



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 9th February 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.

Sun 9th Feb 10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP
Rev Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP CANCELLED

Prayer topic: for justice

Wed 12th Feb 10.00 “Time to Be” prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class

Thu 13th Feb 10.00-12.00 “First Friends” baby and toddler group

Sun 16th Feb 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
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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.

The evening service tonight is cancelled...

...due to the atrocious weather forecast.

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### “God in Love Unites Us”: Marriage and Relationships Report – feedback wanted

The February *Castle View* has a short article about the Marriage and Relationships report which was presented to the Methodist Conference in July last year and was the subject of the study evening last Wednesday. Feedback on the report is sought by the District Synod, and will be collated at church level. Printed copies of the feedback form are available from the stewards, and should be returned to Chris Rayson by Wednesday 19th February or as soon after as possible. The form is also available electronically: please ask Chris (e-mail: cjr43 at cantab dot net) if you'd like a copy, and then return it to him (by 19th February) or, if preferred, directly to the Assistant Synod Secretary, Marilyn Watsham (e-mail: m dot watsham at btinternet dot com) by 28th February.

We may still have some printed copies of the report available (ask a steward), but the report and other related resources are also available online – visit <https://tinyurl.com/GodInLoveUnitesUs>. There is also a study booklet, produced by the Cumbria District, handed out to those at Wednesday's study evening.

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Next Saturday evening Travel Talk at St Luke's

The next Travel Talk at St Luke's will take place on Saturday 29th February, when Paul and Sylvia Custerson will take us on a tour of Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. Tickets will be available soon, from Brian Carter (at Castle Street) or Margaret Cooper (at St Luke's).

Sleep-out in aid of Homelessness Charities at St Giles' Church – next weekend

Over the last couple of years the Cambridge Convoy Refugee Action Group (CamCRAG) has hosted an annual sleep-out to raise awareness and funds for refugees and homeless people both here in Cambridge and in Calais. The Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project has received significant donations from these events, and CamCRAG has been a wonderful supporter of CCHP.

This year's is the third of these sleep-outs, and it's taking place next Saturday night (15th February). Volunteers are needed to be sponsored to sleep rough for the night, either inside the church, outside in a tent, or outside under a tarpaulin. An evening meal and breakfast will be provided. Money raised will support the work of CamCRAG in northern France and CCHP in Cambridge. For more details about the event or how to make a financial contribution, or to sign up to take part, visit the Eventbrite page at <https://qrgo.page.link/AhQob>.

On Saturday afternoon, from 1pm until 5pm, the St Giles' Winter Fair will take place. There will be stalls, soup, a raffle and cakes, plus a choral concert from the choir "ReSound".

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## **"Making Sense of Sabbath Rest" at St John's, Waterbeach**

Two more evenings as part of the "Making Sense" series in the Church Room at St John's, Waterbeach, presented by Paul and Sue Butler, on Sundays 16th February and 1st March, starting at 7pm.

Sabbath Rest was fundamental to Jewish life and identity and we have much to learn from this culture of rest. The key text will be Jesus' invitation in Matthew 11: 28-30: "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." A number of Old Testament texts will also be considered, to provide the context for Jesus' words. There will be generous opportunities for questions and conversations – plus the usual refreshments!

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"Science Meets Faith" at Wesley Methodist Church, Monday (10th February)

Prof Andrew Steane from the Physics Department at Oxford University will talk about "Seeking to know: a humane philosophy of science and religion". Light refreshments served from 7.15pm, with the lecture starting at 7.45pm. There will be a retiring collection. See www.wesleycam.org.uk/sciencemeetsfaith.htm for more details about the "Science Meets Faith" programme.

“Mum2Mum” event at Arbury Road Baptist Church, Monday (10th February)

Do you serve mums in your community? Are young mums your ministry? Do you have a heart to help young mums aged 16-30 years? Come and share what you do now, let us pray together for our neighbours, and learn how we could help meet the need.

“Mum2Mum” is a new ecumenical befriending initiative which aims to support vulnerable young mothers, and if you’re a mum (or grandma, foster mum or step mum) this might be of interest to you. Tomorrow evening at Arbury Road Baptist Church is a “listening event” aimed at finding out about existing services and ministries, and giving an opportunity for people who could be interested to find out more about the project. It starts at 7.30pm, and will finish at 9.30pm. Kimberley has a bit more information about the project if anyone would like to learn more, or e-mail [mum2mum at arburyroadbaptist dot org](mailto:mum2mum@arburyroadbaptist.org), or visit the project’s Facebook page ([mum2mumcambridge](https://www.facebook.com/mum2mumcambridge)).

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### **Christian Climate Action – Climate Justice, Lent 2020**

Come and spend time with other Christians learning more about the climate and thinking about how we can use Lent as a focus for making sacrifices for the sake of the Global South. This event is on Wednesday evening (12th February) at St Edward King and Martyr Church in Cambridge, and starts at 7.45pm.

Christian Climate Action is a community of Christians supporting each other to take meaningful action in the face of imminent and catastrophic climate breakdown caused by humans. Inspired by Jesus Christ, and social justice movements in the past, they carry out acts of non-violent direct action to urge those in power to make the change needed.

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Coming soon...

Lent starts in just a few weeks’ time, and the February *Castle View* gives details of a five-session study course based on the story of *Les Misérables*. It will take place fortnightly on Wednesday evenings, starting on 4th March and continuing after Easter. There are also details of a circuit Lent house group on Thursday mornings at 35 Millington Road, starting on 27th February, while there will also be a Tuesday morning study based on *The Greatest Showman*, at Haslingfield during March (more details to follow – or ask Alison).