

Sunday 16th August, 2026

10.30 a.m. - Local Arrangement.

4.00 p.m. - Rev. Stuart Gunson -

Methodist Way of Life

Monday 17th August, 2026

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

Coffee, good conversation and a friendly ear

Wednesday 19th 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 23rd August, 2026

10.30 a.m. - Rev. Stuart Gunson -

Contemporary Worship

4.00 p.m. - Rev. Deborah Caulk

Songs of Praise.

On Sunday 30th August at 10.30am we are holding a 'Songs of Praise' service.

If you would like to choose a hymn/song, please let Val know on 07927050023 or hackney1961@gmail.com as soon as possible.

It would be great if you would be willing to say why you have chosen the hymn either in person at the service or a written note that Val can read out.

However if you just want to choose a hymn and leave it at that, that's also fine.

Thank you all

Afternoon tea

We are sorry but due to a lack of interest the afternoon tea on Saturday 22nd August has been cancelled.

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.

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.

From the District

Resources

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

Dates for your diary

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.

Sunday 6th September - District Service to mark the conclusion of the Our Story Our Song, Your Story Your Song exhibition – Sunday 6th September, 3pm on at Louth Methodist Church – see poster

Saturday 12th September – Representative Synod at Sleaford Methodist Church

Thursday 5th November – Ministers' gathering

A 'Thank You!' from Revd Debbie Caulk

Dear wonderful people at Wesley,

Thank you so much for the lovely gifts of the yellow orchid and the chocolates, as well as a copy of Revd David Leese's magnificent book, *Methodism in Epworth*, and the sweet cards. It has been such a blessing to be in ministry in this place and with you all for the past two years.

God bless you all, now and always.

Peace be with you.

Love from Debbie

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

**How good and pleasant it is
when brothers live together in
unity!**

**It is like precious oil poured on the
head,
running down the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down upon the collar of his
robes.**

Psalm 133 Vs 1-2 (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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis Ch.45 Vs.1-15

Psalm 133

Romans Ch.11 Vs.1-2a, 29-32

Matthew Ch.15 Vs.(10-20), 21-28