

## Epworth Old Rectory Information for Groups 2019

Groups visit Epworth Old Rectory from all over the world. Whatever your reason for visiting we aim to give you and your group members a warm welcome and help you to make the most of your visit. Your group can come for a short visit or we can help you to create a full day's programme. *A deposit for group admission and catering fees is requested at least two weeks before your visit.* 

We are open: March, April & October - 10.30am to 3.30pm Tuesday to Saturday & Bank Holiday Mondays. May to September - 10am to 4.30pm Tuesday to Saturday. We are not open on Easter Monday. Last admission for groups 1 hour before closing.

Standard House Tour	Adults	£7.00	
The standard tour lasts approximately 1 hour. Visitors are then free to wander	C	66.00	
through the gardens and visit the shop. We suggest you allow approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$	Groups over 10 people	£6.00	
hours for your entire visit. Groups of more than 15 people are split into two or	Students over 16 and		
more groups and begin the tour in different parts of the house. Tours are led by our	In full-time education	£5.00	
experienced guides and cover the history of the house and the remarkable Wesley		10.00	
family that lived here. If your group has a special interest then please let us know	Children under 16	£4.00	
in advance and we will try and to find the most suitable guide			
Walk with Wesley	Adults	£7.00	
Where possible, we can offer a circular guided walk around the town of Epworth. It	C		
starts outside Epworth Old Rectory and stops at sites of historical significance to the	Groups over 10 people	£6.00	
Wesleys and early Methodism. The walk takes in St. Andrew's and Wesley			
Memorial Methodist Church, and sites of later Methodist interest such as the site of	Combined tour		
the former Wesleyan chapel, the Methodist New Connexion Chapel and the former	(House Tour and Walk):		
Wesley Manse. Please note that we cannot guarantee access to the inside of both		E12.00	
churches, depending on their activities. The walk can be tailored to your needs and	Children	£6.00	
can start and finish in different locations. We appreciate you giving as much notice			
as possible of your booking, to secure the services of the trained guides			
Quiet Days	There is no charge but we invite		
A full day of contemplative activities for groups that would like a more spiritual	you make a donation. The		
approach. Suitable for Church groups, House groups, Confirmation/ membership	suggested donation is o	suggested donation is of around	
classes.	£10 per person		
Experience the stories and inspiration that shaped the Wesley family, discover your			
roots, and find connections for your own faith and the churches of today.			
There is a suggested programme but days can also be tailor-made for your group.			
Quiet days are led by a Methodist minister or local preacher. Coffee and tea are			
provided, but you need to bring your own lunch or book a catered lunch with our			
team. Elements of the day:			
House tour			
Quiet time in the garden			
Bible study and prayer			
Creative response			
Worship at Wesley Memorial Church			
Activities for schools and young people	£3.00 per child – up to 3	3 adults	
Main activities for all bookings:	accompanying the school group		
1. History Detective Tour of the house	come free		
2. Costumed experience of home schooling in Susanna's kitchen (KS2 literacy and			
history unit 18)			
One further activity from this list can also be selected:			
3. 'Plant detectives' in the Physic Garden (KS2 science 2b) – available May to Sept			
4. Shock pots and loving cups – learning their meaning and making one (KS2 art5b)	More information is available		
5. Learning about portraits and drawing a portrait of another pupil (KS2 art 3a)	on our website		
Activities can be adapted for other young people's groups.			

We encourage all visitors to gift aid their admission (where appropriate). Please ask for a form.

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## **Events and exhibitions**

We offer a range of events each year, including candlelit tours, craft fairs and concerts. Details of the events with dates and times are available on our website and Facebook page.

## **Facilities**

#### Parking

Epworth Old Rectory has a small car park for visitors. This will accommodate coaches, and coach spaces can be reserved by prior arrangement.

#### Toilets

Guest toilets are available on site, one of which is an accessible toilet.

#### Access

Our staff will do all they can to ensure a pleasurable visit for people with mobility problems, but we regret that currently wheelchair access to the house is limited to the ground floor. There is a reduced admission fee for those unable to access the upper floors and where possible we will provide a guide that will tell the story of the rooms on these floors. The beautiful gardens however are wheelchair friendly. Please be assured that in our plans to refurbish the house, accessibility for all is a key issue and we thank you for your patience. Assistance dogs are welcome.

