

### Saturday 16th November 2024

**Fire Safety Training** planned for this morning has been *postponed* because of unforeseen circumstances. A new date will be arranged in the new year.

### Saturday 16th November 2024

**10.0 a.m.** - A short meeting for those involved in  
**Christmas Journey**

### Sunday 17th November 2024

**10.45 a.m.** - **Mr Timothy Smith**  
**4.30 p.m.** - **Rev. Debbie Caulk** - **Zoom**

### Monday 18th November 2024

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

### Wednesday 20th November 2024

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

### Wednesday 20th November 2024

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

### Wednesday 20th November 2024

**2.30 p.m.** - Bible Study led by Stuart at the home of Jackie and Cedric - 3 Pear Tree Close - on the topic **Birth to Baptism** - Chapters 1, 2 & 3 of Luke's gospel. *All are welcome; bring your bible.*

### Friday 22nd November 2024

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

### Sunday 24th November 2024

**10.45 a.m.** - **Contemporary Worship**  
**4.30 p.m.** - **Mr Mervyn White**



### **HUSH THE NOISE**

On Advent Sunday (1st December) we begin our series of services from 1st December to 1st January, 2025 (Collect a flier from the table in the porch).

The series is based on the carol 'it came upon a midnight clear, and centres on the lines "O hush the noise.....and hear the angels sing."

From next week (Sunday 24th November) there will be a 'Hush the Noise' column in the notices. It will give you something of the flavour of the theme for that Advent Sunday.

You are invited to bring something that you think is symbolic about that topic to stick on a poster or display. That invitation will be delivered each week.

Just a reminder as well . You are invited to volunteer to 'do something' like read a lesson, read the beginning of service candle lighting verse. Just offer to one of the stewards.

#### Around the Isle

### **Owston Ferry Methodist**

Christmas Coffee Morning

**16th November, 2024**

**10.0 - 11.30 a.m.**

Tea or coffee and mince pies - £2

### **Crowle Methodist**

Call in every **Tuesday 9.30 – 11.0 a.m.**

for refreshments and a chat

**Saturday 16th November**

Coffee morning **10.0 -12 noon**

**Thursday 5th December 5.30 p.m.**

**Christingle**

**Sunday 8th December 2.30 p.m.**

Choir concert - **Rawcliffe Harmonics** - tickets £5

### *Service*

"Whose service is perfect freedom ... " How many times have we used this phrase when praying from the service book? Richard Lovelace, in a love poem to Althea, writes:

Stone walls do not a prison make,  
Nor iron bars a cage:  
Minds innocent and quiet take  
That for an hermitage.  
If I have freedom in my love,  
And in my soul am free,  
Angels alone, that soar above,  
Enjoy such liberty.

Robert Browning, in his much longer poem *Andrea del Sarto: the perfect painter*, says

Love, we are in God's hand.  
How strange now looks the life he makes us lead;  
So free we seem, so fettered fast we are!  
I feel he laid the fetter; let it lie!

William Wordsworth asserts that

In truth the prison, into which we doom  
Ourselves, no prison is:

We are free, but service is our duty. We are blessed that so many, in the church or in public and political life, are ready to give their service freely and without expecting any reward.

Remember the words of John F. Kennedy:

*And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country.*

### **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.

To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity. - *Douglas Adams*



Sincerity and truth are the basis of every virtue.  
- *Confucius*



Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

*Hebrews 10:22 (NIV)*

Draw Near To God  
And He'll Draw Near To You.  
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Lift Up Holy Hands To Him  
And Glorify His Name.  
Open Up Your Hearts To Him  
And Praise Him For His Deeds.

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Harden Not Your Heart Today  
But Listen To His Voice.  
Place Your Trust In His Commands,  
A Lamp To Guide Your Steps.

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**Wesley Memorial  
Church, Epworth**  
Notices for the week commencing  
**Sunday 17th November, 2024**

“ Sincerity makes the very least person to be of more value than the most talented hypocrite.  
- Charles Spurgeon

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