

Saturday 13th September, 2025

10.0 a.m. - Coffee morning

11.15 a.m. to 12.0 - **Recital** - **Maurice Davies, piano** - Free admission, but donations to the Church Fabric Fund are invited

Sunday 14th September, 2025

10.30 a.m. - Rev. Jan Atkins Snow **communion**

4.0 p.m. - Mrs Marilyn Hall - Café Church

Monday 15th September, 2025

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

Wednesday 17th September, 2025

7.45 a.m. - Prayers meeting by Zoom

Wednesday 17th September, 2025

2.30 p.m. - **MWIB** - Rev. Debbie Caulk - communion - All are welcome.

Wednesday 17th September, 2025

10.0 a.m. **Jack in a Box** - a fun time for pre-school children and their parents or guardians

Thursday 18th September, 2025

11.15 a.m. - **Funeral of Julie Thompson** In this church.



Has Jesus saved me? I dare not speak with any hesitation here; I know He has. His Word is true; therefore, I am saved. - Charles Spurgeon

Sunday 21st September, 2025

9.30 a.m. - United service at St. Andrew's

4.0 p.m. - Rev. Stuart Gunson

Sunday 28th September, 2025

10.30 a.m. - Rev. Debbie Caulk -

Contemporary Worship and Baptism

4.0 p.m. - Rev. Debbie Caulk

United Pet Blessing service for all three Epworth churches in the church garden, or in the School room in the event of rain.



My evidence that I am saved does not lie in the fact that I preach, or that I do this or that. All my hope lies in this: that Jesus Christ came to save sinners. I am a sinner, I trust Him, then He came to save me, and I am saved. - Charles Spurgeon

Lost and found

Isn't it awful when you lose something? It might be that letter which you knew would be difficult to answer, and which you filed away safely until such times as you felt up to dealing with it. You know it's here somewhere safe, but you can't put a hand on it. Or it might be an item of little monetary value, but which is important because of the memories it evokes.

This week's lectionary is about lost and found. There's the lost sheep - now that will take a bit of finding. Tradition tells us they are notorious for wandering off and getting into difficulty. Having been born and raised in a large, industrial city I know nothing of that, but on the other hand I've experienced what it's like to misplace something small and important. It is so frustrating to go searching through a pile of papers for the one letter that needs to be dealt with.

Then when you find the lost item, how do you react? Of course there is relief and happiness, sometimes with a resolution to put it somewhere safe so it won't be lost again.

In his hymn about the amazing grace of our saving God, John Newton says, "I once was lost, but now I'm found." Have you ever felt that way, wondering how you can ever find your way out of the morass? You may not know the old Salvation Army chorus:

*"I was wandering in the wilderness,
Far away, far away,
But Jesus sought me in tenderness,
Happy day! Happy day!"*


Yes, it's very old hat these days to sing the revivalist choruses, but it's bright and cheerful and the story it tells is old yet new, telling of the conversion many have experienced, including our own John Wesley when he received "*an assurance that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.*" Oh happy day!



Don't matter how much money you got, there's only two kinds of people: there's saved people and there's lost people. - Bob Dylan

Here is a trustworthy
saying that deserves full
acceptance: Christ Jesus came
into the world to save sinners
- of whom I am the worst.
I Timothy ch. I v. 15 (NIV)

“ Forgiveness is the remission of sins. For it is by
this that what has been lost, and was found, is
saved from being lost again. - Saint Augustine

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	Our Church Prayer chain 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.

Seeking the lost, yes, kindly entreating
Wanderers on the mountain astray;
“Come unto Me,” His message repeating,
Words of the Master speaking today.

*Refrain: Going afar upon the mountain
Bringing the wanderer back again,
Into the fold of my Redeemer
Jesus the Lamb for sinners slain.*

2. Seeking the lost and pointing to Jesus
Souls that are weak and hearts that are sore,
Leading them forth in ways of salvation,
Showing the path to life evermore.

3. Thus would I go on missions of mercy,
Following Christ from day unto day,
Cheering the faint and raising the fallen,
Pointing the lost to Jesus, the Way.

*William Augustine Ogden
1841-1897. Born at Franklin County, OH,
This is another hymn found on the internet. If anyone
is interested, you can find the music also. In the re-
frain the tune is sung by bass singers, with the words
of each phrase repeated in response from soprano,
alto and tenor voices. It is something of a musical
museum piece now, but interesting nonetheless.*

https://youtu.be/s6gP2q_r07k



**Wesley Memorial
Church, Epworth**

Notices for the week commencing

Sunday 14th September, 2025



“Rejoice with me, for I
have found the coin that
I had lost.”

Luke ch. 15 v.9 NIV