



The **Methodist** Church

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Easingwold Methodist Church is a Christ-centred community who seek to know and love Him and to make Him known to all.

Our Calling is to **Worship** the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: to **grow and develop** as his disciples and to **serve** Him in the local Community and wider world.

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You are most welcome to this Church today. Whether you are visiting the area, have recently moved to Easingwold or are worshipping here for the first time, we hope that you feel at home and know God's blessing. We would be very pleased to know who you are, and there are cards available in the chairs in Church for you to complete with your contact details.

WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday 4th November

10:30am Morning Service led by Mrs Mo Onyett
Stewards: Daphne Dureé & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

EXPLORERS' PRAYER

Dear Father God - guide us in our worship,
help us in our learning, bless us in our daily lives,
in Jesus' name, Amen

3.30pm 'Remembering service' led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion
Stewards: Colin & Daphne Dureé

Tuesday 6th November

10.00am

House Fellowship 9 Uppleby

We turn to the Interim Report made to Conference by the Marriage and Relationships Task Group and will listen to speakers for and against Notice of Motion 112 for which the Rev Julia Skitt was one of the sponsors. For those who do not wish to attend but would like to read the Notice of Motion please contact Brian or go to the web link: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/8544/notice-of-motion-112.pdf>

Thursday 8th November

10 am for 10.30am

Highland Court Fellowship group. Please think about Philippians 1:12-30 in preparation and don't forget a notebook!

Friday 9th November

8:30am

Prayer Meeting in Vestry

Saturday 10th November

10.00am-3.30pm

Circuit synod at Lidgett Methodist Church

If anyone else feels they would like to be involved please see Elizabeth. Bring your own packed lunch and come ready to think, pray and talk about what shape the circuit might take and how it can help local churches in mission and ministry.

Other Church Bookings

Monday	11:00 - 12:30	Singing for All - Lounge & Kitchen
	18:00 - 19:30	Ist Brownies - Hall
Tuesday	19:30 - 21:30	Easingwold Singers - Hall & Lounge
Wednesday	10:30 - 11:30	Tai Chi - Hall
	18:00 - 19:30	3rd Brownies - Hall
	19:30 - 21:00	Claire's Group - Hall
Thursday	18:30 - 20:00	Claire's Group - Hall
	19:00 - 21:00	AGM of the PPG - Chapel
	20:00 - 21:30	Anne's Group - Lounge

Sunday 11th November

10:30am

Remembrance Day Service led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion

Stewards: Ken Hopwood & Robert Farmer

12 noon

At the Cenotaph

3.30pm

Holy Communion led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion

Stewards: Richard & Joan Hancock

Trip to Iona with the Anglican Church, 18th May – 25th May 2019

A single room is available. If you are interested in going please contact Susan Graves for details. 822416.

A Methodist perspective on the definition of marriage

Tuesday 13th November 2.00pm at Bishopthorpe Methodist Church
At the Methodist Conference in July there was a presentation and debate on what marriage in the 21st century looks like. You are invited to come and watch a recording of this session and to have an opportunity for comments and questions. This will allow us to begin to understand the discussion, and how the Methodist church is moving on this topic.
(See also Brian's notice opposite)

Help for Middlesbrough

Vanessa works as the Families Worker at the Trinity Centre in North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Christmas is a tough time for many of the families in the area so she is asking for new, small toys for the children to be given at their Christmas party in December. They are also running a Pound Shop for very good second-hand small household items and would welcome these as they are trying to raise money for buying crafts and activities for the newly set up Families' Group.

Also Methodist Asylum Project (MAP) is asking for boxes of Maltesers (available in the COOP) for their children and toiletries for their adult clients.

Any contributions by 25th November please.

With thanks, Chris Peel 823548

Knitters Thank You!

A huge thank you to all the knitters, who have made the Christmas bunting. There are already 100 pieces, with more to come! Please hand your pieces to Chris or put them in the vestry drawer. They will all be used! THANK YOU!

Love reading but can't get to the library?

