# 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 23rd FEBRUARY 2025

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

10:30am Morning Worship by Mr Stephen Leah Stewards: Jean Gray & Caroline Wheatley

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

10:30am Leprosy Mission Service Stewards: Helena Papps & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

### Friday 28th February

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

## 9:45am - 11:30am Oasis Cafe with Boot Shop in Hall & Lounge

## Other things happening this week

Tues	10:00am -12:00pm	Little Fishes	Chapel, Hall & Lounge
	3:30pm - 6:00pm	After-School Club	Hall
	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Easingwold Singers	Hall
Wed	3:00 pm - 4:00 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

## Ash Wednesday Service and Lunch Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am

You are invited to a service of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday as together we mark the beginning of Lent. The service will begin at 11.30am and last about 30 minutes and will be followed by a soup lunch.

I look forward to seeing you then if you are able to make it. *David Bidnell* 

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

Friday 7th March at 2.15pm at the Catholic Church.

#### **Church Anniversary - Advance Notice**

Our church 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will take place over the week-end of 17th and 18th May.

Please put the date in your diary so we can all celebrate together. Further information will be given nearer the time.

## Church Tearfund Donation to Democratic Republic of Congo

The Church has recently been informed by Tearfund of an urgent humanitarian crisis that has arisen in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Heavy fighting in the country has forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee. Some 3,000 people have been killed and 2,800 people have been injured. People who've fled the terror of war are now facing the threat of disease due to lack of clean water. In response, the Property & Finance Committee, under Council authority, has made a donation of £500 to the aid Tearfund's work in the country.

Further information on what is happening in the DRC can be found at: <u>www.tearfund.org/campaigns/democratic-republic-of-</u> congo-emergency-appeal

Michèle Hackney, Treasurer

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.

## Safeguarding

Please note, for those who need to complete the Advanced Safeguarding course, dates for the online Advanced Module are on the Safeguarding notice board.

## **Together Constantly in Prayer**

The 24th of February marks three years of the Ukrainian war with Russia. In the light of what we see and hear in the media, we are reminded of what Pilate once asked: "what is truth?" Lord, give us a discerning spirit to recognise when truth is spoken and when lies are dressed up as truth. We are living in a fast paced world which has the ability to mislead us through the use of technology. Enable us, your children, to see through untruth and deceit and to stand firm.

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God of peace, breathe on this fractured world, and heal the divisions that grow daily wider. Breathe on leaders, that they might respect the right of all human beings to live in peace. Breathe on those who hate, opening the hand clenched in a fist that it might embrace. Breathe on the influential, that their power might be used for the common good of all. Breathe on the individual, and bring freedom from conflict, and a life that's free from fear. God of peace, breathe on this fractured world. Amen. (John Birch, Local Preacher)

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Someday the King will return, He won't need to be elected: there will be no debates. Every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess, that Jesus Christ is King of Kings and Lord of all.

#### **Notices for week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025** Please contact Carolyn on 01347 822787 or e-mail carolyn.hardie@gmail.com by 11.00am on Friday.