



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Where all are welcome – all the time

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Sunday 28th 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 28th Apr 10.45 UNITED CHURCH AT CASTLE MORNING WORSHIP
WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

Rev Dr Andrew Stobart

Bible readings: Acts 5: 27-32 John 20: 19-31

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Tess Maddin

Bible readings: 1 John 1: 1 – 2: 2 John 20: 19-31

Prayer topic: for our ministers and local preachers

Tue 30th Apr 19.30 Church Council

Wed 1st May 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 2nd May 10.00-12.00 “First Friends” baby and toddler group

**Sun 5th May 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Prof Judith Lieu**

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Dr Derek Nicholls

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 – “Longer Tables, Lower Fences”

This is a final appeal for the Easter Offering envelopes, which have been distributed over the last few weeks (they are still lying around if you didn't get one) – if you feel able to make a contribution to this annual appeal, please place your envelope in the offertory plate by next week at the latest. A circuit service of dedication for the Easter Offering is taking place at Castle Street at 6.30pm on Sunday 12th May (two weeks' time). It will be followed by refreshments, and if you're able to help with their provision (cakes and biscuits mostly) or serving, please add your name to the list on the notice board. There's more about this year's Easter Offering appeal in the May *Castle View*, available today.

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### **“Table Talk” – continues on Wednesday evenings**

A reminder that Table Talk has now restarted, with last week being a planning session. This week, we shall finish the series on “Exploring Spiritual Practices”, looking at Holy Communion. We shall then move on to a study based on the film *I, Daniel Blake*. A Doodle poll has been set up for people to indicate if they plan to come for food – speak to Sarah B if you'd like to be sent the link to the Doodle poll.

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“A Faith To Live By” at Haslingfield Methodist Church – tonight at 6pm

Tonight's speaker is Bishop Alice Muthoni Mwila, who serves as synod bishop in the Methodist Church in Kenya. She is currently studying for a PhD at Wesley House in Cambridge, and will speak about some of the challenges within her churches in Kenya. As usual, the evening will comprise a short time of worship, Bishop Alice's presentation, refreshments and discussion.

General Church Meeting – Sunday 12th April, after the morning service

The *May Castle View* also has an article about the General Church Meeting. Please read that article (and come along!): do you have any contributions you might like to make, or might you be able to get more involved in the life of our church, as a church council member or steward perhaps? Other topics to be discussed will include the place of Fairtrade in our church and how we can use the money we received following the sale of Castle End Mission. After the meeting we shall be serving a simple lunch of jacket potatoes – if you are planning to stay for lunch please sign up on the list on the notice board.

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### **Quilts and Flower Festival at Histon Methodist Church – next weekend**

This is taking place from Friday 3rd to Monday 6th May (next weekend). 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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CBM donation

Castle Street has donated £278.31 to the CBM (former Christian Blind Mission) "See Our Way" appeal for funds to support its work in preventing blindness and transforming lives where the need is greatest; currently the focus is in Rwanda. Because our donation has been made before 14th May, it will be doubled by the UK Government. Our donation was made up of £200 from the Wednesday coffee mornings, £66.31 from the Easter Breakfast and £12 of gift aid from the breakfast.

The headquarters of CBM (UK) is on Oakington Business Park. Kirsty Smith, formerly worshipping at Sturton Street and briefly at Castle Street, has been the Chief Executive since 2012.

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### **Service for Sri Lanka**

There is to be a special service and vigil for Sri Lanka this afternoon (Sunday 28th April) at Great St Mary's Church. All are invited to meet and pray in solidarity with the people of Sri Lanka following the Easter bombings. Members of the Cambridge University Sri Lankan Society, and representatives from a number of faith groups will be present. More details can be found on Facebook and on the GSM parish website. There will be a retiring collection for Sri Lanka; the service starts at 5pm and will finish by 5.45pm.

### **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 optional 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 (e-mail: *geoff dot dumbreck at gmail dot com*). Places are limited!

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Cambridge Chinese Christian Church opening service – next Sunday afternoon

The observant will have seen the sign outside the former Castle End Mission indicating that the Cambridge Chinese Christian Church (CCCC) is worshipping there. CCCC will be holding a special Twenty-Second Anniversary Thanksgiving and Church Building Dedication Service there next Sunday (5th May), and we have received an invitation to attend. It starts at 2pm, and will be followed (at 4.30pm) by a celebration meal. If anyone would like to go (it would be good to send an official representative from Castle Street), please speak to one of the stewards.

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### **East Anglia District Probationers' Testimony Service**

This is taking place at Bowthorpe Road Methodist Church in Norwich on Wednesday 15th May, starting at 7pm. The preacher will be Revd Cleopas Sibanda, and the probationers are Revd Cliff Shanganya and Revd Mary Sachikonye. The service will be followed by refreshments.

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Volunteer van assistants needed at Cambridge Re-Use

Physically fit and energetic people are wanted to fill voluntary van assistant positions. The job will involve helping the driver and other crew member deliver and collect furniture to and from customer's homes. Travel and lunch expenses are offered, and there's a warm, friendly atmosphere and a chance to help those struggling financially make their house into a home.

If you are interested in helping half a day or a whole day each week (Monday to Saturday), or would like to know more about what it involves, please get in touch (tel.: (01223) 414 554 or e-mail: *cara at cambridgereuse dot org dot uk*).

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

Tel.: (01954) 782 762

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