



# The **Methodist** Church

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[www.easingwoldmethodists.org.uk](http://www.easingwoldmethodists.org.uk)

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.

Senior Steward &

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| <b>2 WEEKS - BEGINNING SUNDAY 10th AUGUST 2025</b> |
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## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

10.30am Holy Communion led by Rev Ruth Duck  
Stewards: Helena Papps & Caroline Wheatley

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

10.30am Morning Service led Mrs Jean Harrison  
Stewards: Jean Gray & Robert Farmer

## **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

10.30am Joining with Easingwold Community Church  
in the **Galtres Centre**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

9:00am - 9:30am     Prayer Meeting in Vestry

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August**

2:00pm - 4:00pm     U3A in Chapel, Hall & Lounge

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

9:00am - 9:30am     Prayer Meeting in Vestry

**Thanks for your Help**

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who has helped moving furniture out and back in to the lounge and hall so that the carpets could be replaced and painting be completed. Secondly, as all the work has been finished earlier than expected, the furniture has already largely been reordered in the hall so we will not need any help next Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August. Thanks again.

**Save The Date!**

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September there will be the opportunity for you to meet our new minister, Alex Middleton-Laing.

Pop into church anytime between 10.00am - 12.00noon

Refreshments will be provided.

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**Methodist Conference Digest**

A report on business covered at the annual Methodist Conference (held in Telford in June) is available on the front page of the church website. It can also be read online or downloaded from [www.methodist.org.uk/conference](http://www.methodist.org.uk/conference). The Conference is the governing body of the Methodist Church and meets annually to discuss matters affecting the life of the Church, the nations and the world.

**Notices for week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025:**

Please contact Carolyn on 01347 822787 or  
e-mail [carolyn.hardie@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.hardie@gmail.com) by 11.00am on Friday.

**Community Bible Study**

Are you interested in joining a lively group who simply enjoy being together exploring deeper into God's Word for today? Community Bible Study is rooted in prayer and we share a strong desire to help all people who want to understand the world through the Bible. This year, over 30 weeks, we will be studying Deuteronomy, Galatians and Ephesians.

We meet at 9:30 am in Kurt's Bar, Galtres Centre, where we offer a warm, safe environment for people to share and grow together in confidence.

Why not come and try a session or two for free? If you decide to join us, we ask for a small charge to cover refreshments, materials and room booking.

Starts Wednesday 3 September, and follows the school terms, finishing on 6 May 2026. For further information please contact Sally by email to [cbsi@dsign.plus.com](mailto:cbsi@dsign.plus.com).

**Together Constantly in Prayer**

Dear God, as we enter this sacred place of prayer let us come with the heart of a pilgrim. May we glimpse you in the beauty of creation and sense your presence in all that we see and hear, mindful that everything here is a response to your Glory. Focus our eyes that we may see you in everything and experience you with all the wonder of a beloved child. May the light that continues to dance around these walls, be a light that guides our feet back into the world, bearing a pilgrim's heart. Amen

(Selected extracts from 'A Path of Pilgrimage' a free booklet which I picked up from York Minster)

## **When God Surprises us**

For so long the story of our churches has been one of scarcity and decline. So it was with some shock that I read an article about a rise in church attendance. You can access the full report by the Bible Society called the 'Quiet Revival'.

[www.biblesociety.org.uk/research/quiet-revival](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/research/quiet-revival)

This growth in church attendance has been led by young adults - particularly young men. This generation (Gen Z, born between 1997 and 2012) are more spiritual and more open and curious about Christianity and the Bible, with 40% saying they pray at least monthly. In 2018, just 4% of 18-24 year olds said they attended church at least monthly. Today this is at 16%. The rise has particularly been seen in Catholicism and Pentecostalism. There are fewer people that will say they are Christian as a default (such as on a census etc) but those who do say they are Christian are more likely to be practising Christians. Also, about a third of people would attend church if asked by a trusted friend. Authentic relationships are key.

Intriguing. More research is needed to understand what is behind this but the report hints to the increase in mental health issues in this generation and the search for community, meaning and purpose in a chaotic world.

Yet again, God surprises us and shakes up our expectations and assumptions. We have a lot of reflecting and praying to do to understand what this means for us. At the very least, there is an openness - we shouldn't be afraid of letting our faith show, for fear of the tumbleweeds that might then follow! Also, the younger generation have questions and scratch their heads about some parts of the Bible (don't we all?!) so they need a safe space to be able to work these things out with trusted fellow disciples