



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 20th 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 20th Jan

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev Stephen Burgess

*Bible readings: Isaiah 62: 1-5 (page 634); John 2: 1-11 (page 89);
1 Corinthians 12: 1-12 (page 164)*

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St Luke's

Prayer topic: for Christian unity

Tue 22nd Jan

19.30 Church Council

Wed 23rd 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 24th Jan

10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sat 26th Jan

17.30 for 18.00 Family Snowman Drive (see overleaf)

Sun 27th Jan

10.00-10.30 Simple Prayer Time (see overleaf)

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP – COVENANT SERVICE

Rev Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

John Boocock

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.

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.

Covenant Service – next Sunday morning

Next Sunday morning is our annual Covenant Service, the time when, as Methodists, we remake our promises. The service includes the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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### **Simple Prayer Time – next Sunday, before the morning service**

Following discussions at the Church Council in October, it was decided to offer a simple prayer gathering once a month, before the morning service for half an hour from 10am; the first one took place last month. In general, this will be the same Sunday as the morning Holy Communion service – and the next one will be next Sunday (27th January).

It will be a gentle space for praying for our church, members and community, and listening for God's guidance. The gathering will be in the hall, and you can quietly join or leave at any point – please don't feel you must arrive by 10am and cannot leave until 10.30am, especially if you have other preparations to make before morning worship begins. There will be printed guidance to help those unfamiliar with such prayer times, or unsure of the format. Alison will lead again, but volunteers are sought to lead in the future.

Please write in the Prayer Book at the back of the church anything you would like prayed for, during both the weekly "Time to Be" on Wednesday mornings and next Sunday. However, please only include personal identification and details if the person being prayed for has agreed – the Prayer Book is available for anyone to look at. God still hears our prayers even if we say "Alison's friend", or even just "a friend": the person's name isn't obligatory.

## **Church Council – Tuesday at 7.30pm**

A reminder that the next meeting of the Church Council takes place this Tuesday evening. Please speak to any member of the Church Council if there is something you'd like raised – they're *your* representatives.

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Family Snowman Drive – next Saturday evening (26th January)

Do you want to build a snowman? In this winter version of a “beetle drive” there will be fun for all the family. It's a social event, so there is no charge. In order that it's not too late for children, we want to start playing promptly at 6pm, so please arrive from 5.30pm. Speak to Denise if you'd like to know more.

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## **“Table Talk”**

There has been a slight change of plan for “Table Talk” this term, as it now appears very few people can make Friday evenings! Instead, we are now aiming to meet every Tuesday evening – subject to a sensible number of people signing the Doodle Poll to say they can attend (so keep an eye on the weekly notice sheet for updates) – but not this week, as it's Church Council. The next “Table Talk” will therefore be on Tuesday 29th January, meeting at 7pm for food, coffee at about 7.45pm, and then the discussion from 8pm. We aim to finish at 9pm.

This term we are looking at “Exploring spiritual practices”, and, having looked at the first session last week, the session on 29th January will be about “Exploring fasting” (as originally scheduled). If you want to know more or would like to join the group, have a word with Alison.

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“A Faith to Live By” at Haslingfield Methodist Church – tonight

The first in this series of special services for 2019 takes place this evening (20th January) at 6pm. The guest speaker will be Revd Dr Andrew Stobart, who will talk about “Learning together as a global Methodist Church.”

Andrew is Director of Research at Wesley House, a role which includes developing the college's engagement with Global Wesleyan Theology. He will explore why and how we engage with the global church in order to understand Christianity in Britain, and Methodism in particular. Global, rather than merely local, interests give us a faith to live by.

The evening will begin with a short time of worship, and the presentation will be followed by refreshments and a discussion. If anyone from Castle Street would like a lift to Haslingfield, please have a word with one of the stewards.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Ecumenical Service this afternoon

This special service, organised by the Cambridge City Centre Churches Forum, is taking place at Great St Mary's Church at 4pm today. It has the theme "Only Justice", and the speaker will be Bishop Dr Joe Aldred (see www.drjoealdred.info). Dr Aldred is responsible for Pentecostal and Multicultural Relations at Churches Together in England and is a Bishop in the Church of God of Prophecy; he is a regular contributor to *The Preacher*, and BBC Radio's *The Daily Service*, *Pause for Thought* and *Prayer for the Day*.

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### **Travel Talk with Supper: "A South American Odessey" – next Saturday evening**

St Luke's Church is holding another series of travel talks with supper, and the first one is next Saturday evening (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 main course will be beef casserole, and there will be a choice of an assortment of puddings. Soft drinks will be provided, but you can take your own alcoholic drinks if you wish. Tickets cost £10 (booking ahead is essential), and are available from Heather.

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"A Time to remember" – next Sunday afternoon at St Luke's

You are warmly invited to this service of thanksgiving for and remembrance of those we love but see no more. All who would like space and time to remember a loved one in a peaceful, spiritual environment are welcome to this informal service. Following the service, there will be refreshments and a chance to chat, if you wish. It's taking place next Sunday afternoon (27th January) at St Luke's Church, Victoria Road, and starts at 4pm. For further details, contact Revd Charles Mather (telephone number on printed notice sheet).

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### **Winter Fair at St Giles – next Saturday (26th January), 1.30pm to 4.30pm**

In aid of the Whitworth Trust (which raises money for vulnerable and homeless women in Cambridge) and the Cambridge Convoy Refugee Action Group (CamCRAG), this is being hosted at St Giles Church. There will be a cake and jam stall, a prize raffle, a tent-building workshop, a craft stall, fun things for the children, quality nearly new clothes, free soup for all, and other stall related to the two charities. It will be followed by the CamCRAG sponsored sleep-out.

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

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