



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

*Where all are welcome – all the time*

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## Sunday 5th January 2020

*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.*

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Sun 5th Jan

**10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**

**Prof Morna Hooker-Stacey**

*Bible readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6 (page 632)*

*Matthew 2: 1-12 (page 1)*

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

**Rev Alison Walker: Epiphany Carol Service**

*Prayer topic: for the hope of a New Year*

Wed 8th Jan

10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

17.30 "Breathing Space" prayer meeting  
*at St Augustine's*

Thu 9th Jan

10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 12th Jan

**10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**

**Kimberley Rayson**

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**

**Margaret Cooper**

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.

### Christine Pooley RIP

We are sorry to announce that Christine Pooley died on 21st December after a long battle with cancer. She was known and loved throughout the Cambridge Circuit, and had been both a Local Preacher and Local Preachers' tutor as well as holding various other church and circuit roles.

Her funeral service will be at Histon Methodist Church on Tuesday 14th January at 2.30pm. It will be followed by refreshments in the church hall. (The service at Histon will be preceded by a committal at Cambridge Crematorium at 1.30pm for family and close friends only.) If you require further details about the funeral, please contact Rosemary Watson (e-mail: [j\\_dot\\_watson12 at icloud dot com](mailto:j_dot_watson12_at_icloud_dot_com)) or Michael Simmonds (e-mail: [ms2ambrose at outlook dot com](mailto:ms2ambrose_at_outlook_dot_com)).

We remember Christine's family and friends in our prayers.

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### Wednesday exercise class

A reminder that there is no exercise class this week; it restarts on Wednesday 15th January.

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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.

### **Saturday evening Travel Talk and Supper at St Luke's – 25th January**

It's that time of the year again when our friends at St Luke's hold a series of monthly Saturday evening illustrated travel talks with supper – an excellent way to forget the cold East Anglian winter nights, at least for a couple of hours!

The first of the three is being held on Saturday 25th January, when Tom and Gill Ambrose will share their experiences of Sri Lanka, which they visited last year. They had an extensive tour throughout the country with a wonderful guide, who provided an excellent introduction to the cultures and history of this beautiful island off the southern coast of India, along with its geography and wildlife. Tickets cost £12, which includes a hot two-course meal and soft drinks (you may take your own alcoholic drinks if you wish), and can be obtained from Margaret Cooper at St Luke's or Brian Carter at Castle Street (Brian will note your name and give you a ticket, and you should then pay on the night). It starts at 7pm.

The remaining two for this year will be held on Saturdays 29th February and 4th April; the former will be about Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands (given by Paul and Sylvia Custerson), while the latter will be a Trinidad and Tobago safari (presented by Bill Block).

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### **Open Bible Discussion Group**

This fortnightly Church at Castle group, which met until recently on our premises, is now meeting (for a trial period) at the home of one of its participants. This month it will meet on Thursdays 9th and 23rd January, starting at 6pm, and after that it might change to being twice monthly rather than every two weeks. If you'd like to go along, please contact Patricia McGuire (e-mail: patricia *dot* mcguire5 *at* virginmedia *dot* com) to find out the venue.

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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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### **"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.

### **“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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### **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 Cambs 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.highercambs.com/higher-2020-launch](http://www.highercambs.com/higher-2020-launch).

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### **Minister on annual leave**

Alison will be on annual leave from Monday 6th to Tuesday 14th January. Please do allow her to have a well-deserved break! If anyone needs to speak to a minister during this period, please contact Revd Colin Smith (e-mail: [minister@wesleycam.org.uk](mailto:minister@wesleycam.org.uk)).

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

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