



OUTLOOK

HESLINGTON CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

Heslington Pre-School & Toddler Group at Lord Deramore's school
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Potato and Sunflower Growing Competition.

Heslington Sportsfield Management Committee are again running this fun competition to raise funds for Sportsfield and Playground maintenance. WHO CAN GROW THE HEAVIEST WEIGHT OF POTATOES or TALLEST SUNFLOWER? Seed potatoes, sunflower seeds, buckets and competition rules will be distributed at the pavillion on Saturday 23rd March between 10.00am and 1.00pm. Entry fee - £5. **Potato weigh-in and prize giving in late July. Sunflowers in September. Cash prizes.** Please join in with this local fun event. Bill McClean (410433)

Village Venues for Hire

Church and Meeting Rooms
 Tel: Church Office 01904 412300
 Village Meeting Room
 Tel: R Lonsborough 01904 413322
 Holmefield Centre
 Tel: Mike Emmans-Dean 01904 415261
 The Outgang Pavilion
 Tel: Sally Brabyn 01904 870981

Heslington Church Youth Group

Join us for an evening of fun and games every fortnight at Heslington Church. It is free and is open to anyone aged 11-18. Further information from David (david.lindley@gmail.com)

Badger Hill Wombles

New Wombles always welcome to help collect litter! Join us on Wednesdays at 2.00pm in the park with a bag and gloves or litter picker. John Nixon and Elisa Main

Mobile Library Visits in March on Badger Hill

on Tuesdays 12th and 26th March at Yarburgh Way near shops 11.10am-11.40am
in Heslington
 on Tuesdays 5th and 19th March at Heslington Court 11.50am-12.05pm at Memorial Cottages 12.10pm-12.30pm at Peel Close 12.35pm-12.55pm

Outlook Contributions

Please send signed contributions with contact details to the editor Elisa Main by email to elisamain@yahoo.co.uk or in writing to 66 Yarburgh Way, Badger Hill, York YO10 5HG. The deadline for the next Outlook edition is 16th March 2013. If you'd like to receive Outlook by email simply let me know.

Dear Friends,

It's been a few weeks now since the parliamentary vote on legislation to allow for civil and religious marriage between two people of the same gender. Some churches and religious groups have decided already that they would like to offer marriage to couples as soon as the legislation is passed and the measure is in place. Neither the Church of England nor the Methodist Church as religious organisations and institutions are in that place yet.

Personally, I look forward to the day when I may, as a Methodist Minister, conduct such services. I hope it comes sooner rather than later. I believe that offering such services is consistent with the Christian Gospel in a way that does not require us to dilute or ignore the biblical narrative. Neither is that belief a weak and subjective well-intentioned desire to be nice and inclusive.

Make no mistake, inclusivity is at the heart of the Christian gospel, but not in a warm,fuzzy or simplistic way. Rather, we are obligated to offer to all who seek it an affirmation that they are loved and loveable, both because of and in spite of themselves, that they are capable of being loved deeply and creatively, and that they are capable of offering deep and creative love to others. None of us can claim to have perfected any of those things. Making room for more commitment on the journey is something we should celebrate.

Gay marriage is so much more than civil partnership for those who want to choose it. Two people who want to commit their lives to each other in love and trust, grace and growth, should be able to do so. And if they wish to intentionally proclaim openness to the presence of God in each other, in their relationship and in their community of family and friendship, why should we put stumbling blocks in their way? What exactly does this sensibly threaten? Moreover, what might it strengthen?

I am sure that I do not speak for the whole of Heslington Church, or the Methodist Church, at this time. I speak for myself, and for my reading of the good news of the radically inclusive Jesus who put love and grace, with all of their challenges, at the heart of the human experience. I speak out of the privilege of walking alongside members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in the staff and students at the university, and I speak out of the privilege of the many friendships and professional relationships outside of and within my church with people in that community.

I would be happy to have dialogue with any who would like it. By all means let me know. Perhaps if there is sufficient appetite the church could host a mature and creative discussion about these matters. We may not all agree. That's unlikely, but let's agree that these things really matter.

