



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Where all are welcome – all the time

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Sundays 22nd & 29th December 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 22nd Dec **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**
Rev Colin Smith: traditional carol service

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP: "CAROLS FOR EVERYONE"
at St Luke's (see also overleaf)

Prayer topic: for the joy of Christmas

Tue 24th Dec **16.00 CRIB SERVICE at St Giles'**

23.30 MIDNIGHT COMMUNION at St Giles'

Christmas Eve services elsewhere in the circuit are listed overleaf

Wed 25th Dec **11.00 CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION**
Rev Alison Walker: "Show and share the joy"

Sun 29th Dec **10.30 UNITED CHURCH AT CASTLE MORNING WORSHIP**
WITH HOLY COMMUNION at St Luke's

Prayer topic: for light in the darkness

Sun 5th Jan **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**
Prof Morna Hooker-Stacey

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Rev Alison Walker

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.

Service this evening – Church at Castle “Carols for All”

This evening we hope that you will join us and all the other churches in the area for a united international carol service at St Luke’s. There will be Christmas carols, music and drama for everyone. It starts at 6.30pm, and will be followed by seasonal refreshments.

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### **Christmas Eve services**

Castle Street does not have any services of its own on Christmas Eve. However, in addition to the two services at St Giles’ listed on the front page, the following services will take place elsewhere in the circuit:

- 11pm at Royston Methodist Church, led by Revd Charity Nzegwu
- 11.15pm at Wesley Methodist Church, led by Revd Colin Smith and Deacon Ian Murray
- 11.30pm at All Saints Parish Church, Haslingfield
- 11.30pm at St Andrew’s Parish Church, Toft, led by Revd Patricia Troughton and Revd Alison Walker

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Christmas Day Celebration at Castle Street at 11am

We hope that those of you who are in Cambridge on Christmas Day will join us for family worship at 11am. Alison invites everyone to bring along a present (which they have already opened) so that we can show and share our joy.

As is our usual custom on Christmas Day, the offering taken during the service will be donated to charity; Winter Comfort has been chosen this year.

Preacher for the evening service on Sunday 12th January

This service is shown as “Local arrangement” on the circuit plan and in *Castle View*; we’re pleased that Margaret Cooper has agreed to lead worship for us.

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## **Wednesday daytime activities**

As the next two Wednesdays are Christmas Day and New Year’s Day respectively, our usual Wednesday daytime events will not be taking place. “Time to be” and the coffee morning will resume on 8th January, but the first exercise class of 2020 will not be until 15th January. Since there is no coffee morning at Castle Street on 1st January, why not go along to St Augustine’s instead...

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New Year Viennese Coffee – Wednesday 1st January at St Augustine’s

A welcome return to the New Year Coffee House, with drinks, cakes and live music reminiscent of Vienna in the early twentieth century. Relax after the holidays with good company and beguiling music played by Chihiro Ono (violin) accompanied by Philip Mead (piano). It starts at 10am, and runs until midday.

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## **January “Breathing Space”**

“Breathing Space is the new Church at Castle monthly Wednesday evening prayer meetings; the first of 2020 will take place on 8th January at St Augustine’s. It will start at 5.30pm, and last around an hour.

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Appeal for used postage stamps and their envelopes

Our friends at Haslingfield are collecting used postage stamps for the charity CamSight, and have asked if we can help as well. While many have probably saved used postage stamps for charity at various points over the years, the stamps and their franking together are worth more – so we are asked to collect complete envelopes. There is a box for them at the back of the church.

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## **“Fireside” at Wesley Methodist Church – Tuesday 7th January at 2.45pm**

The first meeting of 2020 of the Wesley “Fireside” will be with Paul Harris. In his illustrated talk “Walking the Camino de Santiago for UNCLE”, Paul will take us on a 483-mile long route called the Way of St James, starting at St Pied de Port. There will be a collection for the UNCLE charity, which provides support and funding to two orphanages in Nepal.

### **“Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Methodist Church, Monday 13th January**

Dr Suchitra Sebastian, Reader at the Cavendish Laboratory, University of Cambridge, will talk about “Being an Academic: In whose image?”. Light refreshments will be served from 7.15pm, with the talk starting at 7.45pm. There will be a retiring collection. More details about Wesley’s “Science Meets Faith” series can be found at [www.wesleycam.org.uk/sciencemeetsfaith.htm](http://www.wesleycam.org.uk/sciencemeetsfaith.htm).

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“Time to remember” – special Church at Castle service, Sunday 19th January

Everyone is welcome to this gentle, contemplative service at St Luke’s, and especially those who have been recently bereaved. It starts at 4pm, and will be followed by refreshments.

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### **“A Faith to Live By” at Haslingfield – Sunday 19th January at 6pm**

The next “Faith to Live By” service will be with Jane Dominey (a member here at Castle Street). The subject has yet to be advertised.

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Circuit Service – Sunday 26th January at Wesley Methodist Church at 6.30pm

At the circuit service to renew our ecumenical commitment, the guest preacher will be Revd Nigel Uden, Assembly Moderator of the United Reformed Church.

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### **“Higher Cams 2020” – launch on Saturday 25th January, 7.30pm to 9.30pm**

The “Higher Tour” is a mission to young people, with Christian bands going into thirty-five schools across Cambridgeshire in October to spread the Gospel. The launch event at City Church, Cambridge, will be a key evening of prayer, worship and encouragement. SoulBox will be there, the Fellinghams will be leading worship, and Tom Butler (*The Message*) will be speaking about what God is doing in young people across the nation, and what that means for us in Cambridgeshire. It’s open to anyone who wants to see God move among young people (leaders are invited to bring their youth groups to the launch), and is a great opportunity to get a taste of the mission, hear one of the bands, and to be invited to be part of the story... Tickets cost £4 for adults and £3 for young people – for more details, visit [www.highercams.com/higher-2020-launch](http://www.highercams.com/higher-2020-launch).

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Items for the next Sunday notice sheet (on 5th January) should be sent to **Brian Carter** by the evening of Friday 3rd January.

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