



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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## Sunday 3rd April 2022

*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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<b>Sun 3rd Apr</b>	<b>10.45</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b> <b>Elsie Salmon</b> <i>Bible readings: Isaiah 43: 16-23 (page 616)</i> <i>Philippians 3: 4b-14 (page 188)</i> <i>John 12: 1-8 (page 101)</i>
<b>Sun 10th Apr</b>	<b>10.45</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b> <b>Rev Clifford Meharry</b>
<b>Thu 14th Apr</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE</b> <i>at St Augustine's, Richmond Road</i>
<b>Fri 15th Apr</b>	<b>10.45</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b> <i>Seven Last Words led by Rev Alison Walker</i> <i>(also see overleaf)</i>
<b>Sun 17th Apr</b>	<b>05.00</b>	<b>EASTER DAY DAWN SERVICE</b> <i>in St Peter's garden</i>
	<b>08.00</b>	<b>OPEN-AIR EASTER MORNING SERVICE</b> <i>Church at Castle event on Castle Mound</i>
	<b>10.45</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b>
	<b>18.30</b>	<b>EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b> <b>Rev Alison Walker</b>

## 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.

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.

### Weekly notice sheet

Now that we are once again worshipping on a weekly basis, it is hoped to produce a printed notice sheet every Sunday and also make it available electronically via the church website (select “Weekly Notice Sheets” from the drop-down menu “News and Events” – the direct link has been removed). You will, however, notice that the only events currently listed on the front page are services, as most of our regular mid-week activities have not yet restarted.

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### Good Friday morning – 15th April at 10.45am

Our Good Friday morning service, led by Revd Alison Walker, will be based on the *Septem Verba*. The short readings of the seven last words of Jesus on the cross will be interspersed with a short prayer, extended silences, a piece of music, a shorter pause, and sometimes a brief reflection or a hymn.

Each “word” is accompanied by a movement (lasting two to three minutes) from the 2011 piece *Septem Verba* by the contemporary composer Frederick Frahm; the music to be used was recorded by David Felberg and Robin Walker. The music is accompanied by the poem *The Seven Last Words* by Mark Strand.

Seven readers are needed for this service. If you can help, please contact Chris Rayson.

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### Morning service on Sunday 24th April

As has been our usual custom for many years, on the Sunday after Easter we shall join with the other “Church at Castle” churches for a united morning service. This will be at St Augustine’s, Richmond Road, and will start at their usual time of 9.30am. The service is expected to include Holy Communion.

### Church at Castle united evening services

Our “second Sunday” united evening services restarted in November, at 6.30pm (and followed by tea, coffee and biscuits). Please note, however, that there will not be an evening service on 10th April (next Sunday); it is replaced by our Easter Sunday evening communion service the following week. As a result, St Luke’s 7pm on-line Iona service (to which all are invited) will be moved from its usual third Sunday evening slot to Sunday 24th April.

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### Other Holy Week services

In addition to those services listed on the front page, the following services are taking place elsewhere in Church at Castle or in the Methodist Circuit:

#### Maundy Thursday 14th April – Holy Communion

- 6.30pm at Haslingfield Methodist Church (Revd Alison Walker)
- 7.30pm at Royston Methodist Church (Revd Charity Nzegwu)
- 7.30pm at Wesley Methodist Church

#### Good Friday 15th April

- 9am at Royston Methodist Church (Revd Charity Nzegwu)
- 12pm at St Augustine’s: Music, Readings and Silence (with the St Augustine’s Singers)
- 2pm at St Giles’: Good Friday Liturgy
- 4pm at Orwell Methodist Church
- 7.30pm at Wesley Methodist Church: Good Friday Music and Art

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### General Church Meeting

This will take place after the morning service on Sunday 15th May.

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### Farewells and Welcomes – dates for your diary

- Sun 3rd Jul at 5pm at Wesley: Service of appreciation of 31 years in ministry for Revd Colin Smith (on his retirement)
- Sun 17th Jul at 2pm at Haslingfield: Farewell service for Revd Alison Walker
- Sun 4th Sep at 6pm at Wesley: Welcome service for Revd Rose Westwood (new Superintendent) and Revd Jenny Pathmarajah (our new minister).

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

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