



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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## Sunday 23rd 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.*

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**Sun 23rd Feb                      10.45    MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev Alison Walker**

*Bible readings: Leviticus 19: 1-18 (page 101)*  
*Exodus 34: 29-35 (page 78)*  
*Luke 19: 1-10 (page 78)*

**18.30    UNITED EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Rev Colin Smith**

*Prayer topic: for our Lenten journey ahead*

Wed 26th 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 27th Feb                      10.00-12.00    “First Friends” baby and toddler group

**Sun 1st Mar                      10.45    MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Dr Derek Nicholls**

**18.30    EVENING 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.

### **Ash Wednesday services**

Lent begins this week, and Church at Castle has two services on Ash Wednesday (26th February). First, at the weekly 9.30am Eucharist service at St Luke's will include the imposition of ashes, while in the evening at 6pm there will be a similar service at St Peter's. Note that St Peter's church does not have any heating or lighting, and the service will be candlelit.

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### **Circuit Lent Study Group – starts this Thursday**

As has been the custom in recent years, a circuit daytime Lent Study Group will be taking place at 35 Millington Road, Cambridge. It's on Thursday mornings starting at 10.45am (with coffee from 10.15am), and will finish at around midday. Full details can be found in the February *Castle View* or the back of the March to May *Preaching Plan*, but the first one of the seven is this week (Thursday 27th February) – Revd Colin Smith will look at Psalms 1-3.

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### **Travel Talk with Supper at St Luke's – next Saturday (29th February)**

Next Saturday evening at St Luke's, Paul and Sylvia Custerson will show us the "Wonders of Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands". Their illustrated talk will combine two visits they made to this fascinating country, in 2005 and 2018. Tickets cost £12 (pay on the night), including a hot two-course meal and soft drinks (you may take your own alcoholic drinks), and are available from Brian Carter (at Castle Street) or Margaret Cooper (at St Luke's). It starts at 7pm.

The third and final Travel Talk for this year will be on Saturday 4th April, when Bill Block will present a Trinidad and Tobago Safari.

### **“Table Talk” this term – study on *Les Misérables***

After a delayed start, “Table Talk” has restarted for this term – but apologies for the lack of advertising for the first session (last week), when the Marriage and Relationships Report was discussed. Table Talk meets on Wednesday evenings, although this term must meet fortnightly to avoid clashing with CCHP.

The next Table Talk will therefore be on Wednesday 4th March, but this will be the last of the term; it will restart after Easter, meeting weekly from 29th April. We shall be following a study course based on the story of *Les Misérables*, which is outlined in the February *Castle View* – but note that the dates listed there have changed! The five-session study course itself will begin on 29th April, but on 4th March we shall all get together to watch the film (musical) on which it is based. Each week of the study course stands alone, so you don’t need to commit to coming along every week.

Table Talk is open to anyone, not just the younger people of the church. For those who wish, we meet for a simple cooked meal at 6.45pm (usually pasta-based, followed by dessert or cake), with coffee served and the study beginning at around 7.30pm. However, in order to avoid finishing too late, on 4th March we shall all meet at 6.45pm to start watching the film (while we eat).

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### **“Making Sense of Sabbath Rest” (part 2) at St John’s, Waterbeach**

The second of 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, will take place next Sunday evening (1st March), starting at 7pm, and with refreshments afterwards. See the last two notice sheets for more information.

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### **Concert for Peace and Reconciliation – Friday 6th March at St Giles’, at 1pm**

This lunchtime concert is to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the foundation of The Little Sisters of Joy (see last week’s notice sheet and [www.littlesistersofjoy.com](http://www.littlesistersofjoy.com)). In this concert, one of its co-founders, Gila Margolin, will sing with her guitar. The programme will include a variety of Jewish music, songs of the 1960s, and *World of Peace and Love* by local musician Cate Williams.

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### **“Breathing Space”**

The next of these monthly Church at Castle prayer meetings will be at 5.30pm on Wednesday 4th March, at St Luke’s Church. It will last an hour, and all are welcome to take part.

### **World Day of Prayer – Friday 6th March**

A service to mark this day will take at St George's Church, Chesterfield Road, at 2.15pm. This year's theme is "Rise! Take your mat and walk", and the resources have been prepared by the Church in Zimbabwe. For more information about the World Day of Prayer, visit [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk). There are also services listed at several other churches, including Little St Mary's, Impington Parish (both 10.30am), All Saints Parish, Milton (6.30pm), Orwell Methodist, Mill Road Baptist (7pm), and Haslingfield Methodist (time not specified).

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### **Lent study group at Haslingfield Methodist Church**

There is to be a Tuesday morning study based on *The Greatest Showman* at Haslingfield during March (more details to follow – or ask Alison).

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### **"Fireside" at Wesley Methodist Church – Tuesday 3rd March at 2.45pm**

Lottie Taylor will ask the question "Is Climate change affecting Ethiopia?" Lottie visited Ethiopia in October 2019 with Christian Aid and will be sharing her thoughts following that visit. Tea and coffee served afterwards.

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### **"Science Meets Faith" at Wesley Methodist Church – Monday 9th March**

"Climate Change: What it means and what we can do about it" with Prof Joanna Haigh, Physics Department, Imperial College London University. Light refreshments from 7.15pm; talk will start at 7.45pm. Retiring collection.

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### **Buckden Handbell Ringers at Royston Methodist Church – Thursday 12th March**

This concert is in aid of Royston's church refurbishment project. A band of ten people – twenty hands and over fifty handbells – perform a repertoire of classical music, ragtime and popular music from shows and films. Tickets cost £5 and are available from Sue (e-mail: [walter962 at btinternet dot com](mailto:walter962@btinternet.com)) or on-line (visit [ticketsource.co.uk/rmc1](http://ticketsource.co.uk/rmc1)). It starts at 7.30pm.

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### **"A Faith to Live By" at Haslingfield Methodist Church – Sunday 15th March, 6pm**

Revd Julie Norris will address the subject of "Can we serve the common good by transplanting pig organs into human patients?" Worship, address, refreshments, and time for questions.

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

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