

### Saturday 21st June 2025

#### **Epworth Music Day**

Events throughout the village.

No need for tickets or booking; it is all free.

### Sunday 22nd June 2025

10.30 a.m. - Mr. David Chennells

- **Contemporary Worship**

4.0 p.m. - Mrs Val. Hackney

### Monday 23rd June, 2025

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

### Wednesday 25th June, 2025

7.45 a.m. - Prayers meeting by Zoom

### Wednesday 25th June, 2025

10.0 a.m. - **Jack in a Box** A fun time for pre-school children and carers

### Wednesday 25th June, 2025

2.30 p.m. - **MWiB**

Chair exercises - Sue

### Thursday 26th June, 2025

7.30 p.m. - All men are invited to Men's Fellowship at the home of John Lambert

### Saturday 28th June 2025

Performances at 3.0 p.m. and 7.0 p.m.

#### **In a Primitive Physick Garden**

Caroline Clemmow and Susan Hollingworth

Tickets, £12, from the Old Rectory limited to 40 per performance, include a concert, a guided tour of the Physick garden and refreshments, all at the Old Rectory.

See handbills available in church

### Sunday 29th June 2025

10.30 a.m. - Rev. Stuart Gunson

4.0 p.m. - Rev. Debbie Caulk

Lea Methodist Church - Coffee morning -

Saturday 21st June - 10.0 - 11.30 a.m.

### Tuesday 1st July 2025

10.30 a.m. **Action for Children** Annual Sponsored

walk, starting and ending at church, with a break for a sandwich lunch (provided). **Additional walkers are invited.** We are also very grateful for all sponsors of this important charity. Details of how to join the walk or how to sponsor from Joan Topham.



### *Thank you*

to the Men's Group for serving the refreshments at the MWiB District Day. Everyone appreciated it, especially the ladies from Epworth. It was so nice to enjoy the day and not to have to 'man the trolley'.



### *Can you help?*

The catering team are asking for china tiered cake stands, tea plates and cups and saucers, please. If you are able to donate, please speak to Pat.



### *Open Gardens*

Sue and Jim Hollingworth are opening their garden as part of **Epworth Open Gardens** on Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th July. All proceeds to Lindsey Lodge Hospice and St. Andrew's Church. Refreshments, live Music both days, Book Stall and Plant Stall. Open 10am onwards.

A ticket for all 10 Open Gardens costs £4. Sue can sell you one which will also give addresses of the other gardens.

It is time to order **Methodist Prayer Handbook** for 2025/26.

If you would like a copy please let Marion know by 11th July at the latest, also stating if you need a large print copy. This is a helpful resource which goes with the Wednesday morning prayers but will also stand alone.

### **Raised beds**

There has been some progress with the raised beds. The small one has been planted up. The herb garden has mint, marjoram, rosemary and lemon balm growing well. Please help yourself. The large bed is almost completely dug over. If you can donate any plants they would be much appreciated, as would help with planting and maintenance. Thanks. *Tish*

**Music** One man's meat is another man's poisson, if I am allowed to make this pun in our weekly notices, without wounding anyone's sensitivity. So on Saturday (or yesterday, if you don't receive these notices until the Sunday service) there will have been plenty of opportunity for finding something to your taste. Shakespeare had the right words for the situation. In *The Tempest*, he has Caliban, the mistreated servant of the magician on his desert island, saying:

**Be not afeard; the isle is full of noises,  
Sounds and sweet airs, that give delight, and hurt not.  
Sometimes a thousand twangling instruments  
Will hum about mine ears;**

You may remember that the idea of Music Day originates in France in the annual *Fête de la Musique*. I shall be playing in Epworth and then in Retford's *Make Music Day*, a better translation of the French name. I have the hope that some day I shall be able again to enjoy the day in its French home. I have played on this day in the Alps, in the Loire valley, and at least twice in Brittany.

Your friends in other parts of the country might find it an interesting day, so check out the very varied timetable, and see if you can bring them along. The day will begin with chimes of bells from St Andrew's and then Wesley Worship Band in the grounds (weather permitting, of course!) though they will not have quite 'a thousand twangling instruments'!

### **District Safeguarding Fortnight**

I have put on the safeguarding notice board in the schoolroom details of this and of the District Safeguarding Conference, with details of how to book on any of the events.

During the fortnight, District offers four sessions of Unconscious Bias Training, all by Zoom.

Friday 4 July 10.00 - 11.30

Thurs. 10 July 10.00 - 11.30

Thurs. 10 July 14.00 - 15.30

Thurs. 10 July 19.00 - 20.30

Unconscious Bias Training is mandatory (just once) for many office holders, including church stewards, pastoral workers, children, youth and family workers and worship leaders.

Many of us attended the training led by Debbie in January, but just a few did not. Now's your chance!

Andrew


The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you."

So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Luke ch. 8; vv. 38-39 (NIV)



Music has charms to sooth a savage breast, to soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak. - William Congreve

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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 649027 in the first instance.

### Music

When music sounds, gone is the earth I know,  
And all her lovely things even lovelier grow;  
Her flowers in vision flame, her forest trees  
Lift burdened branches, stilled with ecstasies.

When music sounds, out of the water rise  
Naiads whose beauty dims my waking eyes,  
Rapt in strange dreams burns each enchanted  
face,  
With solemn echoing stirs their dwelling-place.

When music sounds, all that I was I am  
Ere to this haunt of brooding dust I came;  
And from Time's woods break into distant song  
The swift-winged hours, as I hasten along.

Walter de la Mare 1873-1956

*I came upon this poem by accident as I scanned for something appropriate to this musical weekend. I suppose that my primary school poetry lessons, which must have featured some of his writings, led me to regard him as a children's poet. This poem is far from that, however. He writes about how hearing music carries a strong emotional impact. Music can give this ordinary world an additional dimension. The ordinary, prosaic world can take on something ethereal, other-worldlike. It can recreate lost elements of our experience - 'all that I was I am'.*



Where words fail, music speaks.  
- Hans Christian Andersen

If music be the food of love, play on.  
William Shakespeare



Music is moonlight in the gloomy night of life.  
- Jean Paul



One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain. - Bob Marley



## Wesley Memorial Church, Epworth

Notices for the week commencing

**Sunday 22nd June, 2025**

