



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Where all are welcome – all the time

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Sunday 8th September 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 8th Sep
(Harvest Festival)

10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP
Matthew Forsyth

Bible readings: Jeremiah 17: 7-8 (page 658)
John 15: 5 (page 105)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Traditional Harvest Celebration

Prayer topic: for Education Sunday and the Thanks of Harvest

Wed 11th Sep

10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class

Thu 12th Sep

10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

18.00 Open Bible Discussion Group

Sun 15th Sep

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Dr Derek Nicholls

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St Luke's

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.

Harvest Festival services today

This morning we welcome Matthew Forsyth from the Methodist international development and emergency relief organisation “All We Can” as preacher for our All-Age Harvest Festival. “All We Can” is our harvest charity this year, and the non-envelope part of the offering from both services today as well as any additional donations will be forwarded to this very worthwhile cause. Gift Aid envelopes are available if you are a UK taxpayer.

This evening is shown as “Local Arrangement” on the Plan and In *Castle View*, and this will be a continuation of our harvest celebrations, led by the worship leaders and stewards, using further resources from “All We Can”, and singing traditional harvest hymns. If you’ve got a favourite harvest hymn then please let Chris Rayson know – and if you’d like to say something about that hymn during the service, that’s even better!

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### Fortnightly Open Bible Discussion Group – Thursdays at Castle Street

This Church at Castle group started on 4th July, and an article about it appeared in the July / August issue of *Castle View* (there are still copies around). It meets fortnightly on Thursdays at Castle Street (in Aldersgate), starting at 6pm and finishing at around 7.15pm, but because it doesn’t meet every week it occasionally gets missed from the “diary” section of the weekly notice sheet, for which the compiler apologises! But it’s taking place this week (12th September), and will then meet on 26th September, and 10th and 24th October. The group started by looking at the book of Acts, using an interactive question booklet called *Mission Unstoppable*. For more information, get in touch with Patricia McGuire (e-mail: [patricia\\_dot mcguire5 at virginmedia dot com](mailto:patricia_dot_mcguire5_at_virginmedia_dot_com)).

## **Creating Safer Space Foundation Training – this Tuesday (10th September)**

A reminder that this is taking place at Chesterton Methodist Church, starting at 6.30pm (and finishing at about 9pm). If you need to attend one of these training courses, please book your place with Miriam in the Circuit Office (e-mail: office at wesleycam dot org dot uk or tel.: (01223) 352 115) so that printed materials can be prepared for you.

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Sleeping bags for refugees – appeal for help

Hundreds of sleeping bags have been salvaged from festivals, and CAMCRAG are needing to wash them all before transporting them to France for the refugees there. All that is needed are some willing people with washing machines!

If you think you could take on a batch, please get in touch with Rosemary (e-mail: rosemary dot Watson at talk21 dot com) or Lianne (e-mail: ljarrett at yahoo dot com) as soon as possible, and they will put you in touch with the person organising this for you to discuss further. Please also publicise this.

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## **So what's your faith story?**

When you do get an opportunity to say “Well, actually I’m a Christian”, and that leads to an open conversation, how do you feel? Nervous? Prepared? Worried about possible questions? Uncertain how to put your faith into words? The “Learning Network” is organising a training event at Haverhill Methodist Church on Saturday 9th November between 10.30am and 3pm.

The Methodist Church’s “Faith Stories” initiative has been developed to help us grow in confidence in sharing our story with others, so that they too may feel moved to explore their journey of faith further. This day will be led by the Evangelism and Growth team in conjunction with the Cliff College evangelists. It will offer the opportunity, through workshops, practical activities and practice, to learn more about telling our own story and how to share faith stories effectively. The day will also equip participants to resource and encourage people in their own circuits to use testimony more often and more effectively. Alison is about to book, and hopes we can organise a few car-loads and travel together. Please get in touch with her if you are interested.

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Induction of Revd Bill Miller at Cambourne Church – Saturday 28th September

All are welcome to attend this service, at 6.15pm for 7pm, but please let the administrator at Cambourne Church know before 14th September that you plan to go (e-mail: administrator at cambournechurch dot org dot uk). There’s more about this in the September *Castle View*.

Royston Fringe: “Our Planet” – events at Royston Methodist Church

- Sat 21st Sep at 7.30pm: Cambridge Clarinet Choir (tickets £10).
- Thu 26th Sep at 7.30pm: “The Life and Times of Simon Gogerly”, grammy award-winning music mixer and producer, senior lecturer in music technology at Anglia Ruskin University (tickets £5).
- Sat 28th Sep at 2.30pm: “Kaleidoscope of Life” with Judy Wynn, flower guild chairman of Ely Cathedral (tickets £5).
- Sun 29th Sep at 2.30pm: “Friendly Folk” with Jancis Harvey, Michael King and David Hayzen (tickets £5).
- Sat 28th Sep from 10am to 5pm and Sun 29th Sep from 11am to 5pm: Art Exhibition and Art Competition (more details on-line as below).

Tickets for all of the above can be obtained from Sue (e-mail: walter962 at btinternet dot com), or on-line at www.ticketsource.com.rmc1. See also www.royston-methodist.org.uk/Fringe.htm.

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## **Coming soon – “Breathing Space”**

This is an exciting new monthly meeting to help us deepen our prayer lives and come closer to God in quiet reflection and prayer.

For over ten years a small number of people has prayed regularly and individually for parish concerns and other shared topical matters. The group keeps such concerns strictly confidential and will continue in this prayer format. For the last year we have also had a monthly group meeting which prays together in the helpful exchange of shared fellowship; but members felt that we needed to look again at the time and day of the meeting and revisit its format.

The new group “Breathing Space” will meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 5.30pm, starting with light refreshments and aiming to finish around 6.30pm. It will rotate around the different churches. The first meeting is on Wednesday 2nd October at St Augustine’s; the next are on 6th November at St Giles’ and 4th December at St Luke’s.

More details, including the format of the meeting, will appear in the October *Castle View*, and, if space allows, on a notice sheet later this month, but if you’d like to know more, contact Margaret Cooper (e-mail: mc dot golly24 at talktalk dot net) or Mike Good (e-mail: mikegood at ntlworld dot com).

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

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