



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 20th December 2020

Hello all

This week I received an e-card from a friend who decided to send her cards by computer as she was unable to see anyone in person. When I went to view it, it took a while to open, and the message came on screen 'please wait for your Christmas card'. It seems there are quite a few times a similar message has been flashed into our lives at the moment, and we do have to wait a while for our Christmas presents or get-togethers or celebrations, some of which might not even happen this year. It reflects the traditional Advent theme of waiting, and how long the people had the message 'please wait for your Messiah'.

We too find ourselves in a time of spiritual waiting, as we prepare ourselves for Christmas, and as we wait to see what God is calling His church to be. But thankfully what we don't have to wait for is for God to be with us. We won't get the message 'please wait for God to listen to your prayer or to love you or to be in your life'. Christmas reminds us that Jesus was given the name Emmanuel, God with us. He is never too busy

to listen to you or be with you. Enjoy receiving His message of love, joy and peace again this Christmas.

with blessings,
Elizabeth

Circuit Services over Christmas & New Year

All Circuit services will be on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMZII3vyksFEonZ-EQbbhuQ>

The Circuit Covenant service isn't available yet but will be at that link by the first Sunday in January.

The Circuit website Online Service page also lists regular services happening around the circuit

<https://www.yorkmethodist.org.uk/coronavirus-information/online-services.html>

Praying for our Circuit 20th December

This week we pray for those for whom this Christmas will not be a happy one; the lonely and bereaved, the anxious and afraid, those who are ill, those who are hungry, homeless, or dealing with broken relationships.

We pray for God's love to be made known to all at this time, and for the wisdom and courage to do what we can to help all who need it.

Advent 4: Mary

God of the faithful and trusting,

Thank you for the example of those who have walked with you,

The knowledge you are there, and will guide and guard us.

Help us to trust you, even when the world around us seems dark,

To say "I don't understand, but I will believe,

I cannot see the way, but I will follow you.

I may be afraid, but I will trust you."

Bring us to the place of understanding

Where, with Mary, we may praise and glorify your name.

Amen.

Together Constantly in Prayer:

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

1. “Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty — he is the King of glory.” Psalm 24v 9 and 10. Let us consider what ancient gates and doors need to be opened up in our lives in this time of Advent and Christmas as we wait for our Lord to come in to our situations and thank him for his promise that he is coming.
2. Let us remember all those who we know who for whatever reason cannot be with those they love this Christmas and seek God’s leading as we seek to support and bless them.

Organisation for prayer: Tearfund

Working Through the Church

Working through the church is the most effective way to help people escape poverty. This is because churches know the needs of their communities and have a God-given calling to bring about this transformation. Be inspired and encouraged by the churches Tearfund are partnering with in Bangladesh who are doing just this ...

Teenager Juel regularly attends his local Bible study group and became inspired to help those in need around him. He then motivated his family and community to do the same. They gathered clothes to distribute to local children, ahead of the cold winter. 'I am glad that I can help them,' says Juel. Pray that Juel will continue to seek ways to change his community.

Notices for week beginning 3rd January 2021:

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

Christmas Greetings among our Church Family



Wishing everyone a peaceful and Happy Christmas with the hope of better days to come in 2021.

With love, Janet (My chosen charity this year is *Methodist Homes*.)

To Friends at E.M.C. May God's Blessings be yours this Christmas, and thank you for your support, love and kindness. Yvonne

Wishing you all a very Happy Safe Christmas wherever you may be until we can all meet again.

My donation for Christmas is to *St Leonards Hospice* where I spent 13 happy years before I retired. With love and blessings Jocelyn x

I recall a poster on the church notice board saying, Praise God in the Highest, amended to read, Praise God in the High Street. This has been so valid this year!

My love and best wishes to you all. Sandra Owen

Advent Hope

I've lit my candle once again
and, in its flickering glow,
delight to watch the shadows
leap and dance along the wall.
And now, it is no longer mine alone
but shines for your small corner too,
as light like love, is shared and spread
to set your face aglow.

(With thanks to, Tom Gordon, Iona Community)
Christmas Greetings from Chris and David

"Into the darkness of this world, O come Lord Jesus, come." (Singing the Faith 173)

Love to all our friends at Christmas from Joan & Richard.

Thanks to everyone for making us feel so welcome at Easingwold Methodist (and to Elizabeth for her smiles of the week). Best wishes to you all for a Happy Christmas, and we hope it will be possible to meet in person before too long!

Simon and Linda Crisp
supporting *Jessa's Singing for All appeal*

Christmas wishes from Stephen Johnson (Joy Johnson's nephew) and family.

Hi, thinking of everyone this Christmas. We hope that you will have a Christmas full of joy and peace. Carole, Alistair, Daniel and Evelyn.

Greetings friends. How I have missed you - but we have always something to look forward to! Barbara Rhodes.

Greetings to all the church family and a big thank you for all the support that's come my way during this past year. I am most grateful.
Kind regards, Maureen.

Thank you so much to all my good friends who have been a tremendous support to me throughout the long months since Ron died. May you all have a safe and blessed Christmas and hope for a better 2021.
With love, Jill

Love came down at Christmas. During this difficult period, we have seen many expressions of this love in our church and community. May God bless you all as we look forward to a better year. Tom & Carolyn

Bert and Helen Campbell would like to wish Elizabeth and all the Church Family a Very Happy Christmas and, as they say in Scotland, "A Guid New Year".

Christmas greetings to the church.
Praying that Christmas will have special meaning for us all in this strange year. Wishing you all joy and blessing in 2021. With love, Pam x
St. George's Crypt, Leeds – work with the homeless.

Anne and Ken send their greetings for Christmas and a Hopeful New Year. We think all of you have shown over the past months that our Church is not simply a building but a caring and supportive fellowship of people who take their inspiration and motivation from the one who came to earth for us - God in His Son, Jesus Christ.
Love and thanks to all, The Hopwoods.