

The Real Easter Egg This year 3 different Real Easter Eggs are for sale. See poster. (They won 'Gift of the Year' 2013 & in reviews beat Hotel Chocolat, Green & Blacks & Ferrero Rocher). They are totally Fairtrade, include the Easter message & donate to Traidcraft. All milk chocolate £3.99 for younger children, 125g with chunky buttons 25g & 24 page Easter Story book £9.99 for older teenagers & adults 180g with chocolate orange bar 100g & a Holy Land olive wood holding cross. (In Tesco Heswall) £19.99 sharing box for Churches 20 midi eggs 5cm high with Christ is Risen written on the foil, 400g, 20 copies of the Easter story in 8 page leaflet form. More information at realeasteregg.co.uk Orders to Margaret Heibel before 24th February for free delivery. Also available at Wesley Church Chester & from Traidcraft.

Lent 2014 NDCT List of Lent Lunches in the hall; list of Lenten House Groups in the hall.

Sunday 16th March 6.30pm admission £5. **Riding Lights Passion Play** for Lent at Hoylake Chapel, Station Road, Hoylake. Poster in hall.

Poster in hall for **Ash Wednesday** Service 7.30 p.m. 5th March at Trinity Ellesmere Port with Rev Ruth Gee President of the Methodist Conference. Chance to preview Methodist Collection of Modern Art from 6.00 p.m.

Christian Aid Sponsored Walk Saturday 15th March 9.00 a.m. at U.R.C. Parkgate Rd. Details and sponsor forms from Margaret Heibel, if you can't walk please sponsor someone who can. Thank you.

Monday 10th March 2.15 p.m. at Neston Parish Church. Funeral Service for Frank Ashton. Son of Mark Ashton who works for Charles Stephens.

Prayer Concerns: Violet Sammons (now housebound); Nancy Caruthers; Audrey Harford especially after the loss of her husband; Sister Gwen Appleton; Heather Higson, family & friends of the late Harold Smith. **Prayer Tree** – in the Porch at Neston Methodist Church: Take a leaf or fruit and write your prayer on the back, and hang it on the tree! We encourage everyone who comes in to pray, whether to worship, or to use the facilities provided to the wider community. We are focussing on increasing our membership/attendance at Neston Methodist as we pray earnestly for guidance, and to strengthen our desire to spread the love of Jesus so that we can continue to worship here.

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Neston Methodist Church & Community Centre Notices for 2nd March 2014



Today

10.45 a.m. Mr Donald Perkins.

Tuesday 4th March 10 a.m. Prayer meeting at Little Neston.

Wednesday 5th March 11.15 - noon. Prayer Meeting in the Church.

Friday 7th March 9.30 am – 12.30 pm: The Welcome Cafe - in the hall for light refreshments, all welcome.

10.30 am – 11.00 am: Shopper Service - in the Church, all welcome.

Women's World Day of Prayer. All are welcome - Male & Female

2.00pm Christ Church, Willaston

7.30pm St Mary & St Helen, Neston

Sunday 9th March

10.45 a.m. Miss Eileen Perkins.

4.00 p.m. Poster in hall for Big Sing led by Alison Adam of the Iona Community. Trinity Methodist Church, Ellesmere Port.

Fairtrade Fortnight is 24th Feb -9th March, Theme 'Abolish the Unfair Banana' Bananas are the 4th most important food after rice, wheat & maize! The UK spends £550 million on bananas. 1 apple, homegrown, costs an average 20p, 1 banana 11p because banana farmers are low paid to keep the price down. 1 in 3 bananas sold are Fairtrade. Please support by buying Fairtrade products & signing the banana petition. All 11 Churches in Neston & District are now Fairtrade & are offering Fair trade tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits after services & at all meetings for which the church has responsibility. They promote Fairtrade Fortnight during the year & display literature advertising the fact that Fairtrade products are served & put this information on their Church website.

There is a Wirral, Liverpool & St Helen's Fairtrade event at Liverpool Town Hall Saturday 8th March 12-3pm open to all with Mayors & schools represented.

The setting up of **Foodbank in Neston** is now well underway and should be up and running by mid-March. 'If you would like to be one of the Neston Foodbank volunteers please call West Cheshire Foodbank on 0151 355 7730 or make contact via the website <http://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/> .

As ever we join with Foodbank in praying that there is no need for the crisis help the service offers however NDCT are open to embracing the Foodbank model in our area.

