



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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Easter Sunday 17th 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.

Sun 17th Apr	05.00	EASTER DAY DAWN SERVICE <i>in St Peter's garden</i>
	08.00	OPEN-AIR EASTER MORNING SERVICE <i>Church at Castle event on Castle Mound</i>
	10.45	EASTER SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP Prof Judith Lieu <i>Bible readings: 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 (page 167) John 20: 1-18 (page 110) Isaiah 65: 17-25 (page 637)</i>
	18.30	EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION Rev Alison Walker <i>Bible readings: Isaiah 25: 6-9 (page 598) Luke 24: 13-49 (page 86)</i>
Sun 24th Apr	<u>09.30</u>	UNITED CHURCH AT CASTLE MORNING WORSHIP <i>at St Augustine's, Richmond Road</i>
	19.00	IONA SERVICE <i>on Zoom (see overleaf)</i>
Wed 27th Apr	10.30-12.00	Community coffee morning
	12.00-13.00	Strength and balance exercise class <i>(see overleaf)</i>
Sun 1st May	10.45	MORNING WORSHIP Judy Wynn

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.

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.

Next Sunday – 24th April

As has been our usual custom for many years on the Sunday after Easter, next Sunday morning we shall join with the rest of “Church at Castle” 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.

This month’s Iona Service (normally held on the third Sunday of the month) will take place next Sunday evening, starting at 7pm and only on Zoom. Please contact Sheila Rozeik in the Parish Office (e-mail: office@churchatcastle.org) if you’d like the Zoom details.

It is likely that there will not be a Castle Street notice sheet next Sunday.

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### **Wednesday activities are back!** *(well, will soon be back)*

After being suspended back in March 2020 when we went into the first lockdown, Castle Street’s daytime activities on Wednesdays are to restart on 27th April (note: not this week).

At midday for one hour, the weekly Strength and Balance Exercise Class for the over 55’s will take place. The cost is £3 per person per session, which includes the fee for the qualified tutor. There’s no need to book ahead: just turn up on the day; you’ll be most welcome.

Preceding the exercise class, from 10.30am, will be the Community Coffee Morning. Do drop in for some refreshments and chat. All the proceeds will be given to deserving charities.

Please do come along and support these weekly events. If you’d like to know more, please ask Mike Sharpe.

### **Music for a Bank Holiday Monday – Robin Walker and Hazel Brooks**

On bank holiday Monday 2nd May, Robin Walker (harpsichord and organ) and Hazel Brooks (period and modern violins) will perform an hour of beautiful relaxing and entertaining music at All Saints' Church in Haslingfield.

The programme will include baroque music from Italy and Germany, and contrasting twenty-first century music from the USA and the jazzy fun of Margaretha de Jong, while Hazel will introduce the period instruments she is playing and Robin the harpsichord. You will also have the chance to see the instruments after the concert. The concert is suitable for the whole family, a great opportunity for young and old alike.

It starts at 3pm, and will be followed by refreshments. Entry is free, but there will be a retiring collection.

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Ordinands Testimony Service

The East Anglia District Ordinands Testimony Service will take place at St Neots Methodist Church (10 Berkley Street, Eynesbury, St Neots, PE19 2NB) on the evening of Friday 20th May. The preacher will be Revd Dr Jo Cox-Darling, and there will be a testimony from Revd Sue Baker-Maher. The service starts at 7.30pm, and there will be refreshments from 6.30pm.

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### **“Treasure or Tat?” at Acle Methodist Church, Saturday 7th May at 3pm**

... or “What to do with all that stuff in the vestry”. An event organised by the Methodist Historical Society, Alison Butler (Liaison Officer for Historic Objects) will talk about how we decide what to keep and what to throw out when, for example, churches close. This will be fascinating, as well as extremely useful to many people, and is open to anyone to attend. It will be followed by afternoon tea – please book your tea place in advance (tel.: (01603) 423 535 or e-mail: ursula.franklin19@gmail.com).

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Book Launch and Open Morning at Walsingham Methodist Church

This is also taking place on Saturday 7th May, but in the morning, from 10am until noon. The venue is the oldest chapel building in East Anglia which is still in use, dating from 1794. At 10.30am Norma Virgoe (District Archivist) will talk about her new book, *A Little Light* – a history of Walsingham Methodism. The book will be on sale for £5 at both events this day.

Two future events at Christ Church related to fostering and adoption

- Monday 25th April, 7.30pm to 9.30pm: An informal evening with Concrete Rose, an initiative seeking to provide lodgings for 16-21 year olds. For more information, visit <https://concreterose.co.uk/event/open-evening-2/>.
- Monday 9th May, 7.30pm to 9.15pm: A play and conversation around the theme of adoption, with the Riding Lights Theatre Company and Home for Good. See <https://ridinglights.org/my-place/>.

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## **General Church Meeting**

This will take place after the morning service on Sunday 15th May. More details will be given nearer the time; we would like to hold a lunch.

This is an important meeting in the life of our church, looking at what we have been doing and looking ahead. It appoints members to the Church Council, Church Stewards, and representatives to the Circuit Meeting. Are you called to serve on the Church Council – the Managing Trustees of Castle Street Methodist Church? Are you called to be a Church Steward? Are you called to serve in any other roles in the church? If you'd like to know more about what these entail, please speak to either Alison or any of the stewards.

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Farewells and Welcomes – dates for your diary (more details nearer the time)

- 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, preceded by a barbeque.
- Sun 4th Sep at 6pm at Wesley: Welcome service for Revd Rose Westwood (new Superintendent) and Revd Jenny Pathmarajah (our new minister), preceded by a tea.

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## **Volunteers wanted**

We're all very grateful to Chris Rayson for putting together various rotas, but he's always looking for more volunteers – especially people to organise coffee on Sunday mornings, readers during the service, and people to welcome the congregation as they arrive. Please speak to Chris if you can help.