



# 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 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025**

## **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

10:30am

Morning Worship led by Mr Robin Jackson

Stewards: Jean Gray & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

## **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

10:30am

Holy Communion led by Rev David Bidnell

Stewards: Jocelyn Pearson & Caroline Wheatley

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

10:30am

Morning Worship led by Mrs Elaine Thompson

Stewards: Helena Papps & Robert Farmer

## Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

1.45pm - 4.00pm **CRAFT TEA**

Please note change of 3rd Wednesday to 2nd for March. An opportunity to make thread work cards. If possible please bring bits and pieces from the following list. As usual there will be plenty of materials for everyone to share so no need to buy any of the below. So, card/scraps of card/thick wool/threads/cord etc (especially sparkly or variegated)/paper scissors/small sharp scissors/pinking shears/craft knife and cutting mat/sellotape or masking tape/glue stick/double sided tape/sticky foam pads.

Templates and instructions will be available.

Come and join us! Cost 50p.

Or bring your own project to work on.

Or join us for tea/biscuits and a chat! Cost £2.00.

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March

9.00am Prayer meeting in Vestry

## Other things happening this week and next

Mon	17th	5:30pm - 9:30 pm	Easingwold Town Band Rehearsal	Lounge & Hall
Tues	both	10:00am-12:00pm	Little Fishes	Chapel, Hall & Lounge
	11th	2:30pm - 3:30 pm	Worship Committee	Vestry
	18th	1:00pm - 2:00 pm	Charity Meeting	Vestry
	18th	2:00pm - 4:00 pm	U3A	Chapel, Hall & Lounge
	both	3:30pm - 6:00pm	After-School Club	Hall
	both	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Easingwold Singers	Hall
Wed	both	3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	After-School Club	Hall
	both	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Brownies	Hall
	both	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Guides	Lounge
Thurs	both	3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	After-School Club	Hall

## **The Leprosy Mission**

Following last Sunday's service, we have sent a sum of £372 to The Leprosy Mission. A total of £186 was raised in the collection, and this has been matched by a donation from Church funds. Thanks have been received from Kit Owen-Smith (who led the service) who said he "was made most welcome and enjoyed fellowshiping with the congregation". He was "overjoyed at the most generous gift" and has asked me to pass on his and the charity's heartfelt thanks." *Michèle Hackney, Treasurer*

## **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.

## **Action for Children - "Count Your Blessings" during Lent**

Anne Hopwood has copies of suggestions on how to make your donations. These will be collected at Easter time.

## **Church Flowers**

There is a new list on the board for people to sign up to provide flowers for church on the date of your choice. *Anne Hopwood*

## **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.

## **Recently Uploaded to the Church Website**

The following have been published and uploaded to the front page of the church's website at: [www.easingwoldmethodists.org.uk](http://www.easingwoldmethodists.org.uk).

- York Circuit Spring Newsletter
- Methodist Women in Britain Spring Newsletter
- Carecent Post-Christmas Newsletter

## Together Constantly in Prayer

Lord, as we come together at this time of Lent, we thank you for the blessings of the past year and for the opportunities for reflection and renewal ahead. Guide us in the preparation for this Lenten season and help us to embrace humility and gratitude. May we let go of all that impedes us, turning our hearts to You in repentance and hope. Grant us the strength to grow in faith and love, serving others with kindness and compassion.

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As the conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East continue, we pray that the current peace initiatives will be successful.

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## A Bedtime Prayer

Heavenly father, as I prepare to sleep, I come before you. Your word in Psalm 4:8 assures me that I can lie down in peace and sleep, for you alone, oh Lord, make me dwell in safety. Tonight, I release the weight of today into your loving hands. I surrender my worries, my fears, and my uncertainty about tomorrow. I trust in your protection, knowing that you watch over me as I rest. Guard my dreams, Lord, and fill them with your peace. May my sleep be a time of rest for my body, soul, and spirit, knowing that you hold my future securely. In Jesus' name I pray for peaceful and restorative sleep, trusting in your care for what lies ahead.

Amen to all.

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It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade. (Charles Dickens)  
(This is so spot on that I've used it again)

**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.

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| <p><b>Notices for week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025:</b> Please e-mail <a href="mailto:carolyn.hardie@gmail.com">carolyn.hardie@gmail.com</a> or call 01347 822787 by 11.00am on Friday.</p> |
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