

Sunday 9th August, 2026

10.30 a.m. - Rev. Deborah Caulk

Sacrament

4.00 p.m. - Mrs. Marilyn Hall - Café Church

Monday 10th August, 2026

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

Coffee, good conversation and a friendly ear

Wednesday 12th August, 2026

7.45 a.m. - Prayer meeting by Zoom

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Jack in a Box

Jack is away for his summer holiday, he will see his friends again on the 9th September 2026.

Sunday 16th August, 2026

10.30 a.m. - Local Arrangement.

4.00 p.m. - Rev. Stuart Gunson -

Methodist Way of Life

Advanced Notice

From the commencement of the September plan, the morning service on the third Sunday of the month will be rotated to the various chapels on the isle (Epworth, Misterton, Haxey, Owston Ferry).

This is an attempt to support all the chapels on the Isle, whilst recognising that we have a limited number of preachers, resulting in it being difficult to have services at all the chapels at the same time.

This is to be an experiment to see whether this is feasible going forward.

When travelling to other chapels, every effort should be made to car share and to offer lifts to those who don't have transport.

Afternoon tea

The catering team are holding an afternoon tea on Saturday 22nd August in aid of Breast Cancer Now.

It will be at 2.30pm and cost £15 each.

Please book early, with Glenise, as spaces are limited.

Gift Aid

This comes in the form of an appeal to anyone who is a tax payer and has not yet signed up to the gift aid scheme.

It costs nothing and all giving is highly confidential. It can make such a difference to the Church coffers.

In the tax year 2024-2025 we claimed gift aid on a total of £19,918.40, which equated to a credit to our Bank account of £4,904.25.

The Methodist Tax Recovery section do charge a small fee. The fee for that year was £75.60. In addition to this we claimed the maximum Gift Aid on Small Donations of £8,000 which achieved a credit of £1,999.00.

Admin fee was only £10.00 for recovery of this. The total, therefore, being £6,894.25.

However, we could do more. We are only allowed to claim £8,000 on these small donations and therefore if you are a tax payer please give serious thought to signing up to the scheme. It's such a simple form. You can make your Sunday giving by standing order or ask me for an offertory envelope.

A record has to be kept of your giving.
Why look a gift horse in the mouth!

With many blessings and thanks to you all. Marilyn

From the District

Events

Our Story Our Song – the next opportunity to view the art and testimonies is at Nettleham on 15th August and at Louth on 4, 5, 6 September.

Resources

There is an inspiring new **Methodist discipleship course: On the Way** Click the link to register your interest on the Connexional website.



One Circuit

The fourth update regarding one circuit has been sent out from the district.

If you receive your copy of the notices via email, then you should have received a copy of this update. Printed copies are available, if you would like a copy please let the stewards know.

A copy will also be found on the notice board in Church.

Advanced Notice

The District has gained a bronze Eco District Award.

A district service to celebrate this and all things eco will be held at Brigg Methodist Church on Sunday September 27th, 2026 at 3pm.

Preacher Rev Angy Long.

Bethlehem's Best Christmas:

Following the success of the Nativity Pantomime, we are planning to stage another production: Bethlehem's Best Christmas.

We are looking for volunteers, young or old, to take part in the performance.

If you are interested or know someone in your community who would like to join the cast, please get in touch.

Approximate Timeline

End of September: Casting and script development.

October: Read-throughs and rehearsals begin.

Showtime: 3pm on Saturday 2 January and Sunday 3 January 2027.

Cast List

Dame Bossy Betty – The local laundress. Loud, cheerful, with outrageous costumes and terrible jokes.

Benny – Betty's assistant. Kind-hearted but not the sharpest.

Mary

Joseph

Gabriel

King Herod – The villain.

Captain Crumble – Herod's hopeless soldier.

Innkeeper Ivy

Three Wise Visitors – Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar.

Shepherds

Angel Chorus

Spread the word!

To volunteer or suggest someone for the cast, please contact Dave or Margaret Chennells in person or by email: dave.chennells123@gmail.com

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;

make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Psalm 105 Vs 1-4 (NIV)

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	Our Church Prayer chain is now using WhatsApp, which is totally encrypted, adding to our security and privacy policy. If you have a prayer request (with permission from the recipient) or wish to know more about becoming part of the Prayer Group, please contact Pauline - 01427 875478 or Pat - 0777 6490275 in the first instance.



Wesley Memorial
Church, Epworth

Notices for the week commencing

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Lectionary Readings

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis Ch.37 Vs.1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105 Vs1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans Ch.10 Vs.5-15

Matthew Ch.14 Vs.22-33