



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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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.

2 WEEKS - BEGINNING 24TH DECEMBER 2017

Sunday 24th December

10.30am Holy Communion led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion
Stewards: Colin & Daphne Durée

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 evening service in Easingwold

Monday 25th December Christmas Day

10.30am Family Service led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion
Steward: Jocelyn Pearson

Friday 29th December

8:30am Prayer Meeting in Vestry

Sunday 31st December

10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev Dr Michael Chester
Stewards: Jean Gray & Daphne Durée

6.30pm No evening service in Easingwold

Tuesday 2nd January

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

Thursday 4th January

2.00pm- 4.00pm '**Open House**' at 50 Stonefield Avenue. Please feel free to pop in for a cuppa and a chat at any time during the afternoon.

Friday 5th January

8:30am Prayer Meeting in Vestry

Sunday 7th January

10:30am United Epiphany Service at Easingwold

3.30pm United Service at Easingwold Parish Church

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.

Action for Children

You are invited to use the envelope provided by Action for Children for your Christmas donations on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve or indeed Christmas Day service.

Blessings and every good wish for Christmas, *Anne Hopwood*

Happy Christmas

The Stewards wish to send a Happy Christmas message to our Church family, to say a big thank you for your all support. We couldn't do it without you.

Christmas Card 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.

'Open House'

The first date for 'Open House' is on Thursday 4th January from 2.00pm-4.00pm at 50 Stonefield Avenue.

Look in the notices to see where future venues will be. Various people around the town have offered hospitality, so hopefully there will be a venue to suit everyone!

'Exploring Mission' Meeting

Wednesday 10th January 10:00 for 10:30 – 12:00 noon in the Vestry
Open to everyone. Topic for this session 'How does the Church share the Good News and do Mission?' Some texts we will look at include: John 17: 20 – 23, Matthew 16: 13 – 19 and Acts 2: 43 – 47.

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 to God for his amazing love, that in our desperate need for a saviour he sent his own Son.
2. Pray for all those organisations which are demonstrating the love of God through their work with the homeless and lonely and those with other needs.

Country for prayer: Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan

Population 31 million in total with 2 million from a Christian heritage. These three places are very closely linked with mainland China with strong economic dependency but often difficult political relationships. They are generally rich and materialism is common. There is religious freedom so pray for the churches to grow and to bring the knowledge of God’s love to their communities.

Notices for week beginning 7th January 2018:

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.