



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Where all are welcome – all the time

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Sunday 23rd June 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 23rd Jun

10.00 Simple Prayer Time

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Rev Alison Walker

Bible readings: Ruth 1: 8-19a (page 229)

Philippians 2: 5-11 (page 187)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Rev Dr Peter Graves

Bible readings: Psalms 42 and 43 (page 481)

Philippians 4: 4 (page 188)

Luke 15: 11-32 (page 75)

Prayer topic: for refugees worldwide

Wed 26th Jun

10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class

Thu 27th Jun

10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 30th Jun

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev Colin Smith

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Geoff Ling

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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.

New Open Bible Discussion Group – coming soon, fortnightly on Thursdays

A new Open Bible Study Group will start on Thursday 4th July, meeting fortnightly at Castle Street from 6pm to 7.15pm in Aldersgate. It will include friends from various churches around Castle Hill. We'll begin with a study in the book of Acts, guided by published study materials. More information will be found in the forthcoming July *Castle View*, or contact Patricia McGuire (e-mail: patricia dot mcguire5 at virginmedia dot com) or Jo. Do join us!

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### **2019 George Edwards Memorial Event – next Saturday (29th June), 2pm to 4pm**

This is taking place in the old Workhouse Chapel at the Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse Museum near Dereham in Norfolk; details have appeared on the last two notice sheets. Chris Heath is planning to go, and has looked up how to get there by public transport. If anyone would like details, please speak to Chris. Admission to the museum is £2.50 after midday.

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Summer Socials

Once again, we're hoping to hold a number of social events over the summer – to get to know one another better as well as to raise money for church mission projects. We're looking at weekday evenings or any time at weekends.

If you'd like to host a garden party, barbeque, cream tea, quiz evening, or any other open-house event in July or August, please get in touch with Anna to book your date in the diary, or sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard. Planned so far are a barbeque at the manse on the evening of Friday 5th July, and tea and cake in the garden at the Rayson family home on the afternoon of Saturday 20th July. There is lots of space for other offers!

Rotas for July and August

Chris (Rayson) is still looking for volunteers for the rotas for the summer months, for the Welcome Team, for readers, and to organise and serve tea and coffee after the morning service – there are a large number of gaps. In addition, we still need people to do tea and coffee on the last two Sundays this month. If you can help, please speak to Chris or fill in the Doodle Poll he sent out.

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## **Jubilee Centre event on Thoughtful Eating – this Tuesday (25th June)**

This event will look at food, relationships and the environment from a Christian perspective. It's being held at St Paul's Church, Hills Road, starting at 7.30pm and finishing at 9pm. It will ask how can we engage relationally and spiritually with the food we eat? What impact do the choices we make as consumers and producers have on the environment? And should we radically change our diet to care for the planet?

Eating is never a solitary act; each meal connects us to a food chain, precious resources, human labour and a global ecology. Given the growing environmental impacts and social consequences of today's agricultural practices, urgent action is needed. The evening of discussion will explore biblical principles for food and propose a framework for thoughtful eating – so that we can learn to eat joyfully, relationally and sustainably. This event is based on new research from the Jubilee Centre. For more information, contact sage *at* jubilee-centre *dot* org.

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Theologising Brexit – lecture on Monday 8th July

Prof Anthony Reddie is giving the inaugural Wesley House public lecture, based on his new book, *Theologising Brexit: A Liberationist and Postcolonial Critique*. The lecture is being held at Wesley Methodist Church and will start at 7.45pm. Refreshments are available from 7.15pm. This is a free event, with a retiring collection in aid of Wesley House.

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## **Other events listed in the July Circuit Diary**

- Sat 6th Jul: Murder Mystery Evening in aid of Action for Children at Castle Street (more details, including start time, to follow).
- Fri 12th Jul, 17.00-19.30: Strawberry Fayre at Haslingfield Methodist Church.
- Sat 13th Jul, 14.30: organ concert given by Robin Walker at Royston Methodist Church, followed by tea. Tickets cost £10 (including light refreshments) from Sue Walter (e-mail: walter962 *at* btinternet *dot* com) or by visiting [www.ticketsource.co.uk/rmc1](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rmc1).

