



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 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear all

Happy New Year! September begins the church year for Methodists. Who would have thought this time last year that we would have been unable to gather as a congregation for so much of it, with many of the events cancelled? This is usually the time when we make plans and aims, yet so much is uncertain and we have to take things one step at a time. This year, 'new' is the appropriate word.

That might seem scary, but I hope we also find an opportunity to renew ourselves and discover new ways of doing and being. One of our September services usually includes an act of rededication, as Methodists and as God's people, and this will happen as part of the zoom service on 6th. As we start the month, I hope that we may all find something new to rejoice in.

with blessings,

Elizabeth

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday morning for the zoom service. As it is the first one in the new year we will be including an act of spiritual communion, so you are invited to bring some bread and something to drink as we reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus.

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)

Praying for our Circuit

The church on the Circuit Prayer Rota for 6th September is **Acaster Malbis**. Let us thank God for the work of God in that place, and pray for the church as they consider how best to respond to God's call in this time.

As our Methodist Year begins, we pray for one another,
For those in leadership roles within our churches;
For ministers and other staff,
For local preachers and all who lead worship,
For stewards, church councils, leaders of work with young people,
Treasurers, administrators, property stewards, safeguarders and
all who work to keep our churches going.
We thank you for the gifts you give each one of us
Strengthen and protect us for this coming year,
And help us all to work together for one purpose,
In worshipping, loving, serving and witnessing to our God.
Amen.

Carecent Harvest Appeal 2020

Dear friends

As you may be aware, Carecent has been offering a reduced service throughout lockdown – we have provided packed lunches to those in need every Monday to Saturday during the crisis, without missing a day, and we are grateful to you all for the help and support which have made this possible.

It has not yet been possible to re-open our café due to the restrictions on space on both sides of the counter, and we have decided to continue with our take-away packed lunch service for the time being.

This enables us to maintain contact with around 30 of our regular customers on a daily basis. From September we have begun to offer hot drinks to take away as well, which is a welcome improvement to our service, and which demonstrates our commitment to doing the very best we can, even in these difficult circumstances.

For many years we have asked for donations of tinned goods at Harvest time, and while we are hopeful that in the coming months we will be able to move back inside and to resume our normal service, the current uncertainty means that our immediate needs have changed.

This year, we would be very grateful for financial donations instead of tinned items.

This will enable us to buy food and other necessary items for our packed lunches. It would also give us the flexibility to respond to changing needs. In this way, once we can re-start the café service, we will be able to buy what we need, when we need it, and reduce any loss of out-of-date food. Please do get in touch for any further information.

With thanks for your understanding, *Nicky Gladstone 07765 244484*

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.

Together Constantly in Prayer:

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

1. Psalm 115v1 says: "Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name goes all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness." - Let us spend time praising and thanking our Father for his unfailing love and faithfulness to us.
2. This week schools in our area reopen. Let us pray for teachers, students and all the other staff (secretaries, dinner ladies, caretakers, teaching assistants etc) that despite new restrictions and rules this will be a good and safe time with no spike of infections.

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

A prayer from Open doors for Pakistan: Father God, may our brothers and sisters in Pakistan know that they are loved and valued by You today - that You see them as treasured and precious. Please restore and heal the many girls and women who have been abducted, and comfort believers who are currently imprisoned. Help the church in Pakistan to shine as a light in the darkness.

See more at <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/pakistan/>

Remember Toilet Twinning which we did a few years ago now for our church toilets to raise money to provide toilets and hygiene education. Well now you can "Twin your Bin". In the world's poorest countries, a person dies every 30 seconds from diseases caused by plastic pollution and rubbish. 2 billion people don't have their rubbish collected. By donating £45 to twin your bin, you can help fund a community project that's preventing disease, protecting the environment and creating jobs. For more information go to <https://www.bintwinning.org/>

Notices for week beginning 13th September 2020:

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