



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Where all are welcome – all the time

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Sunday 7th April 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.

Sun 7th Apr

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev Dr Peter Graves

Bible readings: Philippians 3: 4b-14 (page 188)

John 12: 1-8 (page 101)

Psalms 22 (page 469)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Rev Colin Smith

Bible readings: Isaiah 43: 16-21 (page 616)

Luke 12: 1-8 (page 70)

Prayer topic: for all who serve our church

Wed 10th 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 11th Apr

10.15 for 10.30 “I Wonder” *(see overleaf)*

Sun 14th Apr

(Palm Sunday)

10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP

Joyce Goodall

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Rev Dr Stuart Mews

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 this Friday (12th April) at Vinter's Park Crematorium, Maidstone, Kent. Castle Street has sent a floral tribute. If anyone would like to make a donation in Rose's memory, the chosen charity is Cancer Research, because Rose was a volunteer for them for twenty-five years. Further details can be obtained from Sears Funeral Services (tel.: (01732) 883 178).

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### **Easter Offering envelopes**

Every year, the Methodist Church has a special appeal around Easter, with envelopes being distributed to congregations across the country. At Castle Street we are giving them out today, and ask that those who feel able to make a contribution return them over the next few weeks – just put them in the offertory plate. There will be a circuit service to dedicate the Easter Offering on the evening of Sunday 12th May, and it is being held at Castle Street.

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Easter Breakfast

The April *Castle View* lists a number of events taking place on Easter Sunday and Monday. As usual, we shall be holding an Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday morning, between the 8am open air service on Castle Mound (this year led by Revd Alison Walker) and our own morning service at 10.45am. The Easter Breakfast will be at 9am (although for those coming down from the Mound hot drinks will be available before that), and we would all like to sit down together, as a family, with a formal start at 9am prompt! If you're planning to come along, please sign the list on the notice board.

“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, which takes place this week, 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 or telephone Alison. Extra volunteers to meet and greet and to bake cake for the session would be most welcome – contact Alison or Kimberley if you can help. Please pray for this event, those who are running it, the children attending, and their parents.

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### **Wednesday exercise class – cancelled during Holy Week**

Advance notice that, due to holidays, the Wednesday exercise class will not take place on 17th April.

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Sponsored bike ride

Scot Painter, Joe and Joy Pegram’s grandson, is doing another sponsored bike ride around Grafham Water to raise money for the Castle School which he has been attending for over a year (it’s a small special school – see www.castleschool.info). This time Scott is aiming to cycle 20 miles, and will be doing it with his headteacher on Saturday 27th April. The money is needed for a soft play room.

If you’d like to sponsor Scott, you can do so via his Just Giving page (www.justgiving.com/fundraising/scottbikeforcastle), or speak to Joe or Joy as Scott also has paper sponsor forms.

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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>. There might also be the odd printed copy about.

