming Xenotransplantation by offering a framework to address the ethical issues and fears. Julie will encourage the engagement of churches to take a part in shaping public attitudes and policy in this matter, as well as in supporting recipient patients.



### Forthcoming events listed in *Castle View*

- Sat 16th Jun, 10am-4pm at Chesterton Methodist Church: Family Day.
- Thu 21st Jun, 7-9pm at Michaelhouse: “We all share: exploring communion with the under fives”.
- Sat 30th Jun, 9am-4pm at Castle Street: Godly Play training day.
- Sat 7th Jul, 9.30am-4.30pm at North Walsham Methodist Church: ReImagine Norfolk (a repeat of the event last October in St. Ives).

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on next Sunday’s notice sheet, ideally by Friday evening.

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