



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 21st 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 21st Apr (Easter Sunday)	05.00	DAWN SERVICE at St Peter’s
	08.00	OPEN-AIR SERVICE ON CASTLE MOUND
	09.00	Easter Breakfast
	10.00	Simple Prayer Time <i>(in Aldersgate)</i>
	10.45	ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION Rev Alison Walker
	<i>Bible reading:</i>	<i>Luke 24: 1-12 (page 86)</i>
	19.00	IONA SERVICE at St Luke’s
	<i>Prayer topic:</i>	<i>for the joy of Easter</i>
Wed 24th Apr	10.00	“Time to Be” prayer and fellowship
	10.30-12.00	Coffee morning
	12.00-13.00	Strength and balance exercise class
	19.00 for 20.00	“Table Talk”
Thu 25th Apr	10.00-12.00	“First Friends” baby and toddler group
Fri 26th Apr	19.30	Storey’s Way House Group <i>(see overleaf)</i>
Sat 27th Apr	14.30-16.30	Cambridge Treasure Hunt and Quiz <i>(see overleaf)</i>
Sun 28th Apr	10.45	UNITED CHURCH AT CASTLE MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION Rev Dr Andrew Stobart
	18.30	EVENING WORSHIP Tess Maddin

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.

Easter Offering envelopes – “Longer Tables, Lower Fences”

Every year, the Methodist Church has a special appeal around Easter, with envelopes being distributed to congregations across the country. At Castle Street we started giving them out two weeks ago, but if you didn't get one please pick one up. If you feel able to make a contribution to this year's appeal, please return the envelope by placing it in the offertory plate today or in the next couple of weeks. 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 Egg Hunt – Easter Monday afternoon at St Giles'**

All are welcome to this annual Church at Castle event, to be held at St Giles' Church. It's free to enter and includes an egg hunt in the garden, craft activities, cupcake decorating, and the chance to make an Easter bonnet for the Easter Parade – with prizes for the best ones! All children will receive an Easter activity booklet to take home. Refreshments will be available, for which there will be a modest charge. Please check the posters and fliers to confirm the start time – it's either 2pm or 2.30pm.

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Cambridge Quiz and Treasure Hunt – Saturday (27th April), 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Calling all detectives! Follow a treasure hunt around Historic Cambridge or stay at Castle Street and test your knowledge on some quiz sheets while enjoying tea and cakes (or do both!). The cost is £1 per quiz or treasure hunt sheet, with donations for refreshments. All proceeds will go to the Arthur Rank Hospice. Please speak to Denise if you can offer cakes or any help serving refreshments.

“Table Talk” – restarts this week

A reminder that Table Talk restarts on Wednesday 24th April. More details can be found in the April *Castle View*. If you plan to come along for the meal this week, please let Alison know.

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### **“A Faith To Live By” at Haslingfield Methodist Church – next Sunday evening**

The next in this series of special services takes place next Sunday (28th April), starting at 6pm. The speaker will be Bishop Alice Muthoni Mwila (who will be leading worship at Castle Street one Sunday morning in June), but more details are not known. However, note that on this occasion there *will* be an evening service at Castle Street.

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Quilts and Flower Festival at Histon Methodist Church

This is taking place over the bank holiday weekend of Friday 3rd to Monday 6th May. It's open from 10am until 4pm on the Friday, Saturday and Monday, and from 2pm to 5pm on the Sunday. Donations for Histon Methodist Church and Macmillan Cancer Support. There will be quilts for sale and refreshments available. More information from Mary Easy (e-mail: mary *dot* easy *at* bigease *dot* net).

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### **Storey's Way House Group**

We resume the Friday night house group at Storey's Way on Friday (26th April). We will be looking at Henri Nouwen's *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, a story of homecoming, focussing on Rembrandt's painting.

It may more aptly be called the story of the forgiving father and raises issues like loneliness and what it is that our deepest self searches for. We will explore and share together some of the most powerful images of God from our childhood and whether these images prove to be helpful or not. We will also look at why some of us find it hard to accept God's forgiveness. We may explore feelings of anger and resentment and what it is to feel unappreciated. How does a forgiving and accepting father relate to our understanding of God? In the final session we will think about celebration. Celebration belongs to God's kingdom. Are we willing to join the celebration? What does this mean?

We will meet at 7.30pm as usual, and fortnightly – so the other dates will be 10th and 24th May, and 7th and 21st June (though we may need to change one of the dates in May). If you have not been before but would like to join us, please contact Joy Levine because space is limited (tel.: 07851 758 842).

### **“Jewels of Czech and World Music” – concert next Saturday (27th April)**

There will be a free concert next Saturday evening in Trinity College chapel, given by a Czech youth orchestra from Prague. A Czech friend of Amanda Bailey is involved in the visit. Information leaflets, including details of the programme and the soloists, are available (they're lime green in colour). It starts at 7.30pm.

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Church at Castle day trip to Norwich, Saturday 18th May

The Friends of St Giles' Church is organising this day trip, leaving at 9am and returning at about 5.30pm. Activities will include a visit to St Julian's Church and the Cell of St Julian of Norwich (with optional prayers in the cell), and a visit to St John's Church in Timberhill (with option midday Eucharist), plus free time to explore central Norwich (including shops, restaurants and the cathedral). The cost is £30 (£25 for concessions). To book a place, contact Geoff Dumbreck (tel.: 338 249 or e-mail: *geoff dot dumbreck at gmail dot com*). Places are limited!

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### **Palestine / Israel talk, Thursday 9th May**

The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) are holding an event at Great St Mary's Church on Thursday 9th May, when a talk about the situation in Palestine / Israel will be given by Emma Pritchard, a recently-returned Ecumenical Accompanier. It starts at 5.30pm.

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Sponsored bike ride

Scott 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 next Saturday. The money is 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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### **General Church Meeting – Sunday 12th May**

This takes place after the morning service, and will be followed by a simple lunch of jacket potatoes and fillings. Please sign up if you plan to stay for lunch.

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

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