



# 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 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March

**10:30am** Morning Worship led by Dr Stephen Leah  
Stewards: Colin Durée & Caroline Wheatley

### **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

**3.00pm** **Palm Sunday walk**, with Churches Together and donkeys.

3.00pm - Parish Church                      3.15pm - Galtres Centre  
3.30pm - Methodist Church                3.45pm - Catholic Church

Anyone not wanting to walk would be welcome at any one of the stops for a hymn and reading.

## **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

7 for 7:30pm Stonefield Avenue house group. We will be finishing our short overview of the Old Testament.

## **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

10 for 10.30am The fellowship group meets at 2 Highland Court. We will be thinking about some of the women who were involved in the Easter story. Various passages are listed on the preparation sheet, so please make sure you collect one.

## **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March Maundy Thursday**

7.00 pm Holy Communion led by Elizabeth Cushion

## **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March Good Friday**

10.30am Service led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion

Steward: Ken Hopwood

12 noon Churches Together at Cross in Market Place  
7.30pm 'Olivet to Calvary' sung by the Deanery Choir  
At Easingwold Parish Church

**For Other Church Bookings see the calendar in the vestibule**

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April Easter Day**

**8.00am** Holy Communion led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion  
Stewards: Chris & David Andrews

**9.00am** Easter Breakfast

**10:30am** Family Communion led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion  
Stewards: Jocelyn Pearson & Ken Hopwood

**6.30pm** Combined service at Easingwold Parish Church

The chapel premises will be locked from 4.00pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March and will reopen on Monday morning, 9<sup>th</sup> April to facilitate the Easter break.

## **Easter Breakfast**

There will be an Easter Breakfast at 9.00am on Easter Sunday morning. All are welcome but for catering purposes we need names on the list in the entrance hall by the end of Sunday 25th.

## **Springhill Court Easter Fair - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am**

Bottles of any size are needed for the tombola now and cakes will be most welcome for the day. Chris Peel 823548 will collect any contributions. Please come along for coffee and hot cross buns to support this event which helps fund entertainments and garden necessities for the residents.

## **Action for Children Challenge**

Sometimes the old ways are the best ways –like home collecting boxes providing up to £500,000 each year! Let me know if you would like an Action for Children small change box for your home or call 0300 123 2112 to order a collection box.

Due to my prolonged absence from church I have been unable to collect any donations for "Count Your Blessings" in response to the suggestions in the weekly notices. Ken has volunteered to stand with an Action for Children collection box after the morning service on March 25<sup>th</sup> to collect your contributions of coins. Notes of £5; £10 or £20 would be better placed in an envelope. All contributions will be counted and sent off to Headquarters. I am beginning to feel better and hope to be able to worship with you on Easter Day. Many thanks for your prayers, cards and good wishes over these last weeks. God Bless, *Anne Hopwood*

## **EMC Lent lunch**

Thanks to all who helped in any way and to those who came! Including Gift Aid, we raised £229 for Christian Aid.

**A funeral service** for Mr Roy Crackles will be held on Wednesday 4th April at 11.00am

## **Thank You**

A thank you to all who were in anyway involved in the Women's World Day of Prayer Service. There were acknowledgements of a 'good service' from many people and the total of the collection came to £103. My personal thanks to the friends in the Methodist Church who gave their help.

## **Church Flowers**

Until Anne is able to do them again, Jocelyn has now got cover up to the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. If anyone would like to do them after that date please let her know.

## **Weekly Offering Scheme**

We are currently preparing the envelopes for the coming financial year. Will members please advise Tom or Carolyn of any changes. Similarly, if anyone would like to join the scheme, please let us know. Boxes of envelopes will be ready for collection next week.

## **Circuit Pilgrimage**

Keith Albans, our Circuit Superintendent, is planning a pilgrimage around the circuit. He would like to visit different churches to meet with people for coffee and conversation, thinking about their hopes and concerns for the church. He is coming to Easingwold on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm for about 45 minutes. Everyone is welcome to come and share thoughts and fellowship.

## **“Out & About” with EDCCA this week**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Trip to National Railway Museum

Depart Easingwold at 10.30am. Cost - £5

For more information or to book a place call 01347 822598

or email [carscheme@edcca.org.uk](mailto:carscheme@edcca.org.uk)

## **Together Constantly in Prayer:**

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

1. “Give thanks to the Lord that he is good and his love endures forever”.
2. Pray for those recently bereaved or who are still grieving for someone lost longer ago.

## **Country for prayer: Latvia**

Population 2.2 million with 1.3 million from a Christian heritage.

In 2010 they had the fourth highest suicide rate in the world which reveals a lack of hope in the country along with many serious societal problems.

Pray for new hope in Christ to touch the hearts of many there.

**Notices for week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> April 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.