

Sunday 23rd March 2025 - 3rd Sunday in Lent
10.30 a.m. - Rev. Debbie Caulk with the Worship Band
4.30 p.m. - Mrs. Val Hackney

Monday 24th to Friday 28th March 2025

Easter Journey all week for year 5 pupils from local primary school. Your prayerful support is requested for this important outreach.

Monday 24th March 2025

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

Tuesday 25th March 2025

2.30 - 3.45 p.m. Lent course at 3 Pear Tree Close, Epworth - Self-denial in Philipians

Wednesday 26th March 2025

7.45 a.m. - Prayers by Zoom

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NO MEETING of Jack in a Box this week. *because the hall is in use for Easter Journey*

Wednesday 26th March 2025

2.30 p.m. - House Bible Study group - Journeys of Paul

Thursday 27th March 2025 10.45 a.m. to 3.0 p.m.

MWiB Spring District Day - Holbeach Methodist Church, Spalding **Surviving the storms through laughter and Love** Rev Vivienne Smith Tea & Coffee served 10.15 a.m. Bring your packed lunch, drinks provided

Thursday 27th March 2025 - 7.30 p.m.

Men's Fellowship plan to attend the Isle Orchestra Concert in Imperial Hall. Music and film of Battleship Potemkin. Wives welcome. Tickets on door £8.

Friday 28th March 2025

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

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6.0 for 6.30 p.m. - **Church supper**

Sausage and mash followed by apple crumble. £8
Please book with Pat or Glenise.

Sunday 30th March 2025 - 4th Sunday in Lent

10.30 a.m. - Mr Mervyn White

4.30 p.m. - **Local arrangement**



Tickets, £8, may be had from Epworth Old Rectory on line or from Sue Hollingworth. Children free.

Christian Aid Week 11 - 17th May 2025. I have obtained a licence to hold a Christian Aid street collection in Epworth on Saturday 17th May from 10.0 a.m. to 3.0 p.m. If you can fill a one-hour collecting spot, please contact Lou Howard. This will be a joint effort from our 3 Churches in Epworth. Support by Epworth Wesley will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks.



If you don't stick to your values when they're being tested, they're not values: they're hobbies. - Jon Stewart

The President and Vice President of Conference are visiting our district in April. There will be a service in Lincoln Central Chapel on the evening of **Wednesday 9th April**. If anyone wishes to attend please let a steward know if you require or can provide transport.

Saturday 29th March, 2025 - 7.30 p.m.

Lydian Choir Spring Concert

at Old Brumby United Church,

Scunthorpe

Tickets £8 (under 16s £5)



Tested and tried

We are continuing our journey through Lent, traditionally a period of testing and self-denial. Are you denying yourself, possibly by giving up something you really enjoy? Have you taken on too big a challenge, and find it hard to maintain the discipline? If so, you are not the first to do so, and will certainly not be the last. Stick to it, and may you be given the strength and endurance you need.

When I was very young - about 16 or 17 - I went to a concert in Sheffield City Hall when the vast choir and full orchestra was performing Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast* - a challenging work for performers and audience alike. It tells the Old Testament story in the book of Daniel, of Belshazzar who saw, while the great feast was in progress, a finger which appeared and proceeded to write a message translated as "You are tried in the balance and found wanting." What a thing for the revelers to see in the middle of their occasion of pleasure, feasting, celebration and debauchery! Powerful music and a powerful message! How well would you and I measure up to the test and the balance scales?



The reading this week, however, gives us hope. It's true that most of us would be found wanting if we were called on to justify ourselves, but Paul's message to the Corinthians is comforting. Though he does not hide the truth that they will be tested, he also tells them that they will not be tested beyond their strength. By extension, we can take this as a promise to us, too, that though we shall be tested, it will not be beyond our strength.

Elsewhere in the notices, you will see that our local primary school children will be sharing in an Easter Journey. What a story for youngsters to take in! It's not a tale of cuddly bunny rabbits and chocolate, but of suffering, cruelty, death and sacrifice. It will not be easy for the team members presenting this witness, so let us give them our support by our prayers and in any other way we can.

God is faithful, and he
will not let you be
tested beyond your
strength.

1 Corinthians ch. 10 v.13

Do you need Foundation training, Advanced training, EDI training, Unconscious Bias training, DBS? A list on the noticeboard in the School Room which shows who needs what. For further information please see me. *Andrew*



Temptation is the devil looking through the keyhole. Yielding is opening the door and inviting him in. - *Billy Sunday*

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Just as we are

Just as we are, your servants here,
Sure of your loving presence near,
Offering all our hearts hold dear,
Accepting Lord, we come.

Just as we are, with all our pain,
Deeply-felt wrongs which long remain,
Chances we know won't come again,
Forgiving Lord, we come.

Just as we are, you made us so,
Plain earthen pots no beauty show,
Yet deep within your treasures glow,
Affirming Lord, we come.

Just as we are, we come to you,
Trusting your promise ever true,
"See, I am making all things new!"
Renewing Lord, we come.

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Suggested tune: "Misericordia"

(StF 556: Just as I am)



I'm grateful for situations that have tested me and shaped me. - *Conor Lamb*

Our **prayer chain** is a valuable part of the spiritual life of our Church. We are a small group of dedicated people who believe in prayer, and who will pray for your needs and concerns if you ask us - in strict confidence of course. Would you be willing to join us?
If so, please contact:

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Wesley Memorial
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Notices for the week commencing

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God is faithful



We usually know what we can do, but temptation shows us who we are. - *Thomas à Kempis*