Rory

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Heslington Church is a partnership between the Church of England and the Methodist Church together with the Roman Catholic Chaplaincy to the University of York. Our congregation is an eclectic mix of ages, backgrounds and nationalities. See our website www.heslingtonchurch.org.uk for more information. All are welcome

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Methodist Minister & University Chaplain

The Carmelite Friar Community

at More House serve the University and local Hospital as Catholic Chaplains. During term-time Weekday Mass is celebrated regularly in More House Chapel and on Sunday (for members of the University community) on campus. Fr Tony Lester
Contact - antony.lester@york.ac.uk

York Elim

York Elim meets every Sunday, 10.30am, at Archbishop Holgate's school for an upbeat gathering for lively worship, an engaging talk, coffee and a chat! There is Sunday School for the kids and a growing youth meeting at the same time as the talk for the adults.

Taizé

The next Taizé services will be held at 6.30pm on Sunday 24th March at More House, Heslington. All Welcome. Annemarieke de Bruin
Annemarieke.deBruin@york.ac.uk

Services at Heslington Church

Sunday 3rd March

10.00am Joint Service
2.00pm Korean Language Service

Wednesday 6th March

9.30am Mothers' Union Corporate Communion

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 10th March

9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Morning Service with Children's Club
2.00pm Korean Language Service

Sunday 17th March

9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am All Age Worship
2.00pm Korean Language Service

Palm Sunday

Sunday 24th March

9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Family Communion
2.00pm Korean Language Service

Monday 25th March

7pm Meditation

Tuesday 26th March

7pm Meditation

Wednesday 27th March

7pm Meditation

Maundy Thursday 28th March

7pm Holy Communion

Good Friday 29th March

10am Good Friday Service

Easter Day

Sunday 31st March

7.00am Sunrise Service
10.00am Easter Family Communion
Graham Jones will be preaching on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day
2.00pm Korean Language Service

Every Thursday

9.15am Holy Communion

From the Parish Registers

Funerals

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of
Harold George Game - 31st January
Rev Peter Kerridge - 27th February

Heslington Flower Lovers' Guild

On Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm in Heslington Village Meeting Room, we are to hold a fund raising event entitled "Food & Flowers" when members will demonstrate a design with flowers and complement it with a cake or savoury dish. Tickets are £4 to include refreshments and can be obtained from myself by ringing telephone number 631982 or Colleen on 613187. Kathleen Pepper

Heslington and Badger Hill Ladies' Lifeboat Guild

Our coffee morning for March will be on Wednesday 13th at 10.30am to 12 noon in the meeting room at Heslington Court. Everyone is welcome. There will be a bring and buy stall and souvenirs for sale. We are holding our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 26th March at the home of Mrs Forder 75 Field Lane at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Anne Wilson (Secretary)

Heslington Church Men's Group

Our ladies' night meeting will be on Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm in the Church Meeting Room entitled, 'The Japanese Tea Ceremony' by Emiko Nelson and Yumi Nixon. All local men and their ladies, plus any non-regular attendees, are most welcome. John Nixon, Chairman (413797).

All Day Cafe

Come and join us on Friday 15th March at the Village Meeting Room Main Street Heslington for Morning Coffee, 10am-12noon, or Homemade Soup, 12noon-2pm, or Afternoon Tea, 2.30pm-4.30pm, or all three! Cakes, cards, raffle and a good chat! Rosabelle & Co.

Mothers' Union

Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday 6th March at 9.30am, followed by coffee and conversation. On Thursday 21st March at 2.00pm we welcome Robert Wood as our speaker: His talk is entitled 'Gemstones and Crystals'. We meet in the Church Meeting Room and new members and visitors are always welcome to join us; just come along. Margaret Telfer

Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm in Heslington Village Meeting Room. There is no guest speaker as it is the AGM. Maureen White

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st March at 2pm at Heslington Church. The service theme "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me" has been prepared by the Christian women of France. The speaker is Dr. Chris. Mayers. The service will be followed by refreshments. Everyone will be warmly welcomed to this International and Interdenominational service. Sue Garnett

A FUN EVENING

Friday 26th April 6.00pm.
Come to a Barbecue and refreshments
Details in April's Outlook