



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
Senior Steward: 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 6TH MAY 2018

Sunday 6th May

Church Anniversary

10:30am

Family service led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion

Stewards: Jocelyn Pearson & Ken Hopwood

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

United evening Service at Easingwold Parish Church

Tuesday 8th May

10.00am

At 9 Uppleby, the focus for this week's house fellowship is on the resurrection appearances of Jesus post-Pentecost. A fortnight later on 22nd May we will start our consideration of the book of Jonah and an accompanying booklet is available to anyone who would be interested in joining us for this nation-wide Bible Month venture.

Wednesday 9th May

10:00am-10:30am

Weekday Worship in Vestry

Thursday 10th May

10.00am

Ascension Day service at the Parish Church (said)

7.30pm

Ascension Day service at the Parish Church (sung)

Everyone is welcome

Friday 11th May

8:30am

Prayer Meeting in Vestry

Other Church Bookings

Tuesday	10:30 - 12:30	Well-Being Cafe - Hall, Lounge & Kitchen
	19:30 - 21:30	Easingwold Singers - Hall, Lounge & Kitchen
Wednesday	09:15 - 11:45	Talking Tots – Lounge
	18:30 - 20:00	3rd Brownies - Hall
	19:30 - 21:00	Laura's Group – Hall
Thursday	18:30 - 20:00	Claire's Group - Hall
	20:00 - 21:30	Anne's Group - Lounge

Sunday 13th May

10:30am

Holy Communion led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion

Stewards: Colin Durée & Ken Hopwood

6.30pm

Evening Worship led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion

Stewards: Colin Durée & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

“Count Your Blessings” & Easter Breakfast

The final figure for “Count Your Blessings” is £210.50 plus £54.65 donation from a portion of the money raised at the Easter Breakfast which was allocated to AFC. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this excellent sum.

Christian Aid

Along with most other charities, Christian Aid will not be doing door-to-door collections this year. So that people have opportunities to give during, or just after, CA week, there will be a street collection on Friday, 18 May and the Oasis coffee morning on Friday, 25th May, will be in aid of Christian Aid. Envelopes will be available at both these events so that people can gift-aid their offerings if they wish.

If you could spend an hour with a collecting tin on 18th May (anytime between 9 am and 12 noon) please tell Pam as soon as possible. (822357). Many thanks!

“CRAFT – TEA” Wednesday 16th May 1.45pm-4.00pm Open To All
An opportunity to make small boxes from thin card. Please bring thin card, old Christmas/greetings cards, ruler, pencil, scissors, glue stick. Small pieces of wrapping paper for decoration. Materials will be provided too.

Or bring your own project to work on. Tea and biscuits to be served during the afternoon. Please come and join us. Cost 50p.

The Easingwold Singers are looking forward to performing Haydn’s “Creation” at St John the Baptist & All Saints Church on Saturday 19th May at 7.30 pm especially in the year that the church celebrates 600 years of the church building. Tickets £10 each are available from Tempo & Williamsons Estate Agents, Easingwold, at the door on the night or from Richard Hancock.

Oasis Cafe Friday, May 25th 9.45am onwards.

In May we traditionally support CHRISTIAN AID, and this year the need is greater than ever as we are not able to do our house-to-house collections as before. Do support this morning for friendship and outreach, and all profits and donations will go to this excellent charity.

Community Care in Easingwold

If you have a little time to spare and would like to volunteer, Community Care in Easingwold is in great need of weekend drivers (especially to York Hospital) and also people who will visit the elderly who need a little company. Please call Jackie Bullough for more details and an informal chat. 01347 822875

Riding Lights Roughshod: Deliver

Central Methodist 12th May, 7.30pm. Tickets £5 from Central Methodist church office - 01904 612171.

Five young people in search of their future reveal some surprising stories of hope in the new faith-filled show for 2018. Mixing comedy, dramatic storytelling, spoken word and personal experience, Riding Lights deliver a show that asks: what happens when God intervenes in ordinary lives?

'Thy Kingdom Come' is an ecumenical initiative inviting people to pray for others to come to Christ specifically between Ascension and Pentecost. Packages with booklets and information are available on the table in the foyer for anyone who is interested. There is also a poster with events at Central Methodist Church on the notice board.

Together Constantly in Prayer:

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

1. In this week when on Thursday we remember Christ's Ascension let us give thanks to God that Jesus is seated right now in heaven interceding for us.
2. Pray for our government as they seek to work through all the issues that Brexit presents, that they, and the EU leaders will be given the wisdom to find solutions which will be fair and just for all concerned.

Country for prayer: Senegal

Population 12.9 million with less than a million from a Christian Heritage Senegal has a peaceful multiparty democracy and its economy is based mostly on agriculture and phosphate mining. Many are poor leading some to attempt the hazardous migration to Europe. There is religious freedom but, while around 1 million have a christian heritage few have an active faith. Pray for the large majority of young people (over 55% are under 20) that they may be open to hear and receive the good news of Jesus.

Notices for week beginning 13th May 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.

Message from the Minister

I would like to say thank you to everyone for all the cards, presents and good wishes for my 40th birthday recently. It was a joy to be able to celebrate this special birthday with my church family.

As a church we continue to think about birthdays and celebrations as we share our church anniversary this month. In our service we give thanks to God for His blessings to us over the last year and for all that happens in our church. Thank you to you all for what you do in the life and worship of the church; some of it up front, much behind the scenes. It is appreciated and makes this church what it is.

The anniversary is a good time for us to look back over the history of this place and remember past events. But with it, we also celebrate what we are doing now and what is ahead for us. These are exciting times, and it is a privilege to serve here as minister. God has a purpose for this building and for His church in this place. As we continue our journey together, may we be open to His leading.

Jonah-Man Jazz

As part of the Bible month launch service, 27th May, we hope to have a 'scratch' performance of Jonah-Man Jazz, a ten minute long musical piece about the story of Jonah. It's a fun and fairly easy piece to learn and anyone is welcome to come and join in! We hope to rehearse before the service from 3.30pm at Trinity. If you're interested and would like a copy of the music contact the circuit office, or just turn up on the day.

