

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 Christian Aid UK Gold film is being shown at St Mary's Centre, St Mary's Hill on Thursday 27th February 7.30pm.

Poster in hall **Talking to Young People about Sex & Relationships**. Saturday 1st March 10 a.m. - noon at Jubilee Church, Wallasey.
Lent 2014 NDCT List of Lent Lunches in the hall; list of Lenten House Groups in the hall.

Welcome Cafe says thanks to Dot Brady and team for the lovely Valentine Theme table and window arrangements in the Hall which were very much appreciated by everyone using the Hall.

Thursday 27th February – Wirral Circuit Meeting at Irby. Members are requested to gather by 7:15 pm and to use the first 15 minutes in quiet guided prayer for each other as a circuit meeting. If you are unable to arrive by that time, please enter the building respectful of the prayer time.

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 16th February 2014



Today

10.45 a.m. Mrs Beryl Goodall.

The **evening Service** @ Little Neston has been cancelled.

Tuesday 18th February 10 a.m. Prayer meeting at Little Neston.

Wednesday 19th February 11.30 - noon. Prayer Meeting in the Church.

Thursday 20th February 7.30 p.m. **Bible+ meetings** at Little Neston for a 4 week run up till Lent. Title: Four Keys that unlock the Bible. Everyone very welcome. Led by Marcus.

7.30 p.m. "**Milestones in Jewish-Catholic relations** since Vatican II": Speaker: Sister Theresa Brittain at St Winefride's Church Hall. This is a follow up to the excellent talk on Holocaust Memorial Day given by David Arnold, Co-chair of the Council of Christians and Jews in Manchester last month.

The **Superintendents Question Time** scheduled for this date has had to be cancelled as Rev Ann Rigby Jones has had an accident and broken her wrists.

Friday 21st February 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.

Sunday 23rd February

10.45 a.m. Reverend Marcus Torchon. Holy Communion.

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.

