



# 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 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

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

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Rev Hazel Hanson

Stewards: Helena Papps & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

10.30am

Advent Service 1 - Encouragement

led by Mrs Gillian Mason

Stewards: Jean Gray & Robert Farmer

## **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

6.30pm      **St Leonard's Hospice Light up a Life**

Carols in the Market place

## **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

9:00am      Prayer meeting in Vestry

9:45am - 11:45am    **Oasis Café** with our friends from The Boot

Shop in Lounge and Hall

10.00am onwards    **Springhill Court Christmas Fair**

Please support this by attending and / or baking a cake or savouries. Bring along to SHC on the morning, or Chris Peel (01347 823548) can collect on 28th.

## **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

3.00pm      Easingwold Singers Advent Concert in Parish

Church. Bach cantatas and Advent carols.

Tickets £12 from choir members or at the door subject to availability

## **Other things happening this week**

Mon	11:00am - 12:30pm	Singing for All	Lounge
Tues	10:00am - 11:45am	Little Fishes	Chapel, Hall & Lounge
	3:30pm - 6:00pm	LW After-School Club	Hall
Wed	3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	LW After-School Club	Hall
	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Brownies	Hall
	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Guides	Lounge
Thurs	3:30pm - 6:00pm	LW After-School Club	Hall

## **Christmas Card Tree**

The Christmas tree for our cards will be set up from Sunday 8th December.

This is where we can place a card to our church family, if we wish to, instead of sending out individual cards.

Any donations received will be for Action for Children.

## **Singers at our two Carol Services**

It would be lovely if we could have a group to lead the singing.

Enthusiasm will be the only requirement!

Everyone interested will be welcome to come along on Thursdays December 5th and 19th at 7pm in church. We shall sing through carols old and not so old. This will provide a great boost to our singing at the services and help make Advent very special. We look forward to seeing you.

Please ask me if you have any questions. *Richard*

## **Advent A Time for...**

Our themes for Advent this year are..

- Sunday 1st December - A time for encouragement
- Sunday 8th December - A time for new life (Advent Carols)
- Sunday 15th December - A time for justice (Holy Communion)
- Sunday 22nd December - A time for celebration (Christmas Carol Service)

We will be marking the idea of travelling through Advent towards Christmas by lighting Advent candles and by increasing Sunday by Sunday the decorations on the Christmas tree.

We will also be having two carol services – one focusing on Advent, the other on Christmas. You will already have seen a notice inviting anybody to be part of a singing group for either or both of these services.

For the Advent Carol Service on Sunday 8th December you are invited to bring with you to the service something that symbolises Advent for you. This may be an object or a memory or something else. It could be a decoration or an Advent calendar or something else that reminds you of how you mark and celebrate Advent in your home or how you used to mark and celebrate Advent.

Advent holds both a sense of memory and anticipation. I hope that this year it will be a season of peace, hope and expectation for you. *David Bidnell*

## **Children in Need Coffee Morning**

The amount raised was £1,070.79. Thanks go to Kay and her helpers and everyone who attended and gave so generously.

## **Remembering Christmas – Carols and Songs Of Old**

The Social Group warmly invite you all to this afternoon event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30.

Led by Marion Moverley, it will last approximately 40 min.

Afterwards there will be a cuppa and bring and share cakes.

Please sign the list in the hall.

Everyone welcome – spread the word around your friends!

## **New Bank Account Details**

Following Council approval, we are in the process of changing the church's banking provider from Santander to the Co-operative Bank, who offer a special Charity account with facilities to make payments on-line. Although I have tried to contact most people who already give by Standing Order (either regularly or on an occasional basis), I thought it best to provide details for everyone. These are as follows:

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

To allow sufficient time for Standing Orders to be changed, the Santander account will remain open until the middle of February to 'catch' any receipts or payments that inadvertently go through. If anyone would like to start paying by Standing Order, these are the new details that should be used, please. However, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you – Michèle Hackney (Treasurer)

### **Notices for week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

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

## **Together Constantly in Prayer**

We give thanks to God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – who is always on the move, who is going ahead of us, at work in this world, restoring, renewing and transforming lives. We confess that we are often blind to the work of God, too preoccupied with our own circumstances and perspectives to see God's bigger picture. We are thankful that, through the victory of Jesus on the cross, our sight can be restored and our lives transformed. We pray for the strength to live as transformed people and Church communities in our everyday lives, showing and sharing the grace of God to those around us. May each of us carry the gospel of Jesus as a treasure in an ordinary clay jar, all to the glory of the Lord. Amen.

(Portion of a prayer by John Alderdice, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland)

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Lord, help us to know that our prayers really do matter and that your power is realised because of our faith in you. Help us in our struggle to understand what is happening in the world and in the lives of the people we know and love. We lift our church family to you and ask for your comfort and presence in each of our lives. Amen

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We pray, Lord, for humanitarian aid to get through to the people of Gaza and that the warring factions there will allow this to happen. Amen

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This Sunday is Women Against Violence Sunday. We pray for all of those who are experiencing violence, both in domestic and other settings. Amen

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Fear tells you that you will not be able to cope.  
Faith tells you that your Father in heaven knows when you will need strength to cope and He will supply all you need at the right time.