

**Sunday 5th January 2025**

9.0 a.m. - Rev. Debbie Caulk  
- **Covenant service**  
10.30 a.m. - Mr David and  
Mrs Margaret Chennells  
2.30 p.m. - Rev. Debbie Caulk -  
**At West Butterwick -**  
**Covenant service**

**Monday 6th January 2025**

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

**Wednesday 8th January 2025**

7.45 a.m. - Prayers by Zoom

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10.0 - 11.30 a.m. - **Jack in a Box** re-  
turns after his Christmas break, and wel-  
comes parents/carers with babies from birth  
to 3 years.

**Friday 10th January 2025**

2.0 - 4.0 p.m.

Wesley Knitters

**Saturday 11th January 2025**

11.15 - 12.15 a.m.

**SATURDAY MORNING RECITAL**  
**Susan Hollingworth and Caroline**  
**Clemmow entertain with words and**  
**music**

“ I don't believe in New Year's resolutions. I think  
if you want to change something, change it today  
and don't wait until the New Year. - *Georgina*

**Supper on Friday 17th March**

6.0 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.  
Jacket potato with savoury mince  
or cheese  
followed by sponge and custard.  
It will cost £8 and there will be a  
beetle drive.  
Book with Glenise or Pat.



“ Most of us look forward to the start of a new  
year as a clean slate. We reflect on the past 12  
months, take stock of where we are, and make  
new resolutions about how to improve in the  
coming year. - *Mazie Hirono*

**Help requested**

We aim to take Christmas decorations down  
Thursday 9th from say 10 a.m. Any help  
appreciated. Offers to John Lambert

“ Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous new  
year by believing. Believe in yourself. And believe  
that there is a loving Source - a Sower of Dreams -  
just waiting to be asked to help you make your dreams  
come true.

**Optimism**

We seem to have found our way into the new  
year, and here we are in 2025. I wonder how many will  
have danced their way into the year. It is a few years  
now since I did that - 25, in fact. We were in Crieff, in  
Scotland with our family at the birth of the new millenni-  
um, and we enjoyed Scottish country dances as the old  
year passed away and 2000 dawned.

It was a particular joy for us, since our sons had  
planned it all, booked accommodation and all we had to  
do was drive there. However, a winter drive to Crieff  
was, perhaps, slightly optimistic. The snow began to fall,  
and we found ourselves cut off in the resort. It did not  
spoil a thing; rather it enhanced the experience, since  
we were able to walk from our apartment and all the  
activities, and the car could take a week's rest before  
making the return journey.

During the day we had sessions where we  
learnt the dances we would be doing in the evenings,  
with other activities. Perhaps the most welcome of  
these were the sessions in the sauna, where we could  
forget the cold outside and relish the unaccustomed  
luxury.

However you saw in the new year, I wish you  
warmth, health and security, and may we as a society  
and individuals be blessed and contented.

A very happy New Year!

Have you noticed that this week's notices are a bit  
sparse? There is an easy solution. All it takes is for one  
or two people to offer items to include. The 'Members'  
Column' in particular is an open forum. One short  
piece is soon done; the problem is when I try to keep it  
up month on month. Contributions to Keith, please.

Blessed be the God and  
 Father of our Lord Jesus  
 Christ, who has blessed us  
 in Christ with every spiritual  
 blessing in the heavenly  
 places.

Ephesians ch. 1 v. 3 (NIV)



And now we welcome the new year.  
 Full of things that have never been.  
 - Rainer Maria Rilke

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**The world we thought we knew**

The world we thought we knew is changing fast,  
 and longingly we cling to what is past –  
 that settled life which made no great demand  
 Our foretaste of the hoped for promised land.

But as for you, dynamic, Pilgrim God,  
 you do not linger on the path well trod,  
 but ever lead your pilgrim people on  
 to risk an unknown future with your Son.

The challenge of diversity and change  
 will take us well beyond our former range.  
 Exposing us to things we do not know,  
 demanding all the love that we can show.

You take the stuff of chaos, fear and dread,  
 and make a path where we can safely tread;  
 and if we fear the wildness of the wave,  
 we know your outstretched hand is there to save.

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Wesley Memorial  
 Church, Epworth

Notices for the week commencing

**Sunday 5th January, 2025**



*Happy New Year*



Be at war with your vices, at peace  
 with your neighbours, and let every  
 new year find you a better man.

*Benjamin Franklin*