



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Where all are welcome – all the time

Sunday 6th January 2019

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 after most Sunday services – do stay for a chat over a cuppa and a biscuit.

Sun 6th Jan

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev Dr John Barrett

Bible readings: Isaiah 6: 1-6 (page 583); Matthew 2: 1-16 (page 1)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Dr Derek Nicholls

Bible readings: Ephesians 3: 1-6 ; 7-13; 14-21 (page 183)

Prayer topic: for the hope of a new year

Wed 9th Jan

10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class

Thu 10th Jan

10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 13th Jan

10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP

Joyce Goodall

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Rev Alison Walker

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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 an information card about us. If you'd like us to get in touch with you, please fill in a contact card and either place it in the offertory plate or hand it to a steward.

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.

“Table Talk” this term

“Table Talk” is our study group aimed at young adults, and aims to meet every week during university term. Most meet for a simple cooked meal around a Table at 7pm (the cooking is shared), and this is followed at about 8pm with tea and coffee and the Talk part of the evening; we finish at about 9.30pm, and then those who can stay for a short time longer share the task of clearing up.

This term it is not possible to meet on Wednesdays, due to CCHP using the premises, and it proved impossible to find an evening which suited everyone who has been coming along. It was therefore decided to alternate between Tuesdays and Fridays – so keep an eye on the weekly notice sheet to confirm which night it is! This term's topic is “Exploring Spiritual Practices”, and we shall start on Tuesday 15th January. The dates and topics are as follows:

- Tue 15th Jan: welcome back and planning session
- Fri 25th Jan: “Hunger and thirst for God”
- Tue 29th Jan: “Exploring fasting”
- Fri 8th Feb: “Exploring using Scripture”
- Tue 12th Feb: “Exploring prayer (part 1)”
- Fri 22nd Feb: “Exploring prayer (part 2)”
- Tue 26th Feb: “Exploring bread and wine”
- Fri 8th Mar: “Exploring fellowship”

There will be a Doodle Poll set up to indicate who plans to have food each week. If you're interested in coming along and are not already a regular, please have a word with Alison.

“Science Meets Faith” – Wesley Church, Monday 14th January

This series continues next Monday when Dr David Williams, Associate Lecturer at the Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Cambridge will give a lecture entitled “Light to the World – Experiences of a Veterinary Ophthalmologist”. It starts at 7.45pm, with refreshments from 7.15pm.

David Williams qualified from Cambridge University in 1988, aiming to devote his professional life to veterinary ophthalmology. Having worked at the Animal Health Trust and Royal Veterinary College, where he gained a PhD researching in ocular immunology, David returned to Cambridge, and studied for his fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons with a dissertation on ocular abnormalities in farmed halibut as part of his continuing interest in exotic animal medicine. A doctorate in veterinary medicine at the University of Cambridge’s Department of Veterinary Medicine concentrated on age-related cataracts in dogs, cats and horses and what that can tell us about cataracts in human patients. He now teaches ophthalmology there and runs the ophthalmology clinic. From early in his career David has been passionate about improving animal welfare and encouraging veterinary ethics. He is a diplomate of the European College of Animal Welfare and Behaviour Medicine, has a Master’s in Education and is currently undertaking a Doctorate in that subject, focussing on the teaching of veterinary ethics and animal welfare.

“Open my eyes, Lord, so I can see wonderful things from your word,” says the psalmist. Vision is so important both in real life and as a metaphor for spiritual insight. And yet Paul tells us in his second letter to the Corinthians that we “walk by faith not by sight”. Nearly forty million people globally are blind and about four times that many have visual disturbance. And one might think that human ophthalmology is thus far more important than caring for animal eyesight. Yet animals are part of God’s wonderful creation and so care for them is significant too. Animal eyes have just about the same range of diseases as human eyes, from dry eye and corneal ulcers to cataract and retinal degeneration. So, while certainly there are lessons which veterinary ophthalmologists can learn from human doctors, there are also important features of treating dog and cat eyes that can impact on human ocular conditions. We have successful treatment for dry eye in dogs which is now used in people and our studies of cataract in dogs and horses can hopefully improve measures of slowing the progression of lens opacities in people as well as in animals.

Many of the “Science Meets Faith” talks have been recorded, and can be downloaded as podcasts from <http://bit.ly/2TsOnih> – so why not have a listen if you’d like to get a flavour of what they’re like?

Family Snowman Drive

Details are still being finalised, but a reminder about this all-age event which is planned for the evening of Saturday 26th January, and provisionally advertised in the December / January *Castle View*.

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## Travel Talk with Supper: “A South American Odessey”

St Luke’s Church is holding another series of travel talks with supper, and the first one is on Saturday 26th January at 7pm. Paul and Sylvia Custerson will take us on a tour of around part of South America and the Falkland Islands. The supper menu is not yet confirmed, and nor is the ticket price (last year’s cost £10). Tickets will be on sale shortly, and are expected to be available from Heather.

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“Ridge to Ridge: Island to Island” – talk at St Augustine’s on Friday

Hear first hand from Andrew Laurie, independent consultant on diversity conservation, about the exciting conservation work being undertaken in the Cook Islands of the Pacific Ocean, including the creation of the world’s largest marine park, and the challenges facing the project from development and climate change. It’s at St Augustine’s, Richmond Road, at 6pm this Friday (11th January).

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## New-look weekly notice sheet

Readers cannot have failed to notice that the weekly notice sheet has had a major revamp. For some time it has often been difficult to fit everything in, and it is hoped that the new format – where the text takes up slightly less space – will help to remedy this. However, I’d appreciate any comments about its readability, or even anything else you think should be included every week.

The first port of call for advertising events, whenever possible, should always be *Castle View*, the deadline for which is always half way though the month – and is stated in each issue. Events advertised in *Castle View* will also be advertised on the weekly notice sheet at the appropriate time, but often not in as much detail (depending on the space available), although sometimes in more detail! Priority will be given first to events at Castle Street (or involving Castle Street folk), then those in the other “Church at Castle” churches and elsewhere in the Methodist circuit and district, and finally those in other churches.

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

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