Bench fundraising appeal – for outside seating at Neston Methodist Church. Please support us by donating to this very practical cause! We are planning on getting a bench similar to the Neston Town Council benches you see around Neston, Little Neston and Parkgate. It will cost around £200-250. Any excess funds will be diverted to the Hall re-plastering and/or new flooring.

Many thanks to our volunteers who ably supported our first **public food-bank venture** in Neston (and it was cold after 30 minutes!) We got a healthy sign up list from interested people and we are looking forward to moving on to establishing our venue and setting up structures to run our distribution centre in conjunction with Ellesmere Port and Chester.

The overwhelming impression was one of support for the foodbank from the Nestonians at the market, although it was also interesting to hear different views (which will always be the case), and will stimulate useful debate in the future.

The next "big" information evening will be on Nov 29th at 7:30 at the URC. More information to be confirmed after our foodbank meeting on Thursday Nov 7th at NCYC (7:15) and will be circulated soon thereafter.

Many thanks again and in particular to our fellow volunteers and colleagues at Ellesmere Port and Chester Foodbank for their continued guidance and support. Louise and Helen.

Does anyone have an old **garden Spade**, Fork and Rake which they no longer use? Neston Methodist Church will put them to good use! Please see Trish. **Hall and Kitchen re-plastering** got underway on 23-24 October, as well as work on the drainage to the right of the Porch, and new guttering/down pipes on Liverpool Rd side. Some pots have been replanted, and if anyone would like to bring along some winter bedding plants, that will be much appreciated.

**Prayer Concerns**: Nancy Carruthers; Audrey Harford; Sister Gwen Appleton; Richard Thomas & Heather Higson both are unwell, Harold Smith is in the Walton Centre, Liverpool. Margaret Westwood is very ill in Mayfields. Please remember Margaret, David and their family. Also please remember family and friends of the late Marion Dickinson and Sue Emmerson in your thoughts and prayers.

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## Neston Methodist Church & Community Centre Notices for 27th October



**Today** 10.45 a.m. Reverend Marcus Torchon. Holy Communion will now be next Sunday.

Tuesday 29th October 10.00 a.m. Prayer Meeting at Little Neston.

Wednesday 30th October at 7.30 p.m. Circuit meeting 'Our Journey Together The Next Step' at Heswall Methodist Church. To look at a proposal for Ordained staff deployment for September 2014. Details on notice board.

**Friday 1st November** 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.

## **Sunday 3rd November**

10.45 a.m. Reverend Carole Natton. Holy Communion.

The Methodist Church is backing a campaign by the Methodist Tax Justice Network against tax minimisation schemes used by Cadbury. They are asking people to boycott Cadbury products & write to Cadbury & parent company Mondelez(formerly Kraft) about 'the sin of large scale tax avoidance' (in 10 years before its takeover Cadburys only paid £6.4 million in tax on annual profits of over £100 million).

Neston Methodist Church thanks Nigel O'Brien and Dave Carter for all the work done on the Porch garden, now newly laid with weed matting and covered with gravel. Pots and planters will be re-planted with seasonal bedding and flowering bulbs to keep the entrance attractive and low maintenance.

Many thanks to Dave Carter for updating the Neston Methodist Church website: http://www.nestonmethodist.org.uk/. Keep up to date by checking the Calendar and other useful links to keep you all informed.