

## **Sunday 1st February, 2026**

9.0 a.m. - Rev. Debbie Caulk  
10.30 a.m. - Rev. Brian Bailey  
**2.30 p.m.** - Rev. Vicki Atkinson  
- at West Butterwick

## **Monday 2nd February, 2026**

**9.30 - 11.30 a.m. - CHATTERBOX**  
Coffee, good conversation and a friendly ear

## **Wednesday 4th February, 2026**

7.45 a.m. - Prayer meeting by Zoom

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**2.30 p.m. - MWiB -**  
Songs - Keith Topham

## **Friday 6th February, 2026**

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

## **Saturday 7th February, 2026**

**10.30 a.m. Messy Church**

A warm welcome for the whole family. Bible stories, songs, activities, food and fun.



## **Sunday 8th February, 2026**

10.30 a.m. - Rev. Debbie Caulk  
**4.0 p.m. - Mrs Kate Ellis**  
- *Café church*



There is not one blade of grass, there is no colour in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice. - John Calvin



I do not so much rejoice that God hath made me to be a Queen, as to be a Queen over so thankful a people. - Queen Elizabeth I

## **Saturday 14th February, 2026**

**10.0 to 11.30 a.m.**

*Coffee morning*

*Pancake special*

*Tea - coffee - biscuits - Fair Trade Goods*



**11.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.**

**Recital - Maurice Davies and students from John Leggott College**

The Old Rectory is looking for a new gardener to work 13 hours a week.

Details are available from:

**Sarah Maltby, Strategic Manager  
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Satan wants us constantly to focus on everything that is wrong with us and look at how far we still have to go. But God desires for us to rejoice in how far we have already come. - Joyce Meyer

## **Church locking rota**

We are grateful to those who open a lock up church each day. It is good that we are open for visitors and for those wanting a place for quiet reflection. John is preparing next year's rota of volunteers. If you would like to take part please let him know. We unlock about 10.0 a.m. and lock up about 4.0 p.m. summer, and earlier in winter months.

## **Pancakes**

We are inching our way towards Pancake Day. Do I hear shouts of "hooray!" Don't forget it's followed by a period of fasting and self-denial in Lent. We need to be aware of all the balances.

I recall the time when I was perhaps 12 or 13, and was learning German in school. I loved it, despite the very crusty old man who taught us. To balance the rather dry, repetitive learning of the complex rules of German grammar we would have an occasional lesson when we would sing German songs - entirely from the halcyon days before they were almost destroyed by the hateful, totalitarian period of Nazism and war.

We also read from children's fiction, and I dimly remember the stories about the runaway pancake - Pfannkuche - and the antics it got up to. Of course the stories were rather young for us, but since we were beginners in the language it was about all we could manage.

I loved music and singing, even at that age, and enjoyed the lessons when he would put on scratchy old recordings of music hall songs of the innocent time before the hateful Nazi regime almost put an end to them. "Wien, Wien! Nur du allein .... Dort, wo ich glücklich und selig bin Ist Wien, ist Wien, mein Wien!"

Just before I retired from work I was once drafted in to help cooking and consuming crepes with a class of pupils and their French pen-friends. Now why did that never happen in my grammar school German class back in 1948, at a time when the world was still recovering from a catastrophic war in Germany? Better to share Pfannkuchen than bombs.

**Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.**

Matthew ch. 5 v. 12 (NIV)

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All my life through, the new sights of Nature made me rejoice like a child. - Marie Curie

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	Our Church <b>Prayer chain</b> is now using WhatsApp, which is totally encrypted, adding to our security and privacy policy. If you have a prayer request (with permission from the recipient) or wish to know more about becoming part of the Prayer Group, please contact Pauline - 01427 875478 or Pat - 0777 6490275 in the first instance.

Summer

Winter is cold-hearted,  
Spring is yea and nay,  
Autumn is a weathercock  
Blown every way.  
Summer days for me  
When every leaf is on its tree;

When Robin's not a beggar,  
And Jenny Wren's a bride,  
And larks hang singing, singing, singing  
Over the wheat-fields wide,  
And anchored lilies ride,  
And the pendulum spider  
Swings from side to side;

And blue-black beetles transact business,  
And gnats fly in a host,  
And furry caterpillars hasten  
That no time be lost  
And moths grow fat and thrive,  
And ladybirds arrive

Before green apples blush,  
Before green nuts embrown,  
Why one day in the country  
Is worth a month in town;  
Is worth a day and a year  
Of the dusty, musty, lag-last fashion  
That days drone elsewhere.

Christina Rossetti

*Why have I included this poem? I like it; that's reason enough. And why a Summer poem while it is still Winter? To remind us of the many reasons we have to 'rejoice and be glad'.*



**Wesley Memorial Church, Epworth**

Notices for the week commencing

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*Rejoice and be glad!*

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Too few rejoice at a friend's good fortune. - Aeschylus