



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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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 17TH DECEMBER 2017

Sunday 17th December

10.30am Family Service led by Mr Ken Hopwood
Stewards: Jocelyn Pearson & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

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 Carol Service led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion
Stewards: Jocelyn Pearson & Chris Andrews

Wednesday 20th December

1:45pm-4:00pm

Craft Tea in Lounge & Kitchen

Friday 22nd December

8:30am

Prayer Meeting in Vestry

10.00am-6.00pm

Manse Pies Everyone is welcome for coffee, mince pies and festive fellowship at 10 Copperclay Walk.

Other Church Bookings

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

Monday 6:00pm - 7:30pm 1st Brownies in Hall

Tuesday 10:30am - 12:30pm Well-being Cafe in Hall, Lounge & Kitchen

Wednesday 6:00pm - 7:30pm 3rd Brownies in Hall

Wednesday 7:30pm - 9:00pm Claire's Group 1 in Lounge

Thursday 6:30pm - 8:00pm Claire's Group 2 in Hall

Thursday 8:00pm - 9:30pm Anne's Group in Lounge

Sunday 24th December

10.30am

Holy Communion led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion

Stewards: Colin & Daphne Durée

6.30pm

No evening service in Easingwold

Monday 25th December Christmas Day

10.30am

Family Service led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion

Steward: Jocelyn Pearson

Church locked over Christmas period

Sally, our church cleaner will be taking her Christmas holiday from Friday 22nd December through to Tuesday 2nd January inclusive. During this period the premises will be locked.

Christmas tree

The Christmas tree is in the hall. Christmas cards for chapel friends can be placed on the tree. This year any donations given in lieu of buying numerous cards will be forward to St. George's Crypt Leeds, who do wonderful work with the homeless.

Message from the Minister

What are your thoughts and feelings as we move closer to Christmas? Maybe you are looking forward to it and getting excited; maybe you are enjoying the countdown; or maybe you are getting stressed by all the preparations that it involves as time is running out and the to-do list gets longer.

In the last 'Message from the Minister' I invited you to light a candle at Halloween as a reminder of Jesus the Light of the World. The invitation for this month is to pray for people as you wrap their present or write their card. Often it can be frantic and last minute, done with our minds on other things. But it is also an opportunity to pray for those we are sending them to. Think about that person, thank God for them, pray that they may know the love and peace of the Christ-child in their festivities. And we will find that this activity on our to-do list has become an act of Christmas worship.

Leprosy Mission

Following the Christmas craft stall, £90 has been sent to the Leprosy Mission. Thank you everyone for your contributions.

Time for a Conversion!

In order to help the heating team, we are changing the Church Calendar to a 24-hour clock time format, the same as the boiler is set at. I do hope this does not cause too much trouble to those amongst us who are devoted to a 12 hour clock system. It will certainly help the boiler team who will no longer have to do conversions for afternoon and evening events, of which there are many.

Thank you for your co-operation in this, I hope. *Annita*

Christmas lunch

Once again, there will be a Christmas lunch put on for those who would like to go to the Galtres Centre on Christmas Day. If you know of anyone who would like to have Christmas lunch with fellow Easingwolders please would you let me know and I will pass the names on. Also, if any of you could provide transport I would appreciate your names. You would not have to stay but would deliver and take back home anyone that you brought. As this event is not publicly advertised, word of mouth is very important. With thanks, *Annita*

January Jolly – Saturday January 20th 2018!

Following the success of the Yorkshire evening in November, the Social Committee are arranging an afternoon of fun and sociability from 3pm to 6pm on Saturday, January 20th.

The Christmas Celebrations are likely to be largely over by then and it can leave people feeling a little ‘flat’ so why not join us. There will be activities suitable for all and opportunities to share conversation as well as being entertained. A “Bring and Share Tea” will be a feature of the afternoon.

Should anyone require a lift home in the dark after the event please let Anne or Ken Hopwood know and it will be arranged.

Together Constantly in Prayer:

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

1. Give thanks for the joy that has been given to us through knowing our Lord who came as a baby to bring us salvation.
2. Pray for those you know who find this time of year difficult and for whom joy will be hard to find.

Country for Prayer: Chile

Population 17 million with 15 million from a Christian heritage.

Chile has a developed economy based on natural resources however many are still in poverty. Pray that both the government and churches will work to close the massive gap between rich and poor. Pray also for a refreshing of faith to bring joy to many who struggle in poverty.

Notices for week beginning 24th December 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.