



# 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 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2021**

Hello

As the new residents of the manse, we would like to introduce ourselves to the churches. We are two baby Netherland dwarf rabbits. We're two months old, black and silver and are told we are very cute.

It has been a big hop moving somewhere new, but we are settling in well and exploring our new hutch. Our human is hoping to have people round for coffee when it is allowed, so you may meet us.

With bouncing wishes, Miffy and Muffin



## **Outside Gathering at 2.00pm TODAY**

We will have an informal gathering outside church, weather dependant, for worship and fellowship. Chairs will be available for those who need them.

**Church open for Private Prayer - Friday mornings 10.00-11.00am.**

## **Annual Church Meeting**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 10.00am.

There will be plenty of room for all – but could you let Ken Hopwood know if you intend to participate - 01347 821573

Looking forward to seeing you all again, *Maggie Wilson*

## **Church Reopening for Worship, Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pentecost**

It is expected that the first service since the introduction of the first Lockdown will be held on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 10.30am.

There will be some restrictions imposed by the Government still in place on that occasion:-

- Masks must be worn whilst in church
- Hands must be sanitised using the sanitiser provided in church
- Social distancing is required
- There can be no singing
- Hymnbooks and Bibles, unless brought from home, will not be available. However, a full order of service including hymns will be provided (in large print if required)
- No coffee after worship and no social chat until outside church paying attention to social distancing
- A maximum of thirty people can attend

The service will hopefully will be beamed into homes using Zoom. Priority will be given to those people who have not been able to worship using Zoom.

If you wish to attend you **MUST** let Ken Hopwood know by telephone 01347 821573 or email [kenhopwood37@talktalk.net](mailto:kenhopwood37@talktalk.net)

We hope that this will be the beginning of regular worship and that restrictions will gradually be eased.

## **Christian Aid Week 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

### **Every Last Drop**

Focusing on climate change. This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day.

“Only the willingly ignorant continue to deny the link between our consumerist lifestyle, climate change and suffering in the developing world. Promoting economic growth as the answer to all our problems and in particular global poverty, is irresponsible. We need to recognise that our current growth-oriented system is driven by powerful economic interests set on making profits, however short term. And it is just plain wrong to ignore the suffering of the poorest and most vulnerable populations in the world especially when they are the least contributors to climate change”

Katalina Tahaafe-Williams, a theologian writing from Australia and the Pacific Islands.

Please visit the Christian Aid Website for a variety of resources, worship material, videos, a Quiztian Aid Quiz and other challenges and importantly, ways to donate.

### **Blessing**

May God bless us with the wonder at creation's glory

May God bless us with fury at creation's spoiling

May God bless us with courage at this critical hour

And may the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon us, and all creation this day and for the future to come. Amen

## **Together Constantly in Prayer**

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

1. "Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name." Ps 30v4. David wrote Psalm 30 for the dedication of the temple. Let us remember as we begin to take steps to return to church that we come as his faith filled people to sing (perhaps not just yet) praise to our Lord and let us praise him each day for all his blessings to us.
2. Let us again pray for the fair distribution of vaccines across the world between countries and also within countries that not just the rich but everyone will get vaccinated as quickly as possible.

### **Organisation for prayer: CareCent**

Carecent is a breakfast centre for all homeless, unemployed or otherwise socially excluded members of our community. They provide food, clothing and fellowship in a friendly and non-judgemental environment. The volunteer staff are always ready to listen and offer support and advice where possible.

Pray for the other organisations working alongside CareCent in York to support all those struggling to cope with life in one way or another.  
(Restore, Salvation Army, etc)

### **Notices for week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021:**

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