

World Federation Day - Stamford Methodist
Saturday 19th October 2024 - 10.0 a.m. to 4.0 p.m.

You put your whole self in.

Led by Dr Nancy Day - Kenyan musician and British worship leader - Full details on the notice in school-

Sunday 20th October 2024

10.30 a.m. - Mr. Mervyn White

4.30 p.m. - Mrs Kate Ellis - Zoom

Monday 21st October 2024

9.30 - 11.30 a.m. CHATTERBOX

Wednesday 23rd October 2024

7.45 a.m. - Prayers by Zoom

Wednesday 23rd October 2024

7.0 p.m. - Church Council meeting

Jack in a Box will be taking his half-term break. See you next week, on the **30th October**.

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



He who is not a good servant will not be a good master. - Plato

Funeral of Grace Knight

Monday 28th October



Woodlands Crematorium 2.0 p.m. followed by service at Wesley at 3.0 p.m. then refreshments in the Schoolroom. All are welcome. Please share any anecdotes, memories etc of Grace with Rev Vicki or through a steward.

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.

*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.*



To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others. - Pope John Paul II

Music for an Autumn Afternoon

Lindsey Chamber Orchestra

Conductor Stephen Fareham

Sunday 3rd November 2024 - 3.0 p.m.

St Andrew's Church, Epworth

A good servant

A former colleague of mine, a music teacher, was preparing for the carol school's carol service held each year in this church. As his pupils busied themselves in tasks they had been given, the teacher called to one of them asking "Will you do me a favour." The young lad replied, "I'll do anything for you, sir."

One might think it was just a smart answer, or an attempt to gain favour, but I could clearly see it was a mark of true respect and regard. I knew how much extra effort that teacher always put into his work, and the service he gave, over and beyond what the job demanded. I am again reminded of the words of another former colleague from my very early days in the profession - "A teacher who doesn't do more than he's paid to do isn't worth what he gets."

In our covenant service each year, we make the promise that we are willing to take on whatever tasks need to be done, and we pledge ourselves to service. We have the words and actions of our Saviour himself. The Son of Man has come to serve! What an example to follow!

Here in Wesley we are fortunate in having many who continue to serve week on week. Think of the Tech. team and the important rôle they serve, especially since the days of the pandemic. What about our stewards? Door stewards? Organists and other musicians? Cleaning volunteers? Kitchen volunteers? Preachers? Start a list and you risk missing someone out.

Service doesn't end with those near to us at Wesley. Let's put aside for a moment our own political leanings, and be grateful to those who serve in national or local government, regardless of their party affiliation. They are doing jobs we would not want to do ourselves, but which are necessary for the well-being of all.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Col. 3:23-24

Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark ch. 10 vv. 43-45 (NIV)



I stand here before you not as a prophet, but as a humble servant of you, the people.
- Nelson Mandela

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The name of Jesus first was told to Mary when she heard That she would bear the Son of God, who'd save and rule the world.

The name of Jesus was revealed to Joseph as he dreamed And learned the child was "God with Us", by whom we'd be redeemed.

The name of Jesus was bestowed when he was circumcised. In flesh like ours his bleeding showed that he would someday die.

The name of Jesus is the one by which we must be saved. For only he died for our sins, then rose up from the grave.

The name of Jesus will be known as peace defeats the sword. All knees will bow, all tongues confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

*Words: Mary Rose Jensen © 2015 Garden Rose Music
Tune: "The Bellman's Song." Trad. English folk song
(In preparing these notices I always check the lectionary. That is where I found this song recommended, though I confess I can give no hint about why it is relevant other than in the reference to the Son of Man giving his life as a ransom for many.)*



God spoke to me and called me to His Service. What form this service was to take the voice did not say. - Florence Nightingale



Wesley Memorial Church, Epworth

Notices for the week commencing

Sunday 20th October, 2024

