

Neston Methodist **Carol Service** will be held Sunday 22nd December, led by our Minister, Rev Marcus Torchon.

Fundraising for Northern Lights at the Drop In Sales Table on Friday 6th and 13th December – we are collecting books and saleable items to raise money for Northern Lights. Also home baked goods, jams, etc. can be donated on the day. Many Thanks. Please see Trish.

The Bible -a new tv series starts on 30th Nov channel 5, 9pm

Friday 13th December 7.30 p.m. N.E. Singers Carol Concert at St Winefride's. All welcome.

Poster in hall for **Charity Cake Bake** Event on Friday 29th November 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 220-224 Liscard Rd Wallasey. Voluntary Community Action.

Poster in hall for **Christian Aid Bag Pack** on Friday 20th December at Sainsbury's Neston. Helpers needed please see Margaret Heibel.

Church Action on Poverty have asked Christians to pray about **Food Poverty & Malnutrition in Britain** Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, has spoken out saying static salaries & rising food prices have left 9 million people living below the breadline while the chief executives of the UK's 100 biggest companies earn on average £4.3 million (160 times the average national wage) Last year in Leeds 27,000 people were diagnosed as suffering from malnutrition! Food prices are rising 3 times faster than wages & the minimum wage was raised by just 12p last month!

If you are concerned about this please use the following short Prayer of Commitment during Advent: -

Together this Advent we commit ourselves:

To slowing down and taking time to pray;

To becoming more aware of the pressures people face;

To considering what action we may be called to take;

To working to free those imprisoned by poverty and debt

To acting justly and living simply.

Give us grace to live as we pray,

Amen

Prayer Concerns: Nancy Carruthers; Audrey Harford; Sister Gwen Appleton; Heather Higson, Harold Smith is now in Clatterbridge, Ward M2. and making a good recovery.

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Neston Methodist Church & Community Centre Notices for 1st December



Today Toy Service

10.45 a.m. Mr Stephen Cooper. Followed by lunch. Donated toys will go to the Charles Thompson Mission.

10.00 a.m. **Retirement Service** for Reverend Ray and Jenny Dent at Christchurch Willaston.

Tuesday 3rd December 10.00 a.m. Prayer Meeting at Little Neston.

Friday 6th December 10.30 am – 11 am: Ecumenical Shopper Service – Held in the Church. Holy Communion second Friday of the month. Friday morning Drop-in from 9.30 a.m.

Drop In will be closed Friday 20th and 27th Dec 2013, and 3rd Jan 2014. From Friday 10th January 2014, we will re-open as “The Welcome Cafe” – our new name to reflect more closely our Church's ‘all welcome’ approach to encourage newcomers of all ages and abilities.

Sunday 8th December

10.45 a.m. Deacon Judith Ireland.

Poster in hall for **Fairtrade Christmas** Wednesday 11th December from 7 p.m. at Alexander's-Rufus Court, Chester.

We are asked to pray for the following for Syria:

1. That the UN will hear the voice of the church and move to protect Christians in Syria. 2. For Christians in and around Sadad who are grieving or who have fled their homes. 3. For peace and for those traumatised by the war, that they may know the peace only God can give.

Contributions to the **Christmas Newsletter** requested please over the next few days. Poems, reports from organisations, items of interest, articles, quizzes all very welcome. Peter Wright 336 1942.

Neston Christian Fellowship **Men's Breakfast**. Saturday 14th December at 8.30 a.m. Cooked Breakfast and listen to the music of Peter Jackson, blind pianist who shares his story of faith.

Neston Methodist Church along with Neston Parish Church filled 179 boxes for the **Shoebox Appeal**, the amount of money raised was £734.80. Thanks to all concerned.

