



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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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

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| WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2024 |
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Sunday 18th February

10.30am

Holy Communion led by Rev David Bidnell

Stewards: Jocelyn Pearson & Robert Farmer

Sunday 25th February

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Mr Robin Jackson

Stewards: Tom & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

Wednesday 21st February

1.45pm - 4.00pm. **CRAFT TEA** Open To All

An opportunity to knit a small basket, for putting chocolate mini eggs in as an Easter project. Please bring size 8/4mm knitting needles, some double knitting wool, scissors and a wool needle. Patterns and instructions will be available. There will be extra DK wool available too. Cost 50p

Come and join us!

Or bring your own project to work on.

Or join us for tea/biscuits and a chat! Cost £1.00.

Friday 23rd February

9:00 am Prayer Meeting in Vestry

9:45am **Oasis Café with Boot Shop** stall in Lounge & Hall

Other things happening this week

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| Monday | 11:00 am - 12:30 pm | Singing for All | Lounge |
| Tuesday | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm | U3A | Chapel, Hall & Lounge |
| | 7:30pm - 9:00pm | Easingwold Singers | Hall & Lounge |
| Wednesday | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm | Brownies | Hall |
| | 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm | Guides | Lounge |

The Women's World Day of Prayer Service

To be held in our church on Friday, 1st March at 2.15pm.

All the churches in Easingwold are working to bring this Service together.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday 5th March

The Social Committee has arranged a visit to the Allerton Waste Recovery Park (AWRP) on Tuesday 5th March.

We shall be using our own vehicles, but obviously, will fill our cars.

Numbers are limited to 20 per visit so it is 'First come, first served!'

Please put your name on the list in the hall if you want to go.

Action for Children

As we were reminded by Rev Ruth Duck when she took our service on February 11th we are into Lent. This years "Count Your Blessings" leaflets have arrived and I have copies available today. The money raised by this method last year was the only contribution our Church made to Action for Children so I would be grateful for a good response this year as well as it being a daily reminder to us all that we are in the important season of Lent.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Together Constantly in Prayer

As this is the first Sunday in Lent, we begin with a Lenten thought and prayer.

We have the friends and companions in this world and life who are making a similar journey; our comrades in the faith. We have the great cloud of witness, the saints who have walked these roads, completed the journey and from the shores of heaven encourage us in the walk of faith; and we have the Lord himself. Jesus fasted 40 days in the wilderness so that He could be with us on that journey. (Malcolm Guite)

We thank you Lord Jesus that you are with us ALWAYS. Amen

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Dear Lord, we thank you for the gift of life and all of the opportunities it provides.

Help us to remember that, even in the darkest times, Jesus - the light of the world - is leading the way.

Help us to understand that we will come across dark times but that they will pass and that, with you beside us, we never face anything alone. Amen

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We thank you, Lord, that we can express our faith freely and worship together without fear. We think of all our fellow Christians living under severe regimes in different parts of the world who are oppressed because of their faith in you. Keep them strong, Lord, protect and help them. May we never take for granted the freedom that we have. Amen

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When I say 'I am a Christian'  
I'm not claiming to be perfect.  
My flaws are far too visible,  
but God believes I'm worth it.

When I say 'I am a Christian'  
I still feel the sting of pain.  
I have my share of heartaches,  
so I call upon His name.

When I say 'I am a Christian'  
I'm not holier than thou,  
I'm just a simple sinner who  
received God's good grace, somehow!  
(Part of a poem from a friend)

**Notices for week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024:**

Please contact Carolyn on 01347 822787 or e-mail  
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