Saturday 7th June 2025

10.30 a.m. - M@000 Ohuroh



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

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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

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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 lune 2025

10.30 a.m. - Mr Timothy Smith

4.0 p.m. - **Z**oom

Our

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 recipient) 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 schoolroom details of this and of the District Safeguarding Conference, with details of how to book on any of the events. During the fortnight, District offers four sessions of Unconscious 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 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

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 performance, include a concert, a guided tour of the Physick garden and refreshments, all at the Old Rectory. See handbills available 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.

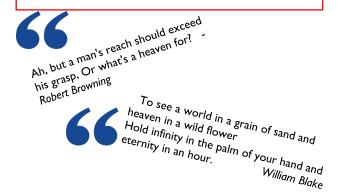
And I dream that these garden-closes With their shade and their sun-flecked sod And their lilies and bowers of roses, Were laid by the hand of God.

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 because at the time we lived in a small, inner-city terrace house with no garden anywhere near, and the most common 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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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.

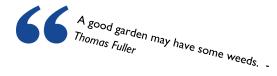
William Blake (1757-1827) from Pentecost

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 American 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 trouble 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?







Wesley Memorial Church, Epworth

Notices for the week commencing

Sunday 8th June, 2025

PENTECOST





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

- C. S. Lewis