



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

*Where all are welcome – all the time*

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## Sunday 8th May 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 8th May</b>	<b>10.45</b>	<b>ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP</b> <b>Deacon Ian Murray</b>
	<b>18.30</b>	<b>UNITED EVENING WORSHIP</b> <b>Maureen Kendall</b>
		<i>Bible reading: Luke 24: 13-35 (page 86)</i>
Tue 10th May	19.30	Finance and Property Committee
Wed 11th May	10.30-12.00	Community coffee morning
	12.00-13.00	Strength and balance exercise class
<b>Sun 15th May</b>	<b>10.45</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b> <b>Rev Alison Walker</b>
	12.00	General Church Meeting <i>(see overleaf)</i>
Wed 18th May	10.30-12.00	Community coffee morning
	12.00-13.00	Strength and balance exercise class
<b>Sun 22nd May</b>	<b>10.45</b>	<b>UNITED MORNING WORSHIP</b> <b>Rev Alison Walker</b> <i>at Histon Methodist Church (see overleaf)</i>

## **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.

### **General Church Meeting – next Sunday**

This is our “annual general meeting”, and will take place after the morning service next Sunday. We hope that as many as possible will stay, quickly grabbing a cup of tea or coffee and then returning (with it) to the church. We also hope to have cake (offers to the stewards please). We plan to finish well before 1.30pm.

At the General Church Meeting, as well as brief reports of what has happened in the church since the last meeting and what plans there might be for the future, we also appoint the Church Stewards, members of the Church Council, and representatives to the Circuit Meeting. There are vacancies on the Church Council, and we also need people to join the stewarding team... if you'd like to know more about what is involved, please ask Alison or one of the stewards.

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### **Wednesday activities are back!**

After being suspended back in March 2020 when we went into the first lockdown, Castle Street's daytime activities on Wednesdays have restarted.

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 speak to Mike Sharpe.

## **Sunday 22nd May – joint morning service with Histon**

This is taking place in two weeks' time, at Histon Methodist Church, starting at the usual time of 10.45am. The service itself will be slightly shorter than usual, because it will be followed by two discussions on the topic "Walking with Micah" with a bring-and-share lunch between them. This will be your opportunity to take part in a local conversation about social justice, and the feedback will help to influence what the Methodist Church does and says to tackle injustice.

We hope that members of both congregations will contribute something to a "finger buffet" to be shared. Both savoury and sweet items are required. The lunch needs to be kept as simple as possible because it will not be possible for everyone to sit around tables, and ideally food which is plated up and ready to serve, and can be eaten without the use of a knife and fork. However, forks and spoons will be available if needed. If anyone has any specific dietary needs, it is suggested they bring their own food.

Parking outside the church is limited, and we ask that spaces in the church's small car park are left for those with walking difficulties. However, there is a free public car park very close by, just behind the church and accessed via a lane to the left of the church (when looking at the frontage). If anyone needs transport, please speak to one of the stewards. We plan to finish at around 1.30pm.

More information about "Walking with Micah" can be found on the Methodist Church website (see <https://tinyurl.com/walking-with-micah>).

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## **Eco-church Film Night – Friday 13th May at St Luke's, Victoria Road**

All are welcome at this viewing of a short film on caring for creation. It's a free event, with snacks and drinks, a guest speaker, and a question and answer session. It starts at 6pm.

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## **"Jubilee Jig" – barn dance, Saturday 4th June starting at 5.30pm**

To mark the approaching end of the university term, our student group "Table Talk" proposed holding a barn dance. It will take place on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend, and the caller – as always – will be Joyce Goodall. We hope that the start time of 5.30pm will allow families to attend, and we plan to go on for about two hours. There will be food: volunteers are needed to bring a meat or vegetarian chilli and desserts. Tickets will be available soon (free of charge – but please book your place so we can anticipate how many are coming), although we shall ask for donations on the night with proceeds going to charity.

### **Methodist Women in Britain District Spring Day – Thursday 12th May**

This is taking place at St Ives Methodist Church (PE27 5BY) on Thursday, from 10.15am until 4pm. All are welcome to attend and meet with our MWiB friends across the East Anglia District. The speaker will be Mrs Sandra Goodwin (a past MWiB Connexional President), speaking on “Titfers, tatties, and watery facts of life”. Coffee and tea will be served from 10.15am, and there will be a closing tea at 3.30pm. The event is free, but do bring a packed lunch. There will be a book stall and a bring and buy stall.

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### **Ordinands Testimony Service – Friday 20th May**

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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### **Colin’s farewell – Sunday 3rd July**

Revd Colin Smith (circuit superintendent minister) retires this summer after thirty-one years as a Methodist minister, and all are invited to a service to mark the occasion. It’s at Wesley Methodist Church at 5pm on Sunday 3rd July, and the preacher will be Revd Bruce Thompson, Chair of the Lincolnshire District. It will be followed by refreshments. Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP to centremanager *at wesleycam dot org dot uk* or *casmith1898 at aol dot com*.

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### **Alison’s farewell – Sunday 17th July**

Our own minister, Revd Alison Walker, also leaves Cambridge this summer for pastures new, and her farewell is two weeks after Colin’s, on Sunday 17th July. There will be an open-air service in the garden at Haslingfield Methodist Church at 2pm, and preceded by a barbeque from 12.30pm. (It would be helpful if you bring your own cutlery and plates, and bringing a folding chair for yourself would also be useful.) There will still be a 10.45am service at Castle Street that day, but probably shorter than usual and without refreshments afterwards. We hope you will all go along – if you need transport, please ask!