

### Saturday 7th June 2025

**10.30 a.m. - Merry Church**

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



### Sunday 8th June 2025 . Pentecost

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

**4.0 p.m. - Kate Ellis - café church**

### Monday 9th June, 2025

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

### Wednesday 11th June, 2025

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

### Wednesday 11th June, 2025

**10.0 a.m. - Jack in a Box** A fun time for  
pre-school children and carers



### Wednesday 11th June, 2025

**2.30 p.m. - MWiB - Life and Living**  
**Eilidh Gunson**

### Thursday 12th June 2025

**11.0 a.m. to 3.0 p.m. - MWiB** Day of Fellowship  
See separate handbill

### Friday 13th June 2025

**2.0 p.m. - Wesley Knitters**

### Saturday 14th June 2025

**10.0 a.m. - Coffee morning**

**11.15 a.m. - Recital - 'Cello & co. - classical,  
rock, folk and more.**

### Saturday 14th June 2025

**7.0 p.m. - at Haxey Methodist Church**

Concert by **Salvation Army Band and Songsters**  
Tickets, £7, or at the door. - includes cake and tea

### Sunday 15th June 2025

**10.30 a.m. - Mr Timothy Smith**

**4.0 p.m. - Zoom**



It is with regret that we announce the death of  
our friend Di Dudley, who with her late husband  
Terry, was a member at Wesley for many years.  
We express our sympathy to all members of her  
family, and uphold them in our prayers.

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 recip-  
ient) or wish to know more about becoming part of the  
Prayer Group, please contact Pauline - 01427 875478 or

### ***District Safeguarding Fortnight***

I have put on the safeguarding notice board in the school-  
room details of this and of the District Safeguarding Confer-  
ence, with details of how to book on any of the events.  
During the fortnight, District offers four sessions of Uncon-  
scious Bias Training, all by Zoom.

Friday 4 July	10.00 - 11.30
Thurs. 10 July	10.00 - 11.30
Thurs. 10 July	14.00 - 15.30
Thurs. 10 July	19.00 - 20.30

Unconscious Bias Training is mandatory (just once) for many  
office holders, including church stewards, pastoral workers,  
children, youth and family workers and worship leaders.  
Many of us attended the training led by Debbie in January,  
but just a few did not. Now's your chance! Andrew

### ***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 your-  
self.

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*



### ***In a Primitive Physick Garden***

**Caroline Clemmow and Susan Hollingworth**

**Saturday 28th June,**

Performances at **3.0 p.m.** and **7.0 p.m.**

Tickets, £12, from the Old Rectory limited to 40 per perfor-  
mance, include a concert, a guided tour of the Physick garden  
and refreshments, all at the Old Rectory. See handbills availa-  
ble in church

### ***Gardens***

Our notices just now seem fated to  
keep reminding us of the state of our own gardens at  
home. Mine looks more in need of Wesley's 'physick' than  
being a likely source of any healing. In seeking ideas for this  
column I have been reminded of this poem, with its well-  
known line about being nearer to God in a garden. I was  
very surprised to discover that the poet, Dorothy Gurney  
(1858 - 1932), is perhaps best known for her words of *O*  
*Perfect Love*, the hymn often chosen for weddings:

The Lord God planted a garden  
In the first white days of the world,  
And He set there an angel warden  
In a garment of light enfurled.

So near to the peace of Heaven,  
That the hawk might nest with the wren,  
For there in the cool of the even  
God walked with the first of men.

And I dream that these garden-closes  
With their shade and their sun-flecked sod  
And their lilies and bowers of roses,  
Were laid by the hand of God.

The kiss of the sun for pardon,  
The song of the birds for mirth,  
One is nearer God's heart in a garden  
Than anywhere else on earth.

My long-lost childhood autograph album carried this last  
verse in my mother's handwriting, which was ironical be-  
cause at the time we lived in a small, inner-city terrace  
house with no garden anywhere near, and the most com-  
mon flowers were the rosebay willow herbs growing on  
the bomb sites I passed on my way to school. I think I  
need to get out into the garden a bit more. It looks well  
enough, but there is always room for a bit more effort.

All of them were filled with  
the Holy Spirit and began to  
speak in other tongues as the  
Spirit enabled them.

Acts ch. 2: v. 4 (NIV)

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Ah, but a man's reach should exceed  
his grasp, Or what's a heaven for? -  
Robert Browning

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To see a world in a grain of sand and  
heaven in a wild flower  
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand and  
eternity in an hour.  
William Blake

Unless the eye catch fire,  
The God will not be seen.  
Unless the ear catch fire  
The God will not be heard.  
Unless the tongue catch fire  
The God will not be named.  
Unless the heart catch fire,  
The God will not be loved.  
Unless the mind catch fire,  
The God will not be known.

William Blake (1757-1827)

from Pentecost

Blake followed his own advice. To me, this little verse  
is saying, "Don't hide away; don't keep quiet! Unless  
you speak out, the message is unheard."

All his life he was not afraid of being controversial.  
His most famous poem, which we know as the hymn  
"And did this feet ...." or "Jerusalem", calls for a  
response. "I shall not cease ..... till we have  
built Jerusalem in England's green and pleasant  
land."

You may find the novel 'Burning Bright' by the Ameri-  
can novelist Tracey Chevalier an interesting read. It is  
a fictional account of the life of William Blake. I think  
it was probably a library copy which I read, so I can't  
offer to lend it to you, but it would be worth the trou-  
ble of looking it up in the library.  
It's Pentecost Sunday. We should be alight with  
enough zeal to make our witness. Are we up to it?  
Can we carry the Pentecostal flame?

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A good garden may have some weeds. -  
Thomas Fuller

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If you have a garden and a library, you  
have everything you need. - Marcus  
Tullius Cicero



Wesley Memorial  
Church, Epworth

Notices for the week commencing

**Sunday 8th June, 2025**

**PENTECOST**



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Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown  
in. Aim at earth and you get neither.

- C. S. Lewis

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