

Saturday 10th August 2024

10.0 - 11.30 a.m. *Coffee morning*

Please note that though there will be no recital in August, the coffee morning will still take place.

Sunday 11th August 2024

10.30 a.m. - Mr. Bob Sheard

12.30 p.m. - **Baptism of Louis Tyas. Louis is the great-grandson of Gill and Michael Bradbury**

4.30 p.m. - Mrs. Marilyn Hall - Café Church

Monday 12th August 2024

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

Sunday 18th August 2024

10.30 a.m. - Mr. Timothy Smith

4.30 p.m. - Zoom service

Thursday 22nd August 2024

7.45 p.m. **Men's Fellowship** meeting at The Crown, Churchtown, Belton. Some may wish to meet at the Chapel steps at say 6.45 to walk there. Let John know if you plan to meet and walk. For more details and travel arrangements, see John.

Yaddlethorpe Methodist Church

Saturday 31st August 2024

10.30 a.m. to 12.0 noon in the church hall

Coffee Morning



Do something wonderful, people may imitate it.
- Albert Schweitzer

Open the Book

An appeal from the **Open the Book** team for anyone with a sewing machine who would be willing to make children's costumes (fabric provided) - tabard style (straight up and down)

And for anyone with woodworking skills who would be willing to make some new props.

Please see Dave or Margaret Chennells



We do not imitate, but are a model to others.
Pericles

Safeguarding Foundation Training

This is mandatory for all stewards and people involved in Jack in a Box, Messy Church, Christmas Journey, Easter Journey and Open the Book. People involved in Chatterbox should also consider undertaking the training.

We have arranged two separate training sessions here at Wesley on Thursday 5th September, one runs 0930-1200 and the other 1900-2130. You only need to do one session.

Training lasts for 4 years. Andrew has records of when people last did training. If you have undertaken Advanced Training you do not need to do Foundation Training.

Imitation

Imitation, we are told, is the greatest form of flattery. It's by copying that we learn. Our earliest lessons come from having watched or listened to our parents. Sometimes the lesson comes from directly, deliberately copying them. We learn to hold and manipulate our knife and fork at meal times by our parents showing us and by our copying.

It has always seemed remarkable to me as a teacher that I have sometimes been able to teach pupils to be better at something than I am myself. We can sum this up in the phrase, "Don't follow me; follow the one I'm following." Some of my guitar pupils from the old guitar club at South Axholme are now better guitarists than I, and that gives me pleasure.

The Chinese philosopher, Confucius, said, "*If I am walking with two other men, each of them will serve as my teacher. I will pick out the good points of the one and imitate them, and the bad points of the other and correct them in myself.*"

Events this last couple of weeks have pointed out some of the dangers of imitating others. News of rioting in one town, published on radio, television and the press, have led to copycat escalations, each one apparently trying to outdo a previous one. How would it feel to be a police officer with the responsibility of keeping the peace and of maintaining the law in the face of such conduct?

Worse than that, just imagine yourself in the position of a British-born and raised muslim, living in one of the areas affected. You may have sat next to a non-muslim child at school, or went with a non-muslim pal to your local team's home football matches wearing your Scunthorpe United supporter's scarf. Now imagine how you would feel if neighbours you know and trust chose to imitate what they have seen in the news.

Our lectionary this week directs us to imitate God, and to live in love. We all need a model to copy and on whom we can build a character and witness of our own. Paul's advice to the Ephesians cannot be bettered. Take Christ in God as your example, and strive to copy him as closely as you can. Don't be distracted by being drawn to other, less helpful, models that you may see.



Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them. - James Baldwin

Therefore be imitators of God,
 as beloved children, and live in
 love, as Christ loved us and
 gave himself up for us,
 a fragrant offering and sacrifice
 to God.

Ephesians ch. 5, v. 2 (NIV)



Admiration of great men, living or dead,
 naturally evokes imitation of them in a
 greater or less degree. - *Samuel Smiles*

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The Divine Image

To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love
 All pray in their distress;
 And to these virtues of delight
 Return their thankfulness.

For Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love
 Is God, our father dear,
 And Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love
 Is Man, his child and care.

For Mercy has a human heart,
 Pity a human face,
 And Love, the human form divine,
 And Peace, the human dress.


Then every man, of every clime,
 That prays in his distress,
 Prays to the human form divine,
 Love, Mercy, Pity, Peace.

And all must love the human form,
 In heathen, Turk, or Jew;
 Where Mercy, Love, and Pity dwell
 There God is dwelling too.

*William Blake
 (1757 - 1827)*



To be as good as our fathers we
 must be better, imitation is not
 discipleship. - *Wendell Phillips*



**Wesley Memorial
 Church, Epworth**

Notices for the week commencing

Sunday 11th August, 2024