#### Catering

**Epworth Old Rectory** and **The Wesley Memorial Methodist Church** work together on hospitality matters. Together we can arrange meals for parties of up to 60.

- Parties of more than 24 persons are accommodated at Wesley Memorial Church
- Smaller groups may be accommodated in the refectory at The Old Rectory.

Please see attached menu for meal choices and how to book. In the event that we are unable to cater for your group at these two sites, we can advise you of alternative establishment/s nearby.

#### Shop

We have a gift shop that is accessible during opening times, selling a range of souvenirs and local produce, as well as a second hand book corner. Sales from the shop help to support the upkeep of the Old Rectory.

#### Accommodation

Details of accommodation in North Lincolnshire can be found at: http://www.visitnorthlincolnshire.com/accom.php

#### Please note, for groups visiting out of office hours, our contact telephone number on the day of your visit is 07852 712302



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# Hospitality and Catering for groups 2019

**Epworth Old Rectory** and **The Wesley Memorial Methodist Church** work together on hospitality matters. They are on separate sites, and there is just 10 relaxed minutes walking time between them.

Together we can arrange meals for groups of up to 60. Parties of more than 24 persons are accommodated at Wesley Memorial Church; smaller groups may be accommodated in the refectory at The Old Rectory. In this way we can ensure that a whole group of guests can eat together which has the advantage of keeping your visit within a manageable time frame. If your group is larger than 60, please contact us to see if we can accommodate you, however we will <u>not</u> be able to provide hot food.

Please book your meal via the Administrator <u>admin@epwortholdrectory.org.uk</u> at Epworth Old Rectory so that we can coordinate your visit and make the best use of your time.

#### HOW TO BOOK FOOD FOR YOUR GROUP

At the time of booking your visit to the Old Rectory:

- You will be asked about booking a meal, as we can accommodate only one party on any one day
- If you require food, please make a provisional booking giving an estimate of the number of people in your group.
- If we are unable to cater for your group on a particular day we can provide contact numbers for some good nearby establishments in the town for you that also provide good food and hospitality

One month prior to your visit:

- Please confirm your booking
- Advise us of the number of guests in your group
- Indicate the menu that you have chosen (see note below)
- Pay a deposit of 20% of the cost of the meal

A booking will not be considered to have been made until the time that the fee has been received by the administrator. (This booking fee will be refunded only if two week's clear notice of cancellation has been made)

Our catering team:

- sources much of the food locally and uses materials that are known to be fairly traded wherever this is possible.
- aims to provide generous hospitality at a price that is economic to our guests.

In order to cater economically and minimise waste we ask that the whole party chooses the same menu or light snack that can be chosen from the following menu and price list (e.g. Tea/Coffee and cake at £3.75 per head)

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# PRICES AND MENUS

PRICE LIST		
Tea/Coffee	£1.25	
Scone and butter with jam	£2.50	
Slice of cake	£2.50	
Soup	£3.25	
Roll & butter	£0.75	
Sandwiches (4 quarters)	£3.25	
Fruit pie and cream	£2.75	
Ham salad served with new potatoes	£5.75	

GROUP MEAL MENUS		
Menu A	Ham Salad and new potatoes, fruit pie and cream, tea or coffee	£8.50
Menu B	Soup, sandwiches (4 qtrs), tea or coffee	£6.50
Menu C	Savoury bites, sandwiches (2 qtrs), scone with jam/cream, cake, tea or coffee	£6.00
Menu D	Sandwiches (4 qtrs) and cake (or fruit pie and cream), tea or coffee	£5.75
Packed Lunch	Sandwiches (4 qtrs), crisps, apple, chocolate biscuit, bottle of water	£6.75

### Some Frequently Asked Questions:

**Soup** is typically mixed vegetable, prepared using a vegetable stock.

**Sandwich** fillings are typically: egg mayonnaise, sliced ham, sliced beef, tuna mayonnaise, cheese and pickle, cheese and tomato. (4 varieties are used for any one visit)

Scones and cakes are usually homemade.

**Dietary Provision:** The catering team is pleased to make provision for vegetarian requirements but regrets that *it cannot ensure that any food provided is allergen free*. Please advise us of any dietary requests at least two weeks before your arrival date.

**Group Menus** – the whole party must book the **same menu.** Please contact us if you need any further information.



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