



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 17th November 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 17th Nov

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

John Baker

Bible readings: Isaiah 65: 17-25 (p. 637); Luke 21: 5-19 (p. 81)

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St Luke's

Prayer topic: for those who serve our nation

Wed 20th Nov

10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class

18.45 for 19.30 "Table Talk"

Thu 21st Nov

10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

18.00 Open Bible Study Group

Fri 22nd Nov

19.30 Storey's Way Housegroup *(see also overleaf)*

Sun 24th Nov

**11.00 UNITED MORNING WORSHIP WITH YEOLIM
WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

Preacher: Rev Alison Walker

12.30 Bring-and-share lunch

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Rev Dr Mike Wilson

The **Methodist** Church



We are a
FAIRTRADE
church

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.

Joint service with Yeolim – next Sunday morning

A reminder that next Sunday morning we shall be holding our third joint service with our Korean friends. We hope you will join us for this celebration of our unity in Christ, during which we shall also celebrate Holy Communion. The service will start at the slightly later time of 11am, and will be led by members from both churches, with Alison being the preacher. It will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch (but no coffee in between). Please be aware that there is likely to be a heavy demand on the car park – parking is also available across the road at Shire Hall, and we request that spaces are left in our own car park for those who are less mobile, those with young children, or people carrying things.

The joint choir will be singing two items during the service, and we shall all get together to rehearse today at about 12.30pm, and then again before the service next Sunday, at 10am.

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### **Storey's Way Housegroup – this Friday evening**

The next meeting of the Storey's Way Housegroup will be on Friday (22nd November), at 7.30pm. The group will share their rich and diverse wartime experiences and the part faith played. We all live with the legacy of war and wars continue. We will look at how faith and war interconnect today.

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CCHP Prayer Evening – this Friday evening at St Giles'

A prayer evening to pray for the winter ahead and all who will be homeless in this city and around the world has been arranged for Friday (22nd November) at St Giles' Church, from 7.30pm until 9pm. Please come and join us.

St Giles' Christmas Tree Festival 2019 – appeal for help with Castle Street's tree

This annual event takes place during the start of Advent, and more details will be made available nearer the time. However, Castle Street always decorates a tree, and this is an appeal from Denise for some specific help...

The theme this year is "Hope for the Future", and the plan is to cover our tree in Christian hope and encouragement. We would like people to write, preferably by hand (but printed is OK), on A6 paper (quarter A4 – paper of the correct size will be available) their favourite verse or couple of verses from the Bible about hope, encouragement or good news (include the Bible reference on it). The more we get the better, so don't feel limited to just one – but only one per piece of paper please. The hope is that everyone visiting the Christmas Tree Festival will be able to take away a message of hope from our tree. There will be a box at the back to church to collect them, along with some pre-cut pieces of paper. They are needed no later than Thursday 28th November.

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### **20cVoX band at Royston Methodist Church – Saturday 23rd November, 7.30pm**

Details of this event next Saturday, in aid of the Royston Methodist Church Refurbishment Project, have appeared on the last two notice sheets (available to download from the church website). Tickets cost £10, and can be obtained from Joan (e-mail: *r dot germany at btopenworld dot com*) or on-line at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/rmc1](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rmc1).

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"Who is my Neighbour? An Evening with the 'Vicar of Baghdad'"

Revd Canon Dr Andrew White will be speaking at St Philip's Church, Mill Road on the evening of Saturday 30th November. It starts at 6pm with a bring-and-share dinner, and the talk will conclude with a question-and-answer session. The event is being organised by Youth with a Mission (YWAM) Cambridge. More details appeared on last week's notice sheet.

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### **Volunteer note-takers needed for Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee**

This committee, of which Deacon Ian Murray is one of three co-chairs, is relocating to Bar Hill next year. It is looking for three volunteer note-takers to make a written account of the conversations at the Panel of Reference interviews. The volunteers would be needed between 10am and 2pm on 24th, 25th, 26th and, possibly, 27th March 2020, and then may be asked to serve again at similar sessions in November. Travel expenses would be paid, and refreshments and lunch provided. Brian Carter or the circuit office can provide more details, or contact Deacon Ian Murray.

### **Appeal for camp beds or inflatable mattresses**

We are planning to change the sleeping arrangements for the overnight volunteers for CCHP this winter, and are looking to borrow two camp beds or inflatable mattresses for use at Castle Street during this period (December to March inclusive). If you can help, please speak to Denise, Gordon or Alison.

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CCHP laundry – appeal for help

If anyone can help with washing pillow cases and sleeping bag inserts who is not already helping with other CCHP tasks, please contact Alison as soon as possible – she is working on the December rota.

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### **Church hustings for the General Election – Saturday 30th November**

The main candidates for the City of Cambridge constituency have asked that the churches come together to support a “faith and values” themed hustings, and the Jubilee Centre is collaborating with Great St Mary’s Church to organise the event. It will take place from 12 noon to 2pm. Chairing the event will be Roger Mosey, Master of Selwyn College and formerly Head of BBC Television News and Editor of *Today* on BBC Radio 4.

A Facebook event has been created, and people are encouraged to sign up through Eventbrite (see [tinyurl.com/cam-churches-hustings](http://tinyurl.com/cam-churches-hustings)) to manage numbers – both pages have more details, and list the other public hustings.

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Sunday morning rotas

Once again, our senior steward is making his quarterly appeal for volunteers for those vital jobs that need doing on Sunday mornings:

- welcoming people as they arrive at church;
- serving tea and coffee afterwards;
- reading one of the Bible passages during the service.

If you’re able to help out during December, January or February, please fill in the sign-up sheet, complete the Doodle poll (tinyurl.com/CSrotaDec19), e-mail Chris with your availability, or speak to him directly. The draft rota will be circulated before final publication, and swaps will be possible even after that. If you’ve not helped before, please ask if you’d like to shadow an “old hand”.

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

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