



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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WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2024

Sunday 1st December

10.30am

Advent Service 1 - Encouragement

led by Mrs Gillian Mason

Stewards: Jean Gray & Robert Farmer

Sunday 8th December

10.30am

Advent Carol Service - A time for new life

led by Rev David Bidnell

Stewards: Tom & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

Thursday 5th December

7.00pm Singing practice in church in preparation for Advent
Carol Service. All welcome

Friday 6th December

9:00am Prayer meeting in Vestry

Saturday 7th December

2.30pm 'Remembering Christmas - Carols & Songs of Old'
The Social Group warmly invite you all to this afternoon event led by Marion Moverley. It will last approximately 40 min. Afterwards there will be a cuppa and bring and share cakes. Please sign the list in the hall.

Other things happening this week

Mon	11:00am - 12:30pm	Singing for All	Lounge
Tues	10:00am - 11:45am	Little Fishes	Chapel, Hall & Lounge
	3:30pm - 6:00pm	LW After-School Club	Hall
Wed	3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	LW After-School Club	Hall
	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Brownies	Hall
	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Guides	Lounge
Thurs	3:30pm - 6:00pm	LW After-School Club	Hall

New Bank Account Details

We are in the process of changing the church's banking provider from Santander to the Co-operative Bank, who offer a special Charity account with facilities to make payments on-line. The new details are as follows:

- **Bank: The Co-operative Bank**
- **Account Name: Easingwold Methodist Church**
- **Account No: 67381322**
- **Sort Code: 08 92 99**

The old Santander account will remain open until the middle of February to 'catch' any receipts or payments that inadvertently go through.

If you currently donate by Standing Order or would like to begin doing so, please use these new details. Thank you – *Michèle*

Christmas Card Tree

The Christmas tree for our cards will be in use from Sunday 8th December. This is where we can place a card to our church family, if we wish to, instead of sending out individual cards. Any donations received will be for Action for Children.

Advent A Time for...

Our themes for Advent this year are..

- Sunday 8th December - A time for new life (Advent Carols)
- Sunday 15th December - A time for justice (Holy Communion)
- Sunday 22nd December - A time for celebration (Christmas Carol Service)

We will be marking the idea of travelling through Advent towards Christmas by lighting Advent candles and by increasing Sunday by Sunday the decorations on the Christmas tree.

We will also be having two carol services – one focusing on Advent, the other on Christmas. You will already have seen a notice inviting anybody to be part of a singing group for either or both of these services.

For the Advent Carol Service on Sunday 8th December you are invited to bring with you to the service something that symbolises Advent for you. This may be an object or a memory or something else. It could be a decoration or an Advent calendar or something else that reminds you of how you mark and celebrate Advent in your home or how you used to mark and celebrate Advent.

Advent holds both a sense of memory and anticipation. I hope that this year it will be a season of peace, hope and expectation for you.
David Bidnell

Boot Shop Carols in Easingwold Parish Church
Thursday 12th December 11.00am

Together Constantly in Prayer

Advent hope is with us and we remember our Lord Jesus Christ came to us in great humility. The babe in a manger, dependant upon God the Father to keep Him safe in His infant state. He will come again in His glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, through whom we may rise to life immortal. He who is alive and reigns and lives in us by the presence of the Holy Spirit. One God now and forever. Amen

Throughout this Advent and Christmas the Methodist Church is calling us to 'Hush the Noise' and listen to God in the business of preparing for Christmas. Rather than being overwhelmed by the anxieties and chaos around us, like a wave crashing over us, may we find opportunities to connect to God despite the distractions. Lord, help us to quiet our minds before you. Amen

Never before, Lord, have we prayed for peace in the world quite like now. Remind us again that nothing happens that you do not know about. Amen

We pray for all those in our country who have been affected by the recent floods. May they find the help and support they need during this time. Amen

A Huge Thank You to all the Knitters!

The response has been amazing.

There are now plenty of hot-water bottle covers for Christmas and some for January already. So for the moment no more are needed, but please keep the pattern if more will be needed later. Donations for the actual hot water bottles has covered the cost so far, but there might be a bit more needed in the future.

Notices for week beginning 8th December 2024

Please contact Carolyn on 01347 822787 or e-mail carolyn.hardie@gmail.com by 11.00am on Friday.