



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

*Where all are welcome – all the time*

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## Sunday 31st March 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 usually served in the hall after Sunday services – do stay for a chat over a cuppa and a biscuit.*

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**Sun 31st Mar**  
**(Mothering Sunday)**

**10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Phyllis Salmon**

*Bible readings: 1 Samuel 1: 1a, 2-8, 20-28 (page 232)*  
*Colossians 3: 12-17 (page 191)*

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Meditation Service at Wesley Church**

*Prayer topic: for Mothering Sunday*

Wed 3rd Apr

10.00 “Time to Be” prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class

Thu 4th Apr

10.00-12.00 “First Friends” baby and toddler group

Fri 5th Apr

19.45 for 20.00 Lent course: “Caring for Creation” *(see overleaf)*

Sun 7th Apr

**10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Rev Dr Peter Graves**

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev Colin Smith**

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.

### **Rose Pettit, RIP**

A reminder that the funeral of Rose Pettit (who died on 17th March) will take place at 2pm on Friday 12th April at Maidstone Crematorium in Kent.

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### **Lent course: “Caring for Creation” – Friday, 7.45pm for 8pm**

This week’s session is the last in the series, and is about “Faith, Hope and Love”. We urgently need to be clear about our Christian response to the present crisis: it challenges what we believe. It is also about how we can live in hope, and meet the demands of Christian love.

This week’s “repeats” at Haslingfield Methodist Church (tonight at 6pm) and Toft Methodist Church (Wednesday morning at 10am for 10.15am) will be the fourth sessions, about “Coming Out of Denial” (see last week’s notice sheet or the March *Castle View*), with the last session being next Sunday evening (7th April) and Wednesday 10th April respectively.

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### **Travel Talk and Supper at St Luke’s – next Saturday evening (6th April) at 7pm**

A reminder about the third and last of this year’s Saturday evening travel talks at St Luke’s, “In the Footsteps of Livingstone: a Journey to Malawi”, with Paul and Angela Gibbs. Tickets cost £10 and can be obtained from Heather.

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### **East Anglia District *Grapevine* magazine**

This can be downloaded as a PDF or viewed as a “page turner” from the district website – <https://eangliamethodist.org.uk/events-news/grapevine-magazine>.

### **“I wonder...” – Thursday 11th April at Castle Street**

“I wonder...” is a place of imagination and creativity where children explore a famous Bible story in a style called “Godly Play”. It a place of openness and listening which encourages each child to find their own meaning and respond to stories through words, art and play, and a place of friendship and caring, open to those of all faiths or none.

Our Easter holiday storytelling session (during the first week of the school holidays, over a week before Easter) will be split into two groups for children aged 3-5 and 6-10. Two to three adults will be present in each session which will last for around sixty minutes. Parents and younger children are welcome to stay for play and refreshments. The session starts at 10.30am, with welcome and registration from 10.15am. A cost of £2 per session covers children’s art materials and refreshments.

To register, please visit [www.castlestreet.org.uk/I-wonder](http://www.castlestreet.org.uk/I-wonder) or telephone Alison.

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### **Wednesday exercise class**

Advance notice that, due to holidays, the Wednesday exercise class will not take place on 17th April (that’s Holy Week).

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### **“Fireside” at Wesley Church – Tuesday (2nd April) at 2.45pm**

This will be the AGM, which will be followed by an illustrated talk by David Taylor on the subject “Collecting Things”.

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### **Easter School for Preachers at Wesley House, Cambridge: “How can it be?”**

This inspirational short course is taking place during Holy Week and offers a unique opportunity for those who preach or lead worship to join leading academics and spend time reflecting, learning and developing their gifts. The course is held in a devotional atmosphere, giving participants the opportunity to deepen their own spiritual journey and experience the rhythm of community prayer at Wesley House. It’s taking place from lunchtime on Monday 15th until the afternoon of Wednesday 17th April.

For full details of the programme, more background information and to register, visit [www.wesley.cam.ac.uk/study/short-courses/easterschool/](http://www.wesley.cam.ac.uk/study/short-courses/easterschool/). There are a few bursaried non-residential places available for Local preachers and Worship Leaders, and the cost is £150 with the code “Bursary” (that’s pretty much half price).

### **“Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Church**

On Monday 8th April at 7.45pm (refreshments from 7.15pm), Prof Helen Atkinson CBE FREng, Pro Vice Chancellor at Cranfield University, will talk about “Driverless cars: their impact on society”.

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### **“Y-Pray?” – 3rd to 5th May at The Hayes Conference Centre, Derbyshire**

This conference for women who are interested in exploring prayer creatively, has been advertised previously. It runs from Friday evening to after lunch on Sunday, and the cost is £125 per person. For more information and to book, visit [www.wwdp.org.uk/y-pray-2019-3/](http://www.wwdp.org.uk/y-pray-2019-3/). Methodist Women in Britain is providing bursaries: visit [mwib.org.uk/index.php/prayer-and-worship/](http://mwib.org.uk/index.php/prayer-and-worship/) and follow the link.

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### **Job vacancy: Regional Learning and Development Officer (part-time)**

A part-time Regional Learning and Development Officer for the East of England Region is sought, working 17.5 hours per week on a fixed eighteen-month contract. It is a home-based position, working across Methodism in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. If you are keen and enthusiastic about helping to further the mission of our churches, circuits and districts, then this could be for you. As an experienced professional with a proven track record in learning and development, you will be part of a learning network within the Discipleship and Evangelism Cluster of The Methodist Church.

The successful candidate will join a regional team of four people and a 43-strong network of learning and development professionals across Britain – the Learning Network. For a lay employee, a salary of £26,600-£32,250 per annum pro rata is offered depending on skills and experience. For more details about the role, visit [www.methodist.org.uk/jobopportunities/](http://www.methodist.org.uk/jobopportunities/). The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 12th April, with interviews being held on 24th April.

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### **Job vacancy: Cambridge Street Pastors Local Director**

Cambridge Street Pastors are looking for a new Local Director to work two days a week, alongside their administrator. For further information and details of how to apply, please contact Dorothy Peyton Jones, Chair of Trustees (e-mail: [dorothy@peytonjones.org](mailto:dorothy@peytonjones.org)). Closing date for applications is Sunday 14th April with interviews in Cambridge on Friday 26th April.

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

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