

Saturday 1st February 2025

10.30 a.m.

A warm welcome for the whole family. Bible stories, songs, activities, food and fun.



Sunday 2nd February 2025

9.0 a.m. - Rev. Debbie Caulk - **Communion**

10.30 a.m. - Mrs Karen Welch

2.30 p.m. - **at West Butterwick**

Monday 3rd February 2025

9.30 - 11.30 a.m. - **CHATTERBOX**

Wednesday 5th February 2025

7.45 a.m. - Prayers by Zoom

Wednesday 5th February 2025

10.0 - 11.30 a.m. - **Jack in a Box**

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2.30 p.m. - **MWiB** - Rev. Debbie Caulk

Sunday 9th February 2025

10.30 a.m. - Rev. Debbie Caulk -

Communion

4.30 p.m. - Mrs Marilyn Hall - **Café Church**



The remedy for wrongs is to forget them.
- Publius Cyrus

LincIn Cathedral - Festival of Chaplaincy

Friday 21 March – Fundraising Dinner in the nave.

Booking essential. info@festivalofchaplaincy.co.uk

Saturday 22 March - 10.0 a.m. to 4.0 p.m. Festival in Lincoln Cathedral - local choirs and music groups - free entry

Sunday 23 March - 3.45 p.m. - Festival Evensong in St Hugh's Choir

The funeral of our good friend Peter Brown will take place at St. Andrew's Church on

Monday 10th February at 11.30 a.m.

Rev Paul has specially asked that these details be made known to Peter's Methodist friends.

Our **prayer chain** is a valuable part of the spiritual life of our Church. We are a small group of dedicated people who believe in prayer, and who will pray for your needs and concerns if you ask us - in strict confidence of course. We wonder if there is anyone else who feels called to pray and would like to join us. All that is needed is to receive a prayer request (by text or telephone) - pray - then pass it on to the next person on the list. You may wish to continue praying in the next few days/weeks if you feel it is needed. *Pauline*

If you are interested, please contact Pat or Pauline



No record of wrongs

I began to prepare these notices on Monday, and as I sat at my desk it was hard to clear my thoughts of what I had heard on the radio over breakfast. It was Holocaust Day, and I heard the recollections of some of the diminishing number of survivors of that grim period in our history.

If I had lost all the members of my family in the gas chambers and had suffered as our Jewish brothers and sisters had suffered, would I have been willing to say, with Paul, that I had kept 'no record of wrongs'? If had kept 'no records', would that have negated the history of the victims?

In the same morning's Radio 4 news we heard accounts of the troubles in Gaza, with people rendered homeless by indiscriminate bombardments intended to eliminate Hamas but reducing to rubble the homes and lives of innocent and guilty alike. We also heard reports of the continuing saga in Ukraine.

"Nothing to do with me!" one might say. Does that make me innocent of similar sins? Can I say, hand on heart, that I have never carried a grudge against someone who has treated me badly?

It can do us considerable harm. Paul's answer seems too simple, yet at the same time impossibly difficult. We may have all the right words, be generous with our possessions and time, but without love it's meaningless. If you are a fan of the Beatles (I'm not, you may be surprised to read!) you may know that "All you need is love".

If only everyone could take that message to heart the world would be a better place.

Love keeps no record
of wrongs.

1 Corinthians Ch. 13 v. 5 (NIV)

“ Life appears to me too short to be spent in nursing animosity, or registering wrongs. -
Charlotte Bronte

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Listen for God

Listen for God who speaks within our hearts,
in wildest thoughts, when we are least aware,
and in the silence at the heart of prayer.

Listen for God inhabiting the edge;
heard through the lost, unwanted, dispossessed,
those at the margins, easily oppressed.

Listen for God in holy scriptures' voice;
learning from all who wrote how lives were stirred,
transformed, reborn by the great, living Word.

Listen for God, for other voices call,
encouraging our selfish, careless ways;
ignoring others, all the costs they pay.

Listen for God, so all may fully live;
for we must hear the truth and change our ways
to shape a new world, one of love and praise.


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Andrew writes:

"This hymn was inspired by the Revd Alison Tomlin's Presidential Address to the Conference of the British Methodist Church in 2010. She was talking about 'Listening to God' and suggested that there are as many different ways of listening as there are people; we do not all listen in the same way.

"I was particularly struck by the thoughts that we may hear God when we do not expect (verse 1) and that God's centre may be at the edge of, and well away from, the centre of our lives (verse 2).

"Verse 4 is different from the pattern of the preceding stanzas but it is often only as we listen for (and hear) God that we begin to recognise the other voices that influence our actions."



**Wesley Memorial
Church, Epworth**

Notices for the week commencing

Sunday 2nd February, 2025



“ As long as the world shall last there will be wrongs, and if no man objected and no man rebelled, those wrongs would last forever. - Clarence Darrow