

Sunday 27th July, 2025

10.30 a.m. - Contemporary worship -  
Mrs Val Hackney and  
Worship Band

2.30 p.m. - Thanksgiving Service -  
Beltoft Methodist church

Monday 28th July, 2025

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

Wednesday 30th July, 2025

7.45 a.m. - Prayers meeting by Zoom

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Jack in a Box is taking his summer holiday. He'll be back again on Wednesday 10th September.



Sunday 3rd August, 2025

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

12.15 p.m. - There will be an infant baptism conducted by Margaret Chennells. Please support the family by your presence and/or prayer.

2.30 p.m. - at West Butterwick  
Methodist church

You will notice that content in this week's notices is a bit light. This always happens as the holiday season starts and some of our usual weekly events are on hold. Now is your opportunity to submit a little article to add variety and interest to the notices.



To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.  
*Martin Luther*

### Connexional Advent and Christmas resources

This year's theme is called 'Gifted' and comes with a message of good news to a weary world.' It will need to be organised early to fit in with the December Plan dates. Rev Stuart invites a volunteer to co-ordinate this year. Marilyn Hall and Val Hackney will liaise and volunteers are invited to help to co ordinate.



If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough. - *Meister Eckhart*

### **Raised beds**

There has been some progress with the raised beds. The small one has been planted up. The herb garden has mint, marjoram, rosemary and lemon balm growing well. Please help yourself. The large bed is almost completely dug over. If you can donate any plants they would be much appreciated, as would help with planting and maintenance. Thanks.

*Tish*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Ever since our infant school days we have chanted this prayer in its various forms. We may have a mental image of our father with his 'chart' in Heaven. We may have addressed him familiarly by his first name, Harold - *Harold be thy name*. We may know it in other languages; I have prayed it in French and in German, and there will be others who know the prayer in a variety of languages. In this morning's service we shall be singing the prayer and hearing it sung.

This week's lectionary dwells on the need for prayer. The apostles asked our Lord to teach them how to pray. His reply is simple yet profound. Boil it down, and you get:

- Salutation and praise
- Prayer for the coming of the kingdom
- Prayer for universal obedience to God
- Prayer for physical sustenance
- Asking for forgiveness
- Our need to show tolerance
- Protection from temptation and evil
- Acknowledgement of God's greatness and power

There is a temptation to make our personal prayer a matter of routine, like Christopher Robin.

"What was the other I had to say?

I've said God bless Nanny, now what can it be?

Ah, now I remember it: God bless me."

This may seem very simple and childish, but I can see nothing wrong in praying for oneself, as in the Lord's Prayer. In praying "Give us this day ..." we acknowledge our own need of His grace. Our prayer need not centre on ourselves, but this prayer is an acknowledgement of our shared humanity. In common with all people we also have need of forgiveness, protection, sustenance. Perhaps the most important words in the prayer could be seen to be "we", "our", "us". John Donne, the poet, reminds us that 'no man is an island, entire of itself.' And if we all pray to the one father, that makes us brothers and sisters.



In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

- *John Bunyan*


One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.

When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

*Luke ch. 11 v. 1*



In the Lord's Prayer, the first petition is for daily bread. No one can worship God or love his neighbour on an empty stomach. -  
*Woodrow Wilson*

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	Our Church <b>Prayer chain</b> 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.

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,  
unuttered or expressed,  
the motion of a hidden fire  
that trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,  
the falling of a tear,  
the upward glancing of an eye,  
when none but God is near.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech  
that infant lips can try;  
prayer the sublimest strains that reach  
the Majesty on high.

Prayer is the contrite sinners' voice,  
returning from their way,  
while angels in their songs rejoice  
and cry, "Behold, they pray!"

Prayer is the Christians' vital breath,  
the Christians' native air;  
their watchword at the gates of death;  
they enter heav'n with prayer.

O Thou, by whom we come to God,  
the Life, the Truth, the Way;  
the path of prayer Thyself hast trod:  
Lord, teach us how to pray!

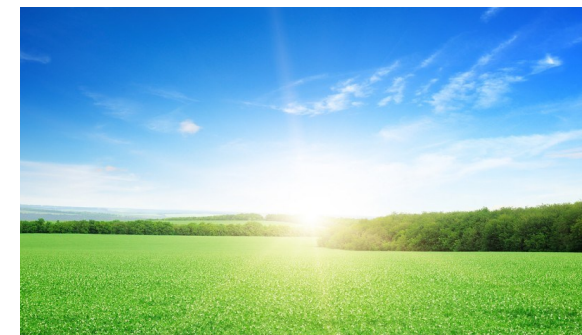
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Wesley Memorial  
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Notices for the week commencing

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Prayer is the key of the morning and  
the bolt of the evening. - *Mahatma Gandhi*