

*The Methodist College in Cambridge since 1921* 

Newsletter

#### Lent Term 2016

### **From the Principal**

It is now the case that vacations are as busy as the term! During the Christmas break we welcomed our first DMin students from around the world to study Wesleyan Leadership.

#### Because our

accommodation was not quite ready in time the course took place at Wesley Church and we are very grateful to the church and the Friends of Wesley House who helped to make our students and visiting teachers so welcome.

Also during the vacation the first of our refurbished rooms were released allowing our first residents since the refit to move in at last.

Finally, an apology to all our former students from overseas who were given the impression in the last newsletter that we had forgotten about you... although Tiffany is our first overseas student since the refit, we do continue to value and pray for all those who studied here prior to 2014-15. Do write and let us know what you're doing.

Jane

## **New Accommodation!**



We are delighted to report that our first residents have moved into the refurbished 1920s accommodation. Above, the old C7 has become an ensuite single room. Below, C8 is now a dining room/kitchen with laundry facilities.



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# York Course 2016

This year's York ecumenical Lent course features our Principal reflecting on the five psalms chosen for study.



"One health warning: avoid this course if the Psalms hardly feature in your acts of worship, because anyone completing it will be an enthusiast for their wider and more central use." Church Times reviewer Jan 2016

## Thank You

To all those who have bought a chair for the new academic building. Its not too late to gift £250 for a chair in memory of your time at Wesley House or someone you met here. Why not club together with your tea club or worship group?



# **Academic Building**



The first picture of the ground floor of the academic building taken from Jesus Lane looking into the court. The door on the right leads into the reception area from where the main staircase and lift will lead to the library, teaching rooms and dining hall.



Renewals of membership are now due. To join the **Friends** and be part of our work, sign up <u>on line</u>.

The Friends Garden Party will be held on 16 July.

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# Salt of the Earth



During the week of prayer for Christian Unity the BBC Sunday Worship was broadcast from the Cambridge Theological Federation.

Our Principal was the preacher and you can <u>listen</u> <u>again</u> online. The service featured representatives from all the houses and sought to share some of our experience of seeking to study and worship together ecumenically and to collaborate with people of Jewish and Muslim faith.

## CONSTRUING THE CROSS



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Frances M. Young

## Book Launch invitation

Tuesday 22nd March 2016

Wesley House and SPCK will be hosting a book launch for **Prof Frances Young's** latest publication at 5pm in the Principal's Lodge at Wesley House. Drinks and an opportunity to buy Frances' book will be followed by a short service in the college chapel at which Frances will be the preacher. If you intend to come, please let the office know to help us with catering. 01223 765832

## Introducing:

Mr Alastair Oatey: Business Director



Alastair comes to us with 25 years experience of business management. He has a theology degree from the University of Oxford, worships at Harston Parish Church and happily for us is also an organist.

# Holiness & the Body

Have you seen the third issue of <u>HOLINESS</u>? Articles on urban mission; fasting; food; communion; gender and much more. Authors from Nigeria. the US and Britain, including one of our own doctoral students, **Hannah Bucke**.

Easter School 21-23 March 2016 Only a few places remaining. Book now!

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# Introducing: our first DMin cohort

### The Revd Edgardo Rivera writes:

"As a Latino serving in the United States, I welcome the opportunity for dialogue with persons in a variety of ministry contexts. Cambridge offers a great setting for this program with its rich educational history and beauty. I am grateful for hospitality at the Wesley House and for the prospect of deep theological reflection to explore new insights for the 21st century."

### The Revd Charles Fiske from Liberia writes:

"The DMin program at Wesley House Cambridge is uniquely inspiring, educative, and reflective as it gives me the opportunity to interact with world class professors as well as seeing and touching some physical features of my Wesleyan roots. It also gives me the opportunity to meet friends from a cross section of various denominations and experience a true sense of a warm British hospitability.

Many thanks to the organizers and participants of this very important program in an ideal place like Cambridge."



The Revd Laura Norvell from the US writes:

"Time in Cambridge was about context shifting. Sitting in a classroom with leaders from several countries encouraged me to suspend my assumptions about what I know and experience to look differently at scripture, reason, experience and tradition, to listen deeply and to seek to understand. Being in a different and new physical setting helped that shift. And sharing life with new friends and colleagues was a helpful retreat that sent me back to my work with a fresh perspective and recommitment to the world as my parish as well as new hope for global collaboration to share the good news of the Gospel."



Prof Morna Hooker Stacey preaches at the DMin Epiphany celebration—and makes friends!