



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2025**

## **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

10:30am Leprosy Mission Service

Stewards: Helena Papps & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

There will be a collection for The Leprosy Mission after the service

## **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

10:30am Morning Worship led by Mr Robin Jackson

Stewards: Jean Gray & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

### 11.30am Ash Wednesday Service and Lunch

You are invited to a service of Holy Communion as together we mark the beginning of Lent. The service will last about 30 minutes and will be followed by a soup lunch.

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

### 2.15pm The Women's World Day of Prayer

at the Catholic Church.

## Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March

### 8:45 am Christians Together Prayer Meeting

## Other things happening this week

Tues	10:00am -12:00pm	Little Fishes	Chapel, Hall & Lounge
	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Charity Meeting	Vestry
	3:30pm - 6:00pm	After-School Club	Hall
	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Easingwold Singers	Hall
Wed	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Charity Meeting	Vestry
	3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	After-School Club	Hall
	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Brownies	Hall
	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Guides	Lounge
Thurs	3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	After-School Club	Hall

## Ladies!

Fancy meeting for coffee and chat? Please join us on Friday mornings at the Olive Branch from 10am.

Every Friday except the last Friday of the month when we have the Oasis Coffee morning at church.

## Church Tearfund Donation to Democratic Republic of Congo

In response to an urgent appeal by Tearfund, the Property & Finance Committee, under Council authority, has made a donation of £500 to the aid Tearfund's work in this country.

Further information on what is happening in the DRC can be found at: [www.tearfund.org/campaigns/democratic-republic-of-congo-emergency-appeal](http://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/democratic-republic-of-congo-emergency-appeal) *Michèle Hackney*, Treasurer

## **Action for Children**

It's that time again! "Count Your Blessings" during Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. I have copies of suggestions on how to make your donations. I shall collect all contributions at Easter time. Thanking you in anticipation for a good collection!

## **Church Flowers**

Belatedly there is a new list on the board for people to sign up to provide flowers for church on the date of your choice.

*Anne Hopwood*

## **Recently Uploaded to the Church Website**

The following have been published and uploaded to the front page of the church's website at: [www.easingwoldmethodists.org.uk](http://www.easingwoldmethodists.org.uk).

- York Circuit Spring Newsletter
- Methodist Women in Britain Spring Newsletter
- Carecent Post-Christmas Newsletter

## **CRAFT TEA Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 1.45pm - 4.00pm**

Please note change of 3rd Wednesday to 2nd for March.

An opportunity to make thread work cards. If possible please bring bits and pieces from the following list. As usual there will be plenty of materials for everyone to share so no need to buy any of the below. So, card/scrap of card/thick wool/threads/cord etc (especially sparkly or variegated)/paper scissors/small sharp scissors/pinking shears/craft knife and cutting mat/sellotape or masking tape/glue stick/double sided tape/sticky foam pads.

Templates and instructions will be available. Come and join us!

Cost 50p.

Or bring your own project to work on.

Or join us for tea/biscuits and a chat! Cost £2.00.

## **Thanksgiving service for the life of Alice Jenkinson**

With refreshments afterwards at The George

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm**

Please sign the list on the notice board for service sheets and catering requirements.

## Together Constantly in Prayer

Today, our prayers are those of thanks:

\*We give thanks for the breakthrough in sickle cell anaemia, an inherited disease, which is improving the lives of many sufferers.

\*An experimental trial of gene therapy has helped four toddlers who were born with one of the most severe forms of childhood blindness. According to doctors at Moorfields Eye Hospital in London, this has enabled these children to gain “life-changing” improvements to their sight. Praise God.

\*The recent funding round for hospices reminds us of the vital work done by these organisations. We remember all of the charities supporting people with differing needs. We are grateful for the efforts of the volunteers who give their time freely to help others.

\*The Citizens Advice Bureau was set up in 1939 to provide independent guidance for people. We are grateful for the work that it continues to do, particularly with those who are struggling with challenging personal situations.

\*We are thankful for our Church family who support us in times of difficulty and whose prayers mean so much to us.

Once a man was asked, “what did you gain by praying regularly to God?”

The man replied “nothing.....but let me tell you what I lost: anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity and fear of death”.

Sometimes, the answer to our prayers is not gaining but losing, which ultimately is the gain.

(Rumbidzal Fana)

**Please note:** Notices for week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025 will cover 2 weeks, the following one being published on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Please contact Carolyn on 01347 822787 or e-mail [carolyn.hardie@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.hardie@gmail.com) by 11.00am on Friday.