

**Fairtrade Fortnight** 23rd Feb-8th March 2015. The theme is celebrating 20 years of the Fairtrade Mark & spreading producers stories on how Fairtrade makes a difference. The UK leads the world on Fairtrade with more products available & more awareness but only 78% of people recognise the logo & only 50% buy Fairtrade due to a lack of understanding of it's benefits. Please support by buying & trying more Fairtrade items. Many will be on special offer! Cheshire West is a Fairtrade Borough & Chester is a Fairtrade city. Neston is considering becoming a Fairtrade Town. All West Cheshire libraries are holding Fairtrade displays during Fairtrade Fortnight so please go along & view them.

### **Real Easter Egg**

Of the 80 million chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year in the UK the Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade Egg to explain the Christian understanding of Easter. Voted the UK's favourite Fairtrade Easter Egg, over a million sold in 4 years & £140,000 donated to charity. Please consider buying. This year there are 3 choices:  
The Original £3.99 150g quality milk chocolate for children with 24 page Easter story book, 3 foot Happy Easter banner & chocolate buttons  
Peace Edition £9.99 280g quality milk chocolate with olive wood peace dove key ring from Holy Land, guide to Easter story & orange milk chocolate bar  
Dark £5.50 180g premium dark chocolate, guide to Easter story & 3 dark chocolate mini squares  
Order from Jean Hutcheon or Margaret Heibel by Sunday 22nd February for free delivery (see poster for more information)

### **Neston Fairtrade Events**

**Thursday 26th February** Neston Parish Church Drop In 10am-12 noon stall & display.

**Friday 27th February** Sainsbury Fairtrade table information & tasting all day.

Sainsburys using Fairtrade schools tool kit Fairtrade Trail, quiz & goody bag

**Tuesday 3rd March** Ness & Little Neston WI 7.30-9.30 stall & display & raffle.

**Friday 6th March** Neston Methodist Church Welcome Cafe 9.30-12.30 stall & display & tasting.

Poster in hall: **Remarkable Lives** at St Luke's Methodist, Hoylake. Sunday 1st March.

Poster in hall asking for volunteers for the **Methodist Conference 2015** which our District is hosting in Southport.

**LENT @ 11** Just to let you know that during LENT the Trinity Ellesmere Port café will be holding some short (ten to fifteen minute) prayer and reflection times at 11am each morning the café is open. The sessions will begin on Wednesday 18th February and conclude on the Thursday 2nd April. Just to clarify that the café is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Open The Book** Please continue to pray for this outreach to Primary Schools. More volunteers welcome. Contact Rev. Cathy Helm.

**Neston Bus Project.** Please pray for this outreach to local youth & for volunteers from all denominations to help on a rota on a Tuesday evening 6.45-9pm starting this month. See poster.

Poster in hall. **Singing Vicar** & Trinity Brass Band at Trinity with Palm Grove Methodist Church, Alton Rd Oxtun. Friday 6th March 7.30 p.m.

Poster in hall: **Circuit Discipleship Event** at West Kirby Methodist 21st March. Are You a Real Disciple? Led by Reverend Kim Goh.

Poster in hall: **"Creating Safer Space Training"** Saturday 18th April 10-12 noon at Trinity Methodist, Whitby rd., Ellesmere Port.

Tuesday 24th February 2015, 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm: Wirral Methodist Circuit meeting at St Andrews Church, Rowson St, Wallasey (New Brighton), CH45 2LY.

Easter is early this year please think about contributions for the **Newsletter**, I probably need contributions by 15th March. Thank you. Peter.

**Circuit Prayer Diaries** are back pick one up from the porch, also a few Prayer Request forms for the March Diary.

Thursday, 19/2/15 **Tea Pot carpet** was replaced with new carpet and Hall vinyl offcut. Many grateful thanks to Adactus Housing for their grant, and Ladies Day Afternoon Tea fundraising (held on 5/6 2014) towards funding the cost.

**Prayer Concerns:** John Phillips; Violet Sammons; Nancy Carruthers; Audrey Harford; Sister Gwen Appleton; Heather Higson, Emily Tuck.

**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!

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