



# 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 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021**

Happy New Year to you all.

I wonder what word you would use to describe 2020? One of the reviews I read about the past year mentioned all the new words that had come into vocabulary in 2020, such as 'lockdown', self-isolation' and 'support bubbles'. Words that are now a familiar part of everyday language. And yet many struggle to find words to describe what 2020 and its effects have been for them.

As we come to the end of the Christmas celebration period, we are reminded again of the Word - eternally there from the beginning, with God and of God. 'And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as a Father's only Son, full of grace and truth' (John 1:14).

This year has brought struggle, pain and sadness and sometimes things beyond words. But my prayer is that as we go into the new year, the Living Word will move among us afresh, bringing light into those dark

places where our human words fail, and so may we find renewed faith and hope in Emmanuel, God with us.

with blessings,  
Elizabeth

### **Restart of Quiet Prayer Sessions - 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.

### **Carecent at Christmas**

Tom recently had a nice conversation with Nicky Gladstone, from Carecent. Although they obviously could not provide the traditional Christmas dinner, they were able to put up a long tressle table in the street outside the centre. From the table they were able to give each person a warm bun filled with turkey and stuffing, together with other traditional items such as Christmas pudding and mince pies. Considering these limitations Nicky said there was a wonderful Christmas atmosphere. She thanked us all for our continuing support.

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.

## **Circuit Services in the New Year**

All Circuit services will be on our YouTube channel:

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

The Circuit Covenant Service can be found at that link.

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

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

## **Together Constantly in Prayer:**

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

1. Use these words from Newton's hymn 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds' as a springboard for praise: 'Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, / My Prophet, Priest, and King; / My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, / Accept the praise I bring.'
2. Following on from the Covenant service let us commit ourselves to following Jesus wherever he leads us this year as a church and individually.

## **Organisation for prayer: Christians Against Poverty**

From their website:

"Debt left Jude feeling alone and unheard. Having suffered a stroke, which left her with cognitive impairment, and going through a relationship breakdown shortly after, Jude's finances began to spiral. Unable to get her head around what she owed, Jude started to dread the postman. She could not face her debt situation and started to hide the letters. Sadly, Jude's story is not a one-off case. Thousands of people across the UK are struggling in problem debt, battling with other difficulties such as ill health, relationship breakdown or job loss."

Give thanks that Jude's story is good news and that after 4 years with CAP's support she is now debt free and pray for many like her who need help to get out of debt.

### **Notices for week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021:**

Please contact Carolyn on 01347 822787 or e-mail [carolyn.hardie@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.hardie@gmail.com) by 11.00am on Friday.

