



# 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.

Minister: Rev Elizabeth Cushion (01347) 821460  
Senior Steward: Jocelyn Pearson (01347) 822159

*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 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

## **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**10:30am** Celebration of "A Very Special Gift",  
A time of music, reflection, drama and poetry  
Stewards: Jocelyn Pearson & Robert Farmer

### **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

**6.30pm** United Carol Service at Easingwold Parish Church

## **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

1:30pm-2:30pm

Playgroup Carol Service in Lounge

## **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00am to 3.00pm

**Manse Pies** Call in for coffee, mince pies and festive fellowship.

## **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

8:30am

Prayer Meeting in Vestry

### **Other Church Bookings**

Monday 18:00 - 19:30 1st Brownies - Hall

Wednesday 18:00 - 19:30 3rd Brownies – Hall

## **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**10:30am**

Carol Service & Holy Communion  
led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion

Stewards: Jocelyn Pearson & Ken Hopwood

**3.30pm**

No evening Service

## **Christmas Card Tree**

If you would like to send greetings to all the church family, instead of sending individual cards, please attach a card to the tree.

Any money you save by doing this can be put in the box and will be sent to Carecent for work with the homeless.

## **Leprosy Mission**

The craft stall last Sunday and also at Oasis raised £89. Very many thanks for your support.

## **Chapel premises locked over Christmas holiday period**

For the Christmas holiday period the chapel premises will be locked from 4.00pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December until 8.30am on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2019.

## **Time Out**

On Tuesday mornings from 10.00am to 12 noon in the 3 weeks leading up to Christmas we will be running a Time Out session at church where anyone passing by can come in and have a few minutes of peace and quiet. Two or three people from church will be there to welcome visitors and be listeners if anyone needs to talk. Just having someone who has time and is willing to listen can be a real blessing some people do not often get.

There will be a poster up outside to explain what is happening and invite people in.

It will not be a coffee morning or a time to come and chat with friends - there are other occasions for that.

If you want to know more please ask Peter but in any case please pray that God might use these times to reach out to those in need.

## **A Men's Breakfast**

The Community Church has organised a breakfast at the Long Street coffee shop for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019 starting at 8.30am. The cost will be £7.30. Those interested should contact David Weatherill on Tel. 848522 before the end of December.

## **Please save the date on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 3.00pm-6.00pm.**

The social committee are planning a 'January Jolly Just Desserts' afternoon. This will be a light, fun occasion. Everyone is welcome and of course Transport can be arranged.

You will find a list in the entrance for you to put your name on if you are

hoping to attend. There is also space for names of people who would like to provide a pudding (hot or cold)

### **Together Constantly in Prayer:**

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

1. Thank God that Jesus came as a baby, to live and die for us so that we can know God and his love for us and pray that we might live out that love in all our relationships with family friends and neighbours.
2. Pray for all our members of parliament as they seek to find a way forward through the current turmoil. Pray that truth and justice will combine with compassion and fairness to achieve an outcome which is honouring to God and his kingdom.

### **Country for prayer: The United Kingdom**

Population 62 million with around half from a christian heritage.

As we face much turmoil and potential division over the outcomes of Brexit, pray that the church in all its forms might find a strong voice which the people, and those in power, hear and which speaks justice and unity, combined with compassion and love, to our many and varied communities.

### **Notices for week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018:**

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