## The **Methodist** Church

### Chapel Street, Easingwold, York. YO61 3AE 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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#### WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 23rd MARCH 2025

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

10:30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Elaine Thompson

Stewards: Helena Papps & Robert Farmer

#### Sunday 30th March

10:30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Catherine Staton

Stewards: Jocelyn Pearson & Caroline Wheatley

#### Thursday 27th March

12.30pm Thanksgiving service for the life of Alice Jenkinson With refreshments afterwards at The George

#### Friday 28th March

9.00am Prayer meeting in Vestry

9:45am -11:30am Oasis Cafe with Boot Shop and York Circuit Admin Drop-in

#### 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	3:30 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

**The Ecumenical Prayer Meeting** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday every month will be held at 9.00am in the Methodist Church vestry until further notice.

#### 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.

**Our Church 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebration will take place over the week-end of 17th and 18th May. Save the date so we can all celebrate together. More info will be given nearer the time.

#### **Quiet Day Away**

Would you be interested in a 'quiet day' away sometime in the next few months? It could be a time to walk in lovely surroundings, to sit and read, to pray, engage in a craft activity or write poetry. There could be some initial reflections to give you something to think about, and a time of sharing at the end of the day. Venue possibilities: Wydale Hall, Ampleforth Abbey, a different church outside the circuit. Some venues would offer full refreshments throughout the day (last year Wydale cost £35 pp for lunch, and coffee/tea/biscuits/ cake whenever we wanted it) Please sign the sheet in the vestibule to express your interest (without commitment at this stage), and any preferences regarding venue and cost.

Or contact me on <a href="mailto:ruth.duck@methodist.org.uk">ruth.duck@methodist.org.uk</a> Ruth

# Reflective Service for Grief and Loss around Mothering Sunday Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 5.00 pm at Huntington Methodist Church

This is a special, alternative service the day before Mothering Sunday for those who struggle with loss and grief around this time. It could be baby or child loss, a difficult relationship with parents/children or estrangement, or for those who have lost their mums/grandmas/carers. We are aware that Mothering Sunday can be a trigger for many.

We offer a space for you to grieve, acknowledge the loss and pain, to light candles, and to put names on butterflies on a tree. We don't want you to be alone in the hurt.

If you would like to have a name on the tree but cannot make it, please contact Lydia Harrison (07579 765617

or <a href="mailto:lydia.harrison@methodistyouth.org.uk">lydia.harrison@methodistyouth.org.uk</a>) and we will make sure that they are included.

You are loved, seen and valued

#### **Together Constantly in Prayer**

In this season of Lent we pray that we may grow closer to you, Lord, and worship only you. Help us to cast off those things that would draw us away from following your plans for us. May we spend more time in your word each day, and then our priorities will align with yours. Fill us again with the joy of your Salvation. Amen

When quiet in my house, I sit.
Thy book be my companion still.
To search the oracles divine.
Till every heartfelt word be mine.

The author of the above verse is unknown to me but I have carried it with me throughout my life of faith and it has served me as a timely reminder of how precious God's word is.

"Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends." St Alphonsus Ligouri

Notices for week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025:

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