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.

Senior Steward & First Point of Contact: Local Lay Pastor:

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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

WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 17th MARCH 2024

Sunday 17th March

10.30am A joint Cafe Service at **Huby** There is a list in the vestibule for those needing a lift and for those who can offer a lift.

Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Elaine Thompson Stewards: Jean Gray & Caroline Wheatley

Wednesday 20th March

1.45pm- 4.00pm **CRAFT TEA** Open to All By request we are having another session on cross stitch embroidery. Please bring a needle, scissors and coloured embroidery or cotton thread. Material will be provided, patterns and instructions available too! As always there will be plenty of resources to share. Cost 50p Come and join us!

Or bring your own project to work on.

Or join us for tea/biscuits and a chat! Cost £1.00.

Friday 22nd March

9:00 am Prayer Meeting in Vestry
9:45 am-11:30 am OASIS Café in Lounge and Hall with our friends from the Boot Shop

Other things happening this week

Monday	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Singing for All	Lounge
Tuesday	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	U3A	Chapel, Hall & Lounge
	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Easingwold Singers	Hall & Lounge
Wednesday	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Brownies	Hall
	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Guides	Lounge

Easter Breakfast - 8.30am on Easter Day

Our Easter Breakfast, to which everyone is warmly invited, starts at 8.30am on Easter Day (March 31st).

This is followed at **<u>10.00am</u>** by our Communion Service.

If you wish to have breakfast it is important that we have the numbers by Palm Sunday (March 24th) at the latest.

There will be a list on the board in the vestibule for you to sign, or you could just give your details to any of the Stewards.

There will be a basket at breakfast for your donations which will be given to St. Leonards Hospice.

Lent Worship Resource - Unbounded Love

The title is taken from Charles Wesley's well-loved hymn, 'Love divine' (Singing the Faith 503).

Through Lent we will be reflecting together on the transforming power of God's pure and unbounded love. These materials offer an opportunity as a community of faith, nationally and locally, to prepare ourselves for gathered worship throughout Lent, and over the whole of Lent to prepare for Easter.

Lent 5	Changed from glory into glory		
	Jeremiah 31:31-34	John 12:20-33	
Lent 6	Till we cast our crowns bef	ast our crowns before thee	
	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Mark 11:1-11	

Maundy Thursday Service

There will be no Maundy Thursday service in our church Three options are:

- 6.00pm Tenebrae Service with communion and light meal at Clifton Methodist church. Led by Rev Andrew Foster. Numbers are needed for catering and seating, so please contact Frances Postlethwaite francespos@hotmail.co.uk 01904 690215 or Evelyn Wood <u>eviewoody@talktalk.net</u>.
- 7.00pm Service at Stillington Parish Church
- 7.30 pm Eucharist Service at Easingwold Parish Church with stripping of the Altar

Tea and Coffee Rota

If anyone would like to be on the Tea / Coffee Rota or take over the organisation of it, please contact Yvonne or Jane.

On-Line Advanced Safeguarding Training

Details of the new dates for on-line advanced safeguarding training are shown on the Circuit newsletter.

These are also shown on the church safeguarding notice board. I have not printed off the details of the in person attendance for this course as they are all being held at some distance from Easingwold, but again these are shown on the circuit newsletter.

Together Constantly in Prayer

We come on this Passion Sunday to prepare ourselves for the coming weeks when we walk with our Lord into Jerusalem and onwards to the cross. Jesus reveals to us the reason He came into the world.

Lord, we are thankful that your love knows no bounds. You break down the barrier of sin and death so that we can know forgiveness and everlasting life with you. We thank you that your promise is for life that transcends the grave, and a hope that not even death itself can ever extinguish. You are our living Lord, who alone can grant that most precious of gifts - that quality of life that can only be lived in the presence of our God. Amen.

We lift before God the people of Ukraine, now in their third year of fighting for their freedom and their country. May peace be restored to them. We remember the people of Haiti in a time of unrest and loss of leadership.

We also lift up Palestine and Israel, their people and their lands. War is a monster that consumes everything in its path. Peace is a gift. Let us break bread not bodies. Let us plant olive groves together. We pray for love and compassion to prevail on all God's holy mountains. Amen

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A grandfather was walking through his yard when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like a prayer. He asked her what she was doing. The little girl explained: "I'm praying but I can't think of exactly the right words, so I'm just saying all the letters, and God will put them together for me because he knows what I am thinking."

Notices for week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Please contact Carolyn on 01347 822787 or e-mail carolyn.hardie@gmail.com by 11.00am on Friday.