



Histon Methodist Church

NEWSLETTER March 2019

Regular Activities

Sunday	Morning Worship	10:30am
Monday	Craft Club (alternate weeks, see diary for dates)	2pm to 4pm
Wednesday	Community Coffee Shop	9:30am to 4:30pm
Thursday	Thursday Group (1st Thursday in month)	2:45pm to 4pm
Saturday	Community Coffee Shop	10:30am to 11:30am

Minister's Message

Malcolm Guite is a theologian and poet we have turned to often over the past few years, and his book 'The Word in the Wilderness: A Poem A Day for Lent and Easter' is a superb resource for prayer and study during the Lent period. Rather than simply thinking about Lent as a time in which we might give something up, he encourages us to see it as a spiritual journey. On this journey we are particularly encouraged to deepen our relationship with God through the intimacy of prayer, but also in engagement with the wider world.

For anyone who is interested and available, our Lenten journey will begin on Wednesday 6th March at 10am with a short, low key Ashing service in the Chapel. We have done them the last few years and they have been a peaceful and reflective way to begin Lent.

And Malcolm Guite's poem 'Ash Wednesday' gives us pause to think once again about the relationship with our spiritual life and the life of the world around us:

*Receive this cross of ash upon your brow
Brought from the burning of Palm Sunday's
cross;
The forests of the world are burning now
And you make late repentance for the loss.*

*But all the trees of God would clap their
hands,
The very stones themselves would shout and
sing,
If you could covenant to love these lands
And recognize in Christ their lord and king.
He sees the slow destruction of those trees
He weeps to see the ancient places burn,
And still you make what purchases you please
And still to dust and ashes you return.
But Hope could rise from ashes even now
Beginning with this sign upon your brow.*

Whilst it is perhaps an over-simplistic view of things, it certainly reminds us that faith is never separate from action, and that the God who cares for each one of us as individuals also cares for the whole world and all that is in it.

My prayer for all of us this Lent is that our relationships with God and with the world would deepen once again as we journey towards Easter with Jesus.

Simon

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Diary for March

Fri 1 Mar	World Day of Prayer service at Histon Methodist Church	10:30am
Sun 3 Mar	Preacher: Revd Dr Peter Graves	10:30am
Mon 4 Mar	Craft Group	2pm
Tue 5 Mar	Study Group	2:30pm
Wed 6 Mar	Ash Wednesday Service	10am
Wed 6 Mar	Service at Bramley Court	2:30pm
Thu 7 Mar	Thursday Group: Growing up in a Lancashire village with Vera Dudley	2:45pm
Sun 10 Mar	Preacher: Revd Simon Oliver (Holy Communion)	10:30am
Tue 12 Mar	Study Group	2:30pm
Wed 13 Mar	Meeting for pastoral visitors	2pm
Sun 17 Mar	Preacher: Mrs Judy Wynn	10:30am
Mon 18 Mar	Craft Group	2pm
Tue 19 Mar	Study Group	2:30pm
Wed 20 Mar	Service at Etheldred House	11am
Fri 22 Mar	Country Dancing	8pm
Sun 24 Mar	Preacher: Revd Simon Oliver/Muthoni Mwila	10:30am
Tue 26 Mar	Study Group	2:30pm
Sun 31 Mar	Mothering Sunday and All-Age Worship: Revd Simon Oliver	10:30am

Future dates for your diary

- Thu 4 Apr** Thursday group: Arts night taster session
With Revd Simon Oliver
- Sat 6 Apr** Spring sale (see notice)

Cottenham Community Cinema

Sunday March 3rd

First Man (7 for 7:30pm)

Sunday March 24th

Small Foot (2pm)

Bohemian Rhapsody (7 for 7:30pm)

Each screening includes bar, introductory talk and the opportunity to stay on for a conversation about the film, life and faith at the end.

See www.revcoffee.net for more info.

Games Evening

May I say a huge thank you to everyone who came to the Games Evening on the 15th February. Everyone I've spoken to has said that they really enjoyed themselves and I believe it was a fun evening, too. We raised a final total of £258 for the Development Fund. I particularly want to thank Rosemary and Mary for organising the catering.

I still have lots more games, so may organise another evening in the Autumn or next year, if people wish.

Kathryn

Development report

Tenders for phase 3 will be presented to the Church Council on 26th Feb and the way forward discussed.

We are sorry to report that our contractors for Phases 1 and 2, Tom Butler and Sons, have now gone into administration. This should affect us only minimally as any work that hasn't been done (particularly louvres for meeting room window) has not been paid for, and we can use another contractor.

We have kept a £6000 retention fee which goes toward anything that needs doing in the rectification period (one year from taking over the building which was last October).

Many thanks to Kathryn for organising the games evening on 15 Feb and to all who helped with refreshments. £258 was raised for the development fund.

Our next fund-raising event is the Spring sale on 6 April (see notice).

Thursday Group

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, 7th March at 2:45pm, for an entertaining talk by Vera Dudley on "Growing Up in a Lancashire Village".

Kathryn

Spring Sale

We will be holding a Spring Sale on Saturday 6th April from 9.30am until 12noon.

Stalls will be in the church and refreshments in the hall as normal. Weather permitting there may be one or two stalls outside.

Items to sell, in good useable condition, can be left in church anytime after Sunday 31st March. Much help will be needed for setting up on Friday 5th April and on the day of the sale from 9am.

If you can to help, please add your name to the sheet which is in the church, indicating what times you are available.

All proceeds to our Development Fund.

Country Dance Club

Our next dancing evening will be on Friday, 22nd March at 8pm when all are welcome to join me and Jane for another evening of fun, friendship and dancing. We will have live music and our caller this month is Dennis.

See you there!

Kathryn

Prayer

Grant to those who seek you, O Lord, the gift of your kingdom, the comfort of your grace, and the vision of your glory; for your own name's sake.

Amen

Book of Common Order 1562

The deadline for the **April 2019** newsletter is **Sunday, March 24th**
Please email items to **newsletter@histonmethodist.org**
or hand them to Chris Whitworth

Quilt and Flower Festival

At Histon Methodist Church

3rd & 4th May 10am—4pm

5th May 2pm—5pm

6th May 10am—4pm

All donation to Histon Methodist and
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