



# 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.*

**WEEK BEGINNING 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

**10:30am** Holy Communion led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion  
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

**3.30pm** Joint Service at Easingwold Parish Church

## **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

10.00am We conclude our consideration of Jesus's "manifesto" for the kingdom of Heaven as spelled out in the beatitudes and welcome all who are interested in creating the sort of society that reflects those values - please join us at 9 Uppleby and come prepared to offer ideas of what we should concentrate on for our three meetings during Lent.

2.00pm- 4.00pm Open House with Barbara at 12 Hunters Close.

## **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

10:00am-11:00am Neighbourhood & Mission Comm Meeting in Vestry

10 for 10.30am The Fellowship meets at 2 Highland Court. We are thinking about the healing of the man born blind (John 9:1-41). Please make sure you have a worksheet and come with your ideas! There will be a break for half-term in the following week and then our 'winter lunch' here on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

## **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

12.30pm & 2.30pm Circuit MWiB AGM & World Church Service (see over)

## **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

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 1st Brownies in Hall

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

Tuesday 7:30pm - 9:30pm Easingwold Singers in Hall & Lounge

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

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

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

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

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

10:30am Songs of Praise led by Mr Ken Hopwood  
Stewards: Jean Gray & Colin Durée

**3.00pm** Circuit service at Heworth led by Rev Richard Andrew

**Open House** this week will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> with Barbara at 12 Hunters Close. Please feel free to pop in at any time between 2.00pm & 4.00pm.

### **Message from the Minister**

'Love is in the air ...' The heart-shaped boxes of chocolates and red roses that fill the shops remind us that as we move into February, it will soon be Valentine's Day. This week I saw an advert for a supermarket that said 'where love won't cost the earth', promoting special offers on flowers. These flowers and chocolates are so popular at this time because they are signs and expressions of love.

February also brings the beginning of Lent, the time when as a church we prepare ourselves for Easter and look towards the cross. The cross is also a sign of love, the expression of God's love for each one of us. The love that knows no limits, the love that paid the price. This love really did cost the earth, it cost God everything He had. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not die but have everlasting life."

At this time when people focus on love, let us remind ourselves that God loves us, just as we are. And as we journey through Lent and walk again with Jesus to the cross, may we make this a time to respond to the love that gave everything.

**The next midweek service** is on 14<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am.

### **Church Membership**

There will be another session on church membership in the near future. If anyone is interested in exploring membership, please speak to Elizabeth.

### **Message from Kim Gabbatiss – 28<sup>th</sup> January**

Dear friends, Thank you so much for your continued support, encouragement and prayers. After a very intensive day yesterday, I can now tell you that the District Candidates' Committee voted in favour of me continuing to the Connexional Candidates' Committee, which will take place in March. So, one more step along the world I go.

Much love, *Kim*

### **Flower Rota**

The new flower rota is on the board and Anne will be very grateful to see some names written upon it! Please choose a date which suits you to provide flowers for the sanctuary.

## **Methodist Women in Britain**

Our Circuit Methodist Women in Britain AGM will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30pm at Lidgett Methodist Church, all are welcome. Please bring your own lunch.

The MWiB World Church Service will be held at 2.30pm, all are welcome. Rev. Rachel Muthoni will be our speaker.

## **'Tickling Talents', Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February - 2.00pm at Parish Church**

As the Parish Church celebrates 600 years since the present building was completed we are asking you to think about people's talents today. What are you good at? Are you an actor, an artist, a baker, a comedian, a lover of reading aloud, a musician (instrument or vocal)? Consider carefully what you could offer for part of an afternoon's entertainment on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February to raise funds for the church. Everyone is welcome to take part. If you don't feel you can offer your talent, then please come along to support the occasion.

Nancy (824227) and Chris (823548) would love to hear from you.

## **Together Constantly in Prayer:**

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

1. Praise God for Jesus who enables us to understand more of the love and compassion of our unimaginably great God.
2. Pray for those in positions of authority in local, national and international government that they might humbly seek God's wisdom as they make decisions which will affect the lives of many now and in the future.

## **Country for prayer: Denmark**

Population 5.5 million with 4.7 million from as Christian heritage.

Denmark is a stable democracy with a well-developed social security system. Although traditionally Christian, which is reflected in its laws and values, more than half the population are agnostic or atheistic. Pray that many will rediscover Christ and also for more pastors to guide believers on their journeys in their faith.

## **Notices for week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018:**

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

