



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 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear all

This week is back to school for children and young people. I wonder how they are feeling as they return to the classroom after so many weeks away? Perhaps pleased to be seeing friends and getting back to some sort of normality. Perhaps anxious about how it will work and different ways of doing things. Perhaps excited about new things to learn and do. Or maybe a mixture of all of them.

Getting back to normal is a lot slower for us as churches as we might like it. However, we are making steps as we open for prayers on Fridays and hope to extend this to reflective services in the near future. As we gather and see our friends again, pray for children, young people and all school staff at this time, and ask that we too may be open to learn new things on our journey of discovery with God.

with blessings,
Elizabeth

Churches Together Joint Service in the Priory Gardens

TODAY - Sunday 13th September at 3.00pm.

Speaker: Fr Henry Wansborough (Cathedral Prior of Norwich)

‘Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass; it’s about learning to dance in the rain.’ Vivian Greene 2006

Carecent Harvest Appeal 2020

Dear friends, 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once we can re-start the café service, we will be able to buy what we need, when we need it, and reduce any loss of out-of-date food.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*

Organisation for prayer: Carecent

Following on from Nicky’s letter let us pray for the staff of Carecent and all those they reach out to in York. Pray that Carecent will continue to be able to adapt to the circumstances and needs in these difficult days and that they will have all their support needs met, whether financial or anything else.

Praying for our Circuit

The church on the Circuit Prayer Rota for 13th September is **Acomb**. 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.

Education Sunday

God who said “let the children come to me”

We pray for schools and places of learning.

For pupils and students,

May schools be places of laughter as well as learning

Places of safety as well as achievement.

For teachers and leaders,

That they may have the gifts to encourage each learner to achieve,

That they may be strengthened and encouraged in turn.

We recognise the additional difficulties facing schools this year, both practical and pastoral,

Grant wisdom, patience and kindness to all in the coming months.

Lord who knows what it is to be a child, hear our prayers.

Amen.

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal

This year has brought new challenges, hasn't it? Many things we were looking forward to in 2020 have been cancelled – from the Olympics to school graduation celebrations. Children around the world, especially those in contexts of poverty have struggled with this uncertainty and sadly sometimes grief.

With so many ongoing challenges for many families, let's remind the world's children that they are loved and special to God. A shoebox gift through Operation Christmas child does just that, while bringing a great big smile to the face of all those little ones who receive them. This organisation is intending to continue its excellent work, through their contacts on the ground, and we intend to send as many boxes as we are able despite the current situation.

You can collect a box and leaflet from the **Parish Church porch or 11 Whiteoak Avenue**. If you are unable to collect (or have any other queries) please ring Chris on 823548 to arrange a delivery.

Or ring Jill Minty on 23839. arm21@talktalk.net.

GIFT IDEAS – please include one or more items from each category if at all possible.

- **FUN / TOYS** – include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or cuddly toys, trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles, wind up torch, slinky spring, matchbox cars etc.
- **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** – pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks and paper, solar calculators, colouring and picture books etc.
- **HYGIENE ITEMS** – toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.
- **TO WEAR** – hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set. Chris has some hats!

N.B. Due to more stringent import regulations, toothpaste and sweets can no longer be included in shoeboxes. Also, used, damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds, chocolate or food items, lotions or liquids including bubbles; medicines; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; religious or political literature; sharp or fragile items; books with mainly words cannot be included and will be removed if you include them.

I have taken on the organising role for this year from Dr Gaynor Cole, who has successfully organised this work for many years and to whom we extend our thanks.

If you feel you can help in any way, I would be very glad to hear from you on 01347 823548. Deacon Chris Peel.

Quiet Prayer at Easingwold Methodist Church - Friday mornings 10-11am

Church Offering

Thank you for cheques received, either through my door or by post. I am also happy to collect. *Carolyn*

Together Constantly in Prayer:

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

1. "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3v22 and 23. Let us rest every day in the knowledge that our Father loves us and praise him for his love, mercy and faithfulness.
2. Now that cases of Corona virus are rising again let us pray for those seeking to guide us to safer behaviour and for those seeking solutions in cures and vaccines as well as new accurate tests.

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 20th September 2020:

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