



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 30TH AUGUST 2020

Dear all

Over the last few weeks I have been encouraged by the many ways the Gospel is being lived out in our community. Though many ways of being church cannot happen, this one is continuing. It reminds us that Christ is with us in the midst of this situation. In some of our zoom services we hope to hear about the work of a local foodbank, Carecent and the Leprosy Mission and how the current situation has been affecting them. In times of difficulty and uncertainty, people need acts of kindness more than ever.

Thank you for all you are doing and may God bless you as you fulfil our calling to caring and service.

with blessings,

Elizabeth

Today's zoom service reflection will be from Frank Johnston-Banks on the subject of the community food bank, especially in the Covid crisis.

Next week (Sept 6th) you are invited to bring a drink and something to eat to the service as an act of spiritual communion

CANCELLED Sunday August 30th - Churches Together Pet Service

THANK YOU

With signs that some of the lockdown restrictions are now gradually being lifted, I think that the time has come to say a big THANK YOU to those members who throughout the past few months have been making life a lot easier for those of us who could not get out and about as usual. You have kept in touch regularly by telephone, done our shopping when needed, given us a cheery wave now and again when passing, delivered notices and other information via our letterboxes, and even brought us home-baked treats to enjoy.

You have no idea how much this has meant during lockdown. Those of us without communication by email and Zoom could have felt very alone, but you made sure that no-one was forgotten. For me personally, this is what "being church" means.

Even though access to our church building has not, until recently, been possible, you have shown us that God's love is not confined to four walls, but is alive and well all around us. So, THANK YOU, all of you who have made this possible. Finally, a special thank you to Carolyn for producing the weekly Church Notices, thus enabling us to keep up to date with circuit and local news.

With love to you all, Janet

Quiet Prayer - Friday mornings at Easingwold Methodist Church

The church building will be open for prayer on Friday mornings 10-11am

Please follow guidelines of wearing a mask

Use hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the building.

Follow social distancing of two metres.

Two Stewards will be in attendance during the opening time to give you advice and assistance.

Church Offering

Carolyn has taken over from Gwen for banking of cheques. Please send any cheques through my door, by post, or give me a call and I am happy to collect. Thank you to those who are continuing to support our church in this way.

Churches Together Joint Service in the Priory Gardens

Sunday 13th September at 3.00pm.

Speaker: Fr Henry Wansborough (Cathedral Prior of Norwich)

Operation Christmas Child

Deacon Chris Peel has asked that we in the Methodist family will contribute filled shoe boxes for sending out through the charity Shepherds Purse to children across the world who are suffering war, fear, sickness and so much more. The charity has people on the ground ensuring safe delivery. The boxes will be provided, and a list of what is needed...some differences from previous years. If you are keen to do this...and we hope many will be...please contact either Chris on 01347 823548 or Jill Minty on 01347 238394. We will give you any help you may need, and will be following up this notice during the next few weeks.

Praying for our Circuit - 30th August

This week we pray together for our District, the Yorkshire North and East Methodist District, and for our Chair of District Revd Leslie Newton. Let us thank God for their contribution to the work of God in our Circuit, and pray for them as they consider how best to respond to God's call in this time.

During August we will be using the 4 themes of Our Calling as the focus for our prayers. This week's theme is **Evangelism**.

God of the gospel,

Help us to remember always your good news,

Life and love, guidance and generosity.

Inspire us to share that good news with others:

Through loving each other, friend and stranger,

Through serving one another, looking for no return,

Through speaking of your wonderful love and actions,

Through words, through acts, through our whole lives,

May we be witnesses to your gospel of salvation and fullness of life.

Amen.

Together Constantly in Prayer:

Please take a moment each morning to join us in prayer.

1. "This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him." Psalm 91v2. Give thanks to God and rest in him and his love.
2. Pray for all the teenagers, who have received their "exam" results in the last days, that the confusion there has been will not affect their long term prospects.

Organisation for prayer: Open Doors (www.opendoorsuk.org)

Open Doors partner, Pastor Nihad, asks for prayer for Beirut

(<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/latest-news/beirut-clean-up/>)

Churches in Lebanon are requesting urgent prayer following the explosion that wiped out Beirut's port on Tuesday 4 August. The damage caused by the explosion will likely have a disastrous effect on the distribution of aid in the country, as well as the already-dire economic situation. Please pray for God's comfort, healing and provision in Beirut.

Notices for week beginning 6th September 2020:

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