



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.

Minister: Rev Elizabeth Cushion (01347) 821460
Stewards' Contact: Jocelyn Pearson (01347) 822159

You are most welcome to this Church today. Whether you are visiting the area, have recently moved to Easingwold or are worshipping here for the first time, we hope that you feel at home and know God's blessing. We would be very pleased to know who you are, and there are cards available in the chairs in Church for you to complete with your contact details.

WEEK BEGINNING 9TH JULY 2017

Sunday 9th July

10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion

led by Josh Mitchell, Steve Brown & Rev Elizabeth Cushion.
Stewards: Colin Durée & Robert Farmer

EXPLORERS' PRAYER

Dear Father God - guide us in our worship,
help us in our learning, bless us in our daily lives,
in Jesus' name, Amen

6.30pm No Service at Easingwold

Tuesday 11th June

10.00am

House Fellowship - 9 Uppleby All are welcome to our final meeting before the summer break when we will look at James 4 v.13 to 5 v.20. If you would like to do some preparation beforehand, try to list the different themes or subjects that are mentioned in this passage and then decide which one resonates most with your own particular circumstances. I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday. Brian

Thursday 13th July

10.45am

The last meeting of Highland Court Fellowship group, before the Summer break. We will have our usual Communion Service followed by a shared lunch.

Friday 14th July

8:30am

Prayer Meeting in Vestry

Other church bookings:

Monday 11:00am - 12:30pm Singing for All in Lounge & Kitchen

Monday 6:00pm - 7:30pm Brownies in Hall

Wednesday 11:00am - 12:00pm Playgroup Leavers' Service in Chapel

Wednesday 6:30pm - 8:00pm Brownies in Hall

Saturday 1:00am - 3:00pm Playgroup Party in Hall in Lounge & Kitchen

Sunday 16th July

2.00pm- 5.30pm

Our Circuit '**FaithWorks**' celebration will be held at **Central Methodist Church**, and will be the only Methodist service planned in the circuit that Sunday. Guest preacher Calvin Samuel will be speaking to us on the challenge of James, and we will be tying up our Bible Month studies as well as celebrating the ministry of those staff who are leaving the circuit this summer.

Church Secretary

Caroline has now resigned as Church Secretary and wishes to express her heartfelt thanks for all the assistance she was given during her time in this role.

Maggie Wilson has very kindly offered to take over as Church Secretary. Please hold Maggie in your prayers as she prepares to learn the ropes!

Message from the Minister

Now that the nice weather has come, our thoughts turn to holidays and days out. Maybe over the next few weeks you will head off to the beach, with its sandcastles, donkeys and piers. And to complete the holiday picture, a lot of seaside resorts have a lighthouse.

I recently read a story about a man who was a lighthouse keeper many years ago on the north-east coast. One wet and windy night, he lit a taper, and with his young grandson, began the climb to the top of the lighthouse.

'What are you going to do with that light, Granddad?' asked the boy.'

'I'm going to use it to show ships out at sea where the harbour is. It's stormy at sea tonight and some ship may be looking for a light to help guide them to safety.'

'But Granddad, no ship could see that light, it's too small.'

'Wait and see,' the old man replied.

When they reached the top of the lighthouse, he used the taper to light the large lamps with their brightly polished reflectors. Suddenly a great blaze of light was shed for miles around.

A lovely story but one with a message for each of us. We must never think of our light, our service, our gift, our individual contribution, as being too small. We must keep our light burning, keep on offering our gifts and leave the rest to God, for He can do marvellous things with whatever we offer. Jesus, the Light of the World, can use us to help brighten up the world.

Enjoy your summer, whatever you do.

Methodist Prayer Handbook 2017/18

Each year the prayer handbook offers prayers for each day of the month. There are prayers written by people from around the country and across the world as well as some ancient prayers. For each day there is also a bible reading, psalm and a suggested hymn to look up. The theme for the coming year is "Jesus the First and Last" Available in standard (A5) or large print (A4) format both at £3.50 per copy. Please add your name to the list in the foyer by 23 July if you would like to order a copy.

"CRAFT – TEA" Wednesday 19th July 1.45pm-4.00pm. Open to all

This will be a session on water colour painting, with a demonstration and opportunity to do some painting. Materials will be provided, but it would very helpful if you have any water colour paper, paints, brushes to bring them along.

Tea and biscuits during the afternoon too, cost 50p.

An update on our recent wheelchair request:

Barbara Rhodes has very kindly loaned us a wheelchair for use in the church. Thank you so much for your generosity Barbara

Pet Service organised by Churches Together

Sunday 30th July at 3.00pm on the Green. Everyone welcome - with or without pets.

Together Constantly in Prayer

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

1. Let us thank our Lord for our family and friends and the blessing they are to us. Thank him too for our church fellowship.
2. Pray for the situation in North Korea that peace and wisdom would take the place of angry words and actions.

Country to pray for: The small states in Europe

Andorra, Gibraltar, Lichtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Vatican, Faroe Islands and San Marino.

All have a population under 100,000 except Luxembourg (470,000) These are small states mostly left over from centuries past when the larger countries were being formed from small duchies and principalities. They are often tax havens and places where the wealthy choose to live. Christian ministry is often difficult in these places (except perhaps the Vatican) as most people feel little need for God in their lives. Pray for these lands that God would do whatever it takes to break into the lives of all who live there; that they might see that Jesus offers more security than anything the riches of this world can give.

PRAYER CIRCLE

If you have an urgent or confidential prayer request, please ring one of the following numbers;

Helen 823422; Elizabeth 821460; Alistair 822990; Edith 822701

A reminder that prayers for individuals can also be said in Sunday services by writing the details on the Prayer Request sheet in the vestibule.

(but **permission must** be obtained from the person concerned)

Notices for week beginning 16th July 2017:

Please contact Carolyn on 01347 822787 or e-mail carolyn.hardie@gmail.com or leave a notice in the vestry drawer by 11.00am on Friday.