



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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2 WEEKS - BEGINNING SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2024

Sunday 8th December

10.30am Advent Carol Service - A time for new life
led by Rev David Bidnell

Stewards: Tom & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

You are invited to bring with you to the service something that symbolises Advent for you. This may be an object or a memory; it could be a decoration or an Advent calendar or something else that reminds you of how you mark or used to mark and celebrate Advent in your home.

Sunday 15th December

10.30am Advent Holy Communion - A time for justice
led by Rev David Priestnall

Stewards: Jocelyn Pearson & Caroline Wheatley

3.00pm Springhill Court Carols. All welcome

Thursday 12th December

11.00am **Boot Shop Carols** in Easingwold Parish Church

Friday 13th December

9:00am No prayer meeting. Instead please support...

11.00am Annual Crib service on the Market Green
led by the Community Church

Saturday 14th December

8:45am Churches Together Prayer Meeting at MCAT

Thursday 19th December

7:00pm - 8:00pm Carol Service singing practice in Lounge

Friday 20th December

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

9:45am - 11:30am **Christmas Oasis Café** with Boot Shop

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

Other things happening this week and next

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

Personal Message from Valerie

Valerie & Brian would like to thank all those who have visited, telephoned, sent cards, letters, emails and gifts + meals for Brian. We are truly grateful for all the pastoral care we have received. I am still being cared for in Pinderfields Spinal Unit and am making some progress. We both wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Valerie

Christmas Card Tree

The Christmas tree for our cards is now in use. 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.

Together Constantly in Prayer

Carols by candlelight, the soft twinkling of lights on the tree, the warm glow of sitting next to the fire on a cold winter's night. It's the season of "peace on earth."(Luke 2:14). But far from being a quickly forgotten platitude, these words speak hope and reassurance to God's people. As we reflect on Jesus' coming into our world, we take hold of His promise, "peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27).

Lord, we long for your peace, for the world and for ourselves. Help us in this season of advent to take time to explore and discover the wonder and the joy of your coming and patience as we await your return. Help us to remain steadfast in our witness as we seek to share the love and forgiveness you offer to all people. Amen

And the secret is, never to lose faith, to have confidence in God's plan for us revealed in the signs with which he shows us the way. (Andrea Bocelli, opera singer)

Martha of Bethany

It's all very well sitting in the shade of the courtyard, talking about your souls.

Someone's got to see to the cooking, standing at the oven all morning with you two taking your ease. It's all very well saying He'd be content with bread and honey.

Perhaps He would – but I wouldn't, coming to our house like this, not giving Him of our best.

Yes, it's all very well Him trying to excuse you, saying your recipe's best, saying I worry too much, that I'm always anxious.

Someone's got to worry – and double if the others don't care.

For it's all very well talking of faith and belief, but what would you do if everyone sat in the cool not getting their meals? And He can't go wandering and preaching on an empty stomach – He'd die in the first fortnight. Then where would you be with all your discussions and questions and no one to answer them?

It's all very well.

(Clive Sansom)

That's for all the Martha's out there!

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*

Notices for week beginning 22nd December 2024

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