

**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**

**Monday 9th February, 2026**

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

Coffee, good conversation and a friendly ear

**Wednesday 11th February, 2026**

7.45 a.m. - Prayer meeting by Zoom

**Wednesday 11th February, 2026**

10.0 - 11.30 a.m. - **Jack in a Box** - a fun time for children, birth to 3 years, with parents or carers.  
**£3 per family**, including snacks and refreshments

**Wednesday 11th February, 2026**

7.0 p.m. - House group bible study at the home of Margaret and David Chennells

**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**



**Sunday 15th February, 2026**

*Sunday before Lent*

10.30 a.m. - Mr Mervyn White

4.0 p.m. - Rev. Stuart Gunson -  
*Methodist Way of Life*

**ROAD CLOSURE**

**Sundays 15th and 22nd**

**Note that High Street will be closed to vehicles because of road resurfacing works . Pedestrian access only.**



In order for the light to shine so brightly, the darkness must be present. - Francis Bacon

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

Details are available from:

**Sarah Maltby, Strategic Manager**  
**Epworth Old Rectory**

- 07541 482608



**Friday 20th February, 2026**

6.0 for 6.30 p.m.

**Church supper** Jacket potatoes and savoury mince or cheese, followed by cheesecake. £9 - Please book with Glenise



We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light. - Plato

**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.

**Light**

We sometimes take light for granted. Every morning we wake to a world of light, 'through sleep and darkness safely brought/restored to life and power and thought'.

In his blindness, John Milton considered how his "light was spent ere half (his) days". On the eve of his execution by burning at the stake, Bishop Latimer said, "we shall this day light such a candle, by God's grace, in England, as I trust shall never be put out."

Alexander Pope composed an epitaph to be written on the memorial to Isaac Newton. "Nature and Nature's Laws lay hid in night: / God said, Let Newton be - And all was light."

A love-sick Romeo, secretly watching Juliet's window from the garden, sees her come on to her balcony to breathe in the soft night air. "But soft! What light from yonder breaks? It is the east, and Juliet is the sun." His youthful infatuation leads to the death of both of the young people, and a sad reconciliation of the warring families.

The judge in Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" tells how he had furthered his career by marrying 'a rich attorney's elderly, ugly daughter' who 'may very well pass for forty-three/In the dusk, with a light behind her!'

In his Christmas broadcast to the nation in 1939, while Britain was in the grip of the World War, King George quoted from the poem by Minnie Louise Haskins: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God./That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".

We know that 'the people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.' So what are we supposed to be doing with that light? Do we hide it under a bushel? No! "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine."

May we be given the grace to shine as we are called to do.



Now, God be praised, that to believing souls gives light in darkness, comfort in despair. - William Shakespeare

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew ch. 5 v. 16 (NIV)



We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Light-houses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining - they just shine. - Dwight L. Moody

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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.

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me  
*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory*

*Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy*

*Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood, I may enter Your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me  
*Shine, Jesus, shine .....*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever-changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me, shine on me  
*Shine, Jesus, shine .....*

Graham Kendrick



**Wesley Memorial Church, Epworth**

Notices for the week commencing

**Sunday 8th February, 2026**



*Let your light shine*



Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness. - Desmond Tutu