



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 5th OCTOBER 2025
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Sunday 5th October

10.30am Morning Worship at **Huby**
Led by Rev Alex Middleton-Laing

Sign up if you need / can offer a lift

3.00pm Harvest Festival service at Springhill Court
All welcome

Sunday 12th October

10.30am Holy Communion led by Rev Alex Middleton-Laing
Stewards: Jocelyn Pearson & Maggie Wilson

Saturday 11th October

8:45 am Christians Together Prayer Meeting in Vestry

Other things happening this week

Mon	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	United Charities	Vestry
Tues	10:00am-12:00pm	Little Fishes	Chapel, Hall & Lounge
	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Easingwold Singers	Hall
Wed	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Brownies	Hall
	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Guides	Lounge

A big thank you to all who decorated the church so beautifully for Harvest Thanksgiving. Thank you also to everyone who gave so generously both of produce and money. £277.60 was raised for The Unicef Gaza Appeal, which will be matched by money from church funds.

The Funeral Service for Mr Keith Shearing will be at 1pm on Tuesday 14th October.

Pauline Ann Curry

A celebration of Pauline's life will take place at Hambleton Crematorium, Maple Park on Thursday 23rd October at 2.30pm. Please dress in bright colours.

<https://www.dignityfunerals.co.uk/funeral-notice/27-09-2025-pauline-curry/>

Reflect - Methodist Spirituality & Retreats

Quiet morning (via Zoom) Friday 17th or Saturday 18th October
"You do not have to be good"

Opening up to God through the poems of Mary Oliver
Event led by Christine Crabtree Presbyter and member of Reflect Executive Committee

For more information see notice in vestibule

Together Constantly in Prayer

Dear Lord, as we brought gifts of produce to celebrate our harvest festival, we were reminded of the work that goes into bringing food to our tables. We are thankful for all of the work done on farms, in transportation and in shops which helps to make life comfortable for us. We remember everyone who struggles to find food because of poverty, wars or famine.

We remember those who have lost someone dear to them. May they feel the comfort of God's presence as they deal with their loss.

We pray for the women and girls of Afghanistan as they continue to deal with the restrictions placed upon them. The latest ruling has been the indefinite banning of the internet; having been excluded from education beyond 12 years of age, this was their only opportunity to study. We grieve with them, Lord, for being deprived of their human rights. Please do not let them be forgotten amidst the troubles elsewhere in the world.

'My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me'
(John10v27)

It wasn't an unusual scene: father and son riding their bikes through the park. Dad, slightly ahead, led the way, calling out instructions: "steer sharp left. Then straighten up again—we're going around a pond". But something was different. The young boy was blind, totally reliant on listening to, and then following, his father's familiar voice amid the other children's playful shouts. This is not unlike a scene where Middle Eastern shepherds lead their sheep from out front, calling them by name. So intimate is their relationship that the 'sheep follow the shepherd because they know his voice'.

There are times when we can't see which path to take, or when we feel confused by the many voices calling out opinions or expectations. Jesus described himself as the Good Shepherd and as we listen for our Shepherd's voice in scripture and follow His directions, He protects us from making unwise or even dangerous choices.

(Extract from Our Daily Bread)

Important Note: Legacies/Bequests

Please note that, should you wish to leave a gift of personal property (money, jewellery, land etc) to our church in your will, it is important to state that the gift is for the sole use of Easingwold Methodist Church. This should avoid it being lost in general Connexional (Methodist) funds.

However, to avoid confusion, it is best to obtain a copy of *Guidelines on Bequests* from the Methodist Church. This will help with wording to ensure the gift is allocated according to the original purpose (even if this original purpose has ceased to exist):

Contact details:

- Email: legal@tmcp.methodist.org.uk
- Tel: 0161 235 6700
- Post: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Legal Department, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ

Notices for week beginning 12th October 2025:

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