

Saturday 4th October, 2025

10.30 a.m. - **Messy church**

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

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10.0 a.m. - **Preparing church for harvest festival** - **Dry goods for The Forge, please**

Sunday 5th October, 2025

9.0 a.m. - **Rev. Stuart Gunson** -

Communion

10.30 a.m. - **Rev. Andrew Lindley** - **Harvest** - followed by Faith Lunch

2.30 p.m. - **At West Butterwick** - **Rev. Paul Braisdell** - **Harvest**

Monday 6th October, 2025

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

Wednesday 8th October, 2025

7.45 a.m. - **Prayer meeting by Zoom**

Wednesday 8th October, 2025

7.0 p.m. - **House group** at home of Jean Levesley Noah - **Leader Andrew Bamford**

Wednesday 8th October, 2025

10.0 a.m. **Jack in a Box** - a fun time for pre-school children and their parents or guardians
Jack is collecting items for the Forge. Details in the JnB newsletter and on the notice boards in the Schoolroom and Guild Room

Friday 10th October, 2025

2.0 p.m. - **Wesley knitters**

Saturday 12th October, 2025

10.0 a.m. **Bacon Butty** coffee morning 11.15 a.m. - **Piano recital**

Sunday 12th October, 2025

10.30 a.m. - **Mr. Mike Childs**

4.0 p.m. - **Mrs Kate Ellis** - **Café church**

Scunthorpe and District Choral Society

Gospel Mass by Robert Ray + spirituals

Conductor - Susan Hollingworth

Professional soloists and musicians

Saturday 22nd November 2025

7.30 - 9.30 p.m.

St Paul's Church, Ashby

£15 adults, children & students £5



England expects every man will do his duty.
- *Horatio Nelson before the Battle of Trafalgar*

You are invited to an organ recital in memory of

Mr Alan Phillips, to be played by **Mr Geoff Brown** on

Saturday 18th October at 3.0 p.m.

Messingham Methodist Church DN17 3SB

Light refreshments: No admission fee. Donations welcome.



Stern Daughter of the Voice of God! O Duty!
if that name thou love Who art a light to guide,
a rod To check the erring, and reprove;
From 'Ode to Duty' William Wordsworth

Gossip

My younger sister, Pauline, sent me recently a couple of pieces she wrote some time ago for a church newsletter. I share one of them which will resonate with many of us. It's about the ways in which technology, Facebook and similar social media is making communication much easier.

This gets serious when malicious gossip is spread, sometimes anonymously. We hear of cases of the bullying often of young people now and then with frightful consequences. Once a post is sent it cannot be retrieved and it seems to be available to be widely read.

Pauline tells an old story of a young girl going to a priest to confess her sin of spreading gossip. The priest told her that he felt sure she would be forgiven but asked her to get some feathers and put them in piles in the four corners of her village.

The next day when he asked her to go and collect up all the feathers she said, "That's impossible; the wind has scattered them."

He replied, "Your sin can be forgiven, but the harm you have done cannot be eradicated!"

"Gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret." Proverbs 11:13

Cedric May



The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ,
Moves on: nor all thy Piety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,
Nor all thy Tears wash out a Word of it.
From Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam translated Edward FitzGerald

When you have done all
that you were ordered to
do, say, "We are worthless
slaves; we have done only
what we ought to have
done!"

Luke 17, v10(NIV)



Thank God I have done my duty.
Horatio Nelson

The Life That I Have

The life that I have
Is all that I have
And the life that I have
Is yours.
The love that I have
Of the life that I have
Is yours and yours and yours."

Leo Marks

While not explicitly about military service, "The Life That I Have" by Leo Marks captures the essence of selfless devotion and sacrifice. Written during World War II, Marks wrote this poem as a code for his love, who was a Special Operations Executive (SOE) agent. The poem beautifully illustrates the dedication and unwavering commitment of those who risk their lives in service to others. It speaks to the profound impact such acts of service can have on those who remain on the sidelines, waiting anxiously for their loved ones to return.




Wesley Memorial Church, Epworth

Notices for the week commencing

Sunday 5th October, 2025



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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 649027 in the first instance.