

Wednesday Friends

Next meeting:

4th March 2026

2 - 4pm

Refreshments

Everyone welcome

**Stay all afternoon or just call in for a
'cuppa' and a chat.**

See Sylvia for more information

Lent Course Draw Near: Life-Giving Habits for Lent

Would you like to be involved in a time of reflection during our Lent season?

Please come and join us (St Mary's Church and Orton Waterville Methodist) at the venues below.

Tuesday 24th February: Sharing in Worship and Prayer at **St Mary's Church Orton Waterville**

- **Tuesday 3rd March:** Sharing in Scriptures at **Orton Waterville Methodist**
- **Tuesday 10th March:** Sharing in Communion at **Orton Waterville Methodist**

Tuesday 17th March: Sharing in Service at **St Mary's Orton Waterville**

Tuesday 24th March: Sharing in the Good News at **Orton Waterville Methodist**

Tuesday 31st March: Holy Week Worship – Affirming the Christian Way at **Orton Waterville Methodist.**

All sessions are at 2.30 pm.

A small handbook the cost of £2.99 would be required to help with the daily reflection, but not necessary.

Please contact Suzanne if you are interested. It would be really helpful if you could let us know if you intend coming.

Paul Watkins – Cathedral Sleep Out

On 19 March 2026, Paul Watkins will be 'sleeping out' in the nave of Peterborough Cathedral to raise funds for Light Project Peterborough.

As you know, Southside already enjoys a close relationship with Light Project Peterborough though hosting the Homelessness Pod at the church. Light Project Peterborough, based at the Garden House in the cathedral grounds, supports people experiencing homelessness and those in real need across our city. LPP also run other projects including Homeless Health Hub, Homeless Health Peer Advocacy, Street Chaplaincy, Peterborough Night Shelter, and Across Peterborough.

Please support the Project by making a donation to Paul's fundraising page. (If you do not have access to the JustGiving Page, Paul can receive contributions in person). Your contribution will give help make a difference to lives in Peterborough.

Between October 2024 – September 2025, the Light Project:

- Supported 989 people
- Helped 576 people move off the streets into accommodation
- Welcomed 495 new people through their doors

Paul has already raised nearly £605 in the first two weeks but the aim is a minimum of £1,000. If he exceeds £1,000, he's pledged to sleep outside in the Cloister rather than in the nave.



Please do support if you can:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/paulsleepsout?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

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LET'S HONOUR ONE ANOTHER

'Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honour giving preference to one another.' Romans 12:10 (NKJV New King James version)

Have you ever noticed how quick we are to accuse someone else of some of the very things we excuse ourselves? In so doing, we practise a double standard, requiring more from others than of ourselves. Jesus said, 'Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?' (Matthew 7:3 NKJV).

The double standard works like this:

- 1) When others are set in their ways, they're obstinate – but you are firm and resolved
- 2) When your neighbour doesn't like your friend they're prejudiced – but when you don't like their friend, you're a good judge of character
- 3) When they try to treat someone especially well, they're buttering them up – but when you do, you're being thoughtful.
- 4) When they take time to do things well, they're lazy – but when you do so, you're meticulous.
- 5) When they spend a lot, they're reckless and undisciplined – but when you do the same, you're generous.
- 6) When they pick flaws in things, they're critical – but when you do, you're perceptive
- 7) When they're mild mannered, you call them weak – but when you are, you're gracious.
- 8) When they dress well, they're extravagant – but when you do, you're tastefully in style.
- 9) When they say what they think, they're spiteful – but when you do, you're being honest.
- 10) When they take risks, they're foolhardy – but when you do, you're brave.

Paul wrote: 'Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honour giving preference to one another'. So, the word for today is: let us honour one another.

That made me think, did it you? Ed.