

Sunday 27th October 2024

10.30 a.m. - Rev. Debbie Caulk

Contemporary worship, incorporating Animal Blessing Service and Worship Band

Bring your favourite stuffed animal(s) or a picture of your pets. If your pet is sick we'll have a special little prayer you can take home with you to pray with your dear pet.



4.30 p.m. - Mrs Val Hackney
in the Guild Room

Monday 28th October 2024

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

Wednesday 30th October 2024

7.45 a.m. - Prayers by Zoom

Wednesday 30th October 2024

10.0 - 11.30 a.m. - **Jack in a Box** A warm welcome for parents/carers with babies from birth - 3 years.

Wednesday 30th October 2024

2.30 p.m. - **MWiB** Music - Joan and Keith

Saturday 2nd November 2024

10.30 a.m. - **Messy Church** - A warm welcome for the whole family. Bible stories, songs, activities, food and fun.

Saturday 2nd November 2024

10.0 a.m. - noon - **Christian Aid** coffee morning at St. Andrew's

Sunday 3rd November 2024

10.30 a.m. - Dr D. White

2.30 p.m. - Mrs H. Jackson at Beltoft

It is time for our **Action for Children** boxes to be emptied. If you have a box, please can you give it to Joan. Thanks to all who support this important charity by donating in this or other ways.



Funeral of Grace Knight

Monday 28th October

2.0 p.m. - Woodlands Crematorium

3.0 p.m. - Service at Wesley with refreshments in the Schoolroom. All are welcome. Donations in Grace's memory will be to Wesley Memorial Church.

It is with sadness that we announce the death of our friend and member, Barry Clarke, and also of his son, Stuart. We send our love and sympathy to Helen and Ian on this loss of their father and brother, and join our prayers for them and all their family.

The Real Advent Calendar

For several years we have given an Advent Calendar to families attending Jack in a Box, Messy Church and to each school attending Christmas Journey. Once again we are inviting donations towards this cost. Each calendar costs £4.95 and if you would like to make a donation please contact Marilyn, Julie or Louise. Many thanks for all your support. If anyone would like to purchase an Advent Calendar we do have a few spare.

Sunday 10th November 2024 - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE There will not be a service here at Wesley in the morning. The Town Remembrance Service will be held at St Andrews Parish Church starting at 10.45 am. Please arrive earlier to be in place before the Remembrance Parade arrives.

SERVICE OF REMEMBERING

In the last few years we have held a reflective service in Wesley Memorial Chapel at 4.30 pm. This will take place again this year. This is an act of Public Worship and anyone is welcome. However we specifically invite the families and friends of those for whom a funeral service has been held at Wesley in the last 12 months. There are letters about this and invitations in the porch. Please take one and/or pass one on.

Take refuge

Over the years we have had many unexpected joys, what are known as 'serendipity'. Many relate to joyous times spent in our beloved French Alps. One year our friend René offered to take our sons walking in the high mountains, carrying food and supplies and staying overnight in a mountain refuge. We thought this was too good an opportunity to miss, so we stayed in the chalet - itself very high - and looked across the valley to see the distant range of Mont Blanc and picture them bed-ding down comfortably there.

As it happened, we also could see the worsening weather, and the mountains disappearing in black cloud, only emerging with each vivid flash of lightning, followed by loud, reverberating crashes of thunder. We were very impressed by the spectacle, though we had to still our anxieties about our boys up there in this powerful display of nature's supremacy.

We might have been even more anxious had we known then just how primitive the mountain refuges are. As described to us later, they consist of what amount to broad wooden shelves, where those spending the night there would take a single blanket, removing only their boots, and lie like sardines in a tin along the hard shelf, before continuing the final assault on the peak they were attempting early the next morning. I don't remember which peak they were doing; it might have been *Aiguille de Bionassay* or something equally scary! They are rightly called *refuges*; that is the purpose for which they were erected, and which they continue to perform.

Martin Luther wrote the words and tune of the hymn *Ein' feste Burg* .. "A safe stronghold our God is still," echoing the words of the psalmist. We are truly blessed when can know that, even when we are subject to storms and dangers, we have this shelter at our service. May we all be ready to avail ourselves of it, to also to see that the mountain paths are still there to be followed as we continue the upward way.

“ There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats. - Albert Schweitzer

Taste and see that
the LORD is good;
blessed is the one who
takes refuge in him.

Psalm 34, verse 8 (NIV)



Violence is the last refuge of the incompetent.
- Isaac Asimov

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The Narrow Way

Believe not those who say
The upward path is smooth,
Lest thou shouldst stumble in the way
And faint before the truth.
It is the only road
Unto the realms of joy;
But he who seeks that blest abode
Must all his powers employ.

Bright hopes and pure delights
Upon his course may beam,
And there amid the sternest heights,
The sweetest flowerets gleam; -
On all her breezes borne
Earth yields no scents like those;
But he, that dares not grasp the thorn
Should never crave the rose.

Arm, arm thee for the fight!
Cast useless loads away:
Watch through the darkest hours of night;
Toil through the hottest day.
To labour and to love,
To pardon and endure,
To lift thy heart to God above,
And keep thy conscience pure, -
What matters - if thy God approve,
And if within thy breast,
Thou feel the comfort of his love,
The earnest of his rest?

Ann Brontë (1820-1849)

Music for an Autumn Afternoon

Lindsey Chamber Orchestra
Conductor Stephen Fareham

Sunday 3rd November 2024 - 3.0 p.m.

St Andrew's Church, Epworth



Wesley Memorial
Church, Epworth

Notices for the week commencing

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Take refuge in Him