NYCC and Easingwold Community Library offer a free service for people of all ages who find it difficult to get to the library or carry books. The service is also available to carers.

Our volunteers will select books to suit the customer's tastes and they can either be collected from the library by a friend or relative or we can deliver directly to the customer every two weeks. Our delivery volunteers are all DBS checked and cover Easingwold and all the surrounding villages.

We offer free access to books (including large print and children's), audio books, DVDs, music on CD and information.

Users can opt in and out so can use the service if they are recovering from an illness or operation or can't get out in bad weather.

To find out more please ask the potential customer or a representative to contact Easingwold Community Library on 01609 534584 (rings directly to Easingwold Library) and leave their name and contact telephone number. Someone will telephone back and arrange a visit to explain how to use the service and to find out what sort of books or other materials are required.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with deliveries, particularly to help cover holiday periods. Please contact Easingwold Library and leave your details if you would like more information.

Together Constantly in Prayer:

Please take a moment each morning to join us in prayer.

1. Give thanks that our faith is in a God who is unchanging and who always keeps his promises.
2. Pray for God's blessing on the 'Circuit Synod' meeting on Saturday which will consider the need to develop a strategy to help the circuit with the challenges and opportunities we are facing.

Country for prayer: Kyrgyzstan

Population 5.6 million with around 300 000 from a Christian heritage.

Kyrgyzstan is mainly agricultural but mineral resources and hydroelectric power could be developed along with tourism. The country struggles with corruption, crime and poverty. Pray for the government and Christian groups to work together to bring improvements for those who suffer most including the elderly and disabled.

Notices for week beginning 11th November 2018:

Please contact Carolyn on 01347 822787 or e-mail carolyn.hardie@gmail.com or leave a notice in the vestry drawer by 11.00am on Friday.

Hello from Kim

Edited extract from Kim Gabbatiss's letter

Continuing my Journey WITH God

Dear Friends and faithful pray-ers!!

I am very much aware of being held in prayer and surrounded by God's love. Please do keep in touch. I would love to hear from you. Please continue to pray:

Giving thanks:

for such love, support and generosity received in different ways
for new neighbours, new friendships and relationships forming
that I feel at such peace and have settled so quickly and

Asking God

To help me to gain a sense of rhythm to my day/week
To keep a healthy balance of work and leisure
To make the right choice about a link church, where I can be
myself, nurtured and also be useful, both in the life of the church
and in the community.

Having been accepted for pre-ordination training for the Methodist Church, I left our family home in York, on 12th September, bound for The Queen's Foundation College, Edgbaston, Birmingham, where I will study for the next 2 years.

Since moving to Queen's, I have been learning what it means to live in such a diverse community. There are full-time residents, weekly commuters, daily commuters, part-time students who join us for several weekends throughout the year, independent students and also various members of staff live on-site too. I am part of different groups and have so much support in place. It is amazing!

- A worship group, where we are allocated one week to lead worship each day.
- Part of a cell group
- I have a personal tutor
- I have an accompanist
- As a member of the Methodist Diaconal Order, I have a 'wise senior'.
- There is also a 'buddy' system... 1st years/2nd years – supporting each other.

We are also encouraged to offer our time in different ways, which may challenge or 'stretch' us, or draw on our existing experience or strengths.

I have signed up to be part of the 'Social Justice Group'. I have also offered to be part of the team leading Kids at Queens, twice per half term. I am going to be helping to lead All-Age Worship too, which takes place once per term.

At times, all of this has felt quite overwhelming and I have just longed to be alone! I am looking forward to finding the rhythm of my day and my week. During our time off, we have been encouraged to find a 'link church', which will be our spiritual home and where we might offer service, through preaching/leading worship, as well as being part of the life of the church in other ways. I have visited two very different churches and have yet to make up my mind as to where my heart is drawn to be. Having lived in York all of my life, I feel I need to gain some experience of other cultures and Birmingham is rich in many different cultures. With love and prayers. *Kim* 8th October 2018