



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.

Senior Steward &

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2 WEEKS - BEGINNING SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2024

Sunday 22nd December

10.30am Christmas Carol Service - A time for celebration
led by Rev Ruth Duck

Stewards: Tom & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

6.30pm Carol Service for all with the Town Band in the
Parish Church

Wednesday 25th December

9:30am Christmas Day Service led by Mr Robin Jackson
in Stillington Village Hall

Sunday 29th December

10.30am Joint service with villages led by Rev John Hayward
Stewards: Jean Gray & Robert Farmer

Our church building will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day

Friday 3rd January

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

Sunday 5th January

10:30am Joint Epiphany Service with Eucharist
at Easingwold Parish Church

New Bank Account Details

The new bank account details are as follows:

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

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

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

Date for your diary!

Chris Cade, a freelance actor and storyteller, will be performing "**Just Three Words**", the heartfelt story of Albert Johnson who joined the Local Defence Volunteers in 1940.

This event will take place on Saturday 25th January 2025 at 3pm at the Methodist Church. We are planning to have a 'bring and share' tea, so please remember to bring something with you! Please sign the list in the vestibule if you would like to come.

Together Constantly in Prayer

My home church is housed in a modern building – the church in the round. Usually, a cross, a Bible and a small bowl of flowers stand on the communion table. Nothing else. For communion services, of course, there is bread and wine. Simple and uncluttered.

This morning was different. The table was almost covered, the cross nearly obscured. There were two woolly hippos, several dolls and a family of teddy bears. It was a toy service and the toys were gifts from the congregation to a local centre helping children with needs.

On the table woolly hippos, or bread and wine? It seemed an incongruous contrast at first. But below the superficial difference I felt a deeper similarity. Both were expressions of love, both made the incarnation a reality. Both pointed to the truth that God cares, that he stands with the weak and vulnerable.

Sometimes theology seems so abstract and remote, yet the reality of love is simple and concrete. And can be expressed as well in a woolly hippo as in anything else. (Eddie Askew)

Ever so silently.....He comes.....may the coming of the Christ child fill your hearts and lives this Christmas-time and always.

Notices for week beginning 5th January 2025

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