



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

*Where all are welcome – all the time*

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## Sunday 12th May 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 12th May**

**10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**

**Rev Alison Walker**

*Bible reading: John 10: 22-30 (page 99)*

12.00 General Church Meeting  
followed by lunch

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**

**Circuit Easter Offering Dedication service:  
“Longer Tables, Lower Fences”**

*Bible readings: Isaiah 58: 1-12 (page 630)*

*John 6: 1-13 (page 93)*

*Prayer topic: for the work of Christian Aid*

**Wed 15th 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 16th May**

10.00-12.00 “First Friends” baby and toddler group

**Sun 19th May**

**10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**

**Dr Derek Nicholls and Rev N Turaganivalo**

**19.00 IONA SERVICE at St Luke's**

The **Methodist** Church



We are a  
**FAIRTRADE**

## **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.

### **General Church Meeting – after the morning service today**

The General Church Meeting is our AGM, and all those who come along to Castle Street are invited (and encouraged) to attend. It's taking place after this morning's service, and will be held in the church – we shall serve tea and coffee there rather than in the hall. We also hope to take a new photo of the congregation. After the GCM there will be a simple lunch of filled jacket potatoes in the hall. If you didn't sign up for lunch but would like to stay, please have a quick word with Denise to see if there will be any spare potatoes.

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### **Circuit Service tonight (at Castle Street)**

This is the Easter Offering Dedication service, and will be based on the theme of this year's appeal ("Longer Tables, Lower Fences") – and there's more about that in the May *Castle View*. We hope you can come along.

It is planned to have a small singing group to sing a specially-requested (but simple) single-verse introit to start the service, but we need singers! The singers will meet briefly at 6pm to rehearse. If you'd like to know more (and to offer your support), please speak to Brian.

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### **"Table Talk" – Wednesday evenings**

This term, our study group for students and young adults is looking at the five-session course "Nothing more and nothing less", based on the film *I, Daniel Blake*. Last week we watched the whole film; this week we shall start the course itself. We meet at 7pm for a simple meal, and then the prayer, discussion and Bible study begins at around or just after 8pm. New members welcome!

### **Christian Aid Week united service – this afternoon at 3.30pm**

Today is the start of Christian Aid Week, and this united service is taking place at St Mary and St Andrew Church, Grantchester. Worship will be led by Revd Rachel Rosborough, and the speaker will be Sue Claydon from Christian Aid. The service will be followed by refreshments. Parking will be available in the field beside the church.

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

The next of these lectures takes place tomorrow (Monday 13th May) at 7.45pm (refreshments from 7.15pm), when Revd Dr Christopher Knight will talk about “An Eastern Orthodox Perspective”. For more details, see the *May Castle View*.

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

This is taking place at Bowthorpe Road Methodist Church in Norwich this 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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### **Extinction Rebellion talk – Wednesday (15th May)**

Histon and Impington Sustainability Group is hosting an event with representatives from Extinction Rebellion. They will talk about the movement to date and its plans for the future, and there will be time for questions – a two-way discussion and an exploration of opportunities going forward. It’s being held in St Andrew’s Centre, School Hill, Histon, and starts at 7.30pm (finishing at about 9pm). It’s a free event, and all are welcome.

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### **“Christians, Climate and Our Culture” – Wednesday (15th May) at 6pm**

This public lecture, organised by The Faraday Institute and Christians in Science, will be given by Prof Katherine Hayhoe of Texas Tech University. It’s in the Old Divinity School, St John’s College. Book on-line at [www.faraday.cam.ac.uk](http://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk).

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### **Come and hear Bishop Nathan Amooti at Royston Methodist Church**

Celebrating God’s transforming work in Rwanda over the twenty-five years since the genocide, this inspirational multimedia evening will take place next Monday (20th May) at 7.30pm. It is a story that warms the heart and challenges the soul. Bishop Nathan is a stirring speaker with a great sense of humour.

### **Addenbrooke's Hospital Chaplaincy**

The chaplaincy at Addenbrooke's Hospital is looking for new chaplaincy volunteers. A new ten-week training course is due to commence in September, and names are already being signed up. Is this a calling for you? It's a very rewarding witness. If you'd like to know more about it, please contact Greta or Mike Abbs (tel.: (01223) 607 415), or speak to any existing volunteer.

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### **Methodist Women in Britain day event – “Enfolded in Love”**

This district MWiB event, led by Sally-Anne Lomas, is taking place next Saturday (18th May) at the Belsey Bridge Conference Centre, Ditchingham, Norfolk. It starts at 10am (registration from 9.30am) and finishes at 4pm. For more details, contact Elizabeth Wright (tel.: (01953) 882 149).

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### **CCHP fund-raising event – Magdalene May Ball Charity Evening**

The Magdalene May Ball has chosen CCHP as its partner charity this year, and this event is taking place in the Debating Chamber at the Cambridge Union Society next Saturday evening (18th May). There will be music, a roaming magician, a comedian, and a performance by the Cambridge University Pole Society. It starts at 8.30pm and finishes at midnight. The dress code is smart casual. Tickets cost £7, and can be obtained by visiting <https://bit.ly/2HfkKkj>. Each entry ticket includes a raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes such as a pair of tickets to the Ball (£380), free white tie hire from Moss Bros (£135), or evening gloves from Cornelia James (£80). All of the proceeds from the evening will go to CCHP – it's your chance for a night out in support of CCHP.

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### **Church rotas**

Chris is now trying to compile the June, July and August rotas for various Sunday morning “duties”. To offer your help, you can contact Chris, sign up on the sheet, or fill in the Doodle Poll at <https://bit.ly/2HfjQnV>. There's also a sheet for the flower rota (see Denise). Thanks to all those who volunteer.

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### **Save the date – Sunday 16th June (lunchtime)**

There's going to be another Teddy Bears' Picnic at 1 Storey's Way (weather permitting). Everyone welcome.

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

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