



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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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 25th FEBRUARY 2024
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Sunday 25th February

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Mr Robin Jackson

Stewards: Tom & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

Sunday 3rd March

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Mrs Alyson Christy

Stewards: Helena Papps & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

Tuesday 27th February

1.30pm Church Council Meeting in the school room.
Looking forward to seeing you there. Please let me, or another attendee, know if you can't attend. *Maggie Wilson*

Friday 1st March

9:00 am Prayer Meeting in Vestry
2.15pm **The Women's World Day of Prayer Service**
To be held in our church.
All the churches in Easingwold are working to bring this Service together.

Other things happening this week

Monday	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Singing for All	Lounge
	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Charity Meeting	Vestry
Tuesday	3:10 pm - 4:45 pm	Rehearsal for World Day of Prayer	Chapel
	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

Thank you

Doris Lees would like to thank everybody for their lovely "get well" cards and the many prayers said on my behalf, while I have been recovering in hospital over these past few weeks. I really do appreciate how blessed I have been. Thank you all very much.

Action for Children

Anne has copies of this years "Count Your Blessings" leaflets. I would be grateful for a good response this year, as well as it being a daily reminder to us all that we are in the important season of Lent.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Notices for week beginning 3rd March 2024:

Please contact Carolyn on 01347 822787 or e-mail carolyn.hardie@gmail.com by 11.00am on Friday.

Tuesday 5th March

The Social Committee has arranged a visit to the Allerton Waste Recovery Park (AWRP) on Tuesday 5th March.

We shall be using our own vehicles, but obviously, will fill our cars.

Numbers are limited to 20 per visit so it is 'First come, first served!'

Please put your name on the list in the hall if you want to go.

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.

The daily reflections will follow a weekly pattern:

- Monday – introducing the week's theme which will be a phrase from 'Love divine'
- Tuesday – video instructions for a craft activity, that can be done alone or as part of worship (hands-on activity)
- Wednesday – a Bible study on the Gospel passage
- Thursday – a reflection on justice
- Friday – a secular song
- Saturday – a magazine-style roundup of the week.

Lent 2: Theme - Visit us with thy salvation

Readings: OT Genesis 17; 1-7,15-16 NT Mark 8; 31-38

Lent 3: Theme - Pure and spotless let us be

Readings: OT Numbers 21; 4-9 NT John 2; 13-22

Together Constantly in Prayer

When we came to the prayers of intercession recently at another Church, I asked the congregation what we should pray for. The answer they gave was “Everything!”

With that answer in mind, I asked myself where we should begin; I came to the conclusion that we should both begin and end with God.

We commit into your hands, Lord, the troubles of the world. We remind ourselves of your love and the power of that love. May we never grow weary of bringing to you the things that concern us. Help us to make time each day to talk to you about everything and to remember that our prayers hold YOUR power to change people's lives and situations. Amen

One of last Sunday's lectionary readings was of Jesus' temptation by Satan in the wilderness. This is a poem that I included with that reading;

ALL THE KINGDOM OF THE WORLD

So here's the deal, and this is what you get:
The penthouse suite with world-commanding views,
The banker's bonus, and the private jet,
Control and ownership of all the news,
An 'in' to that exclusive one percent,
Who know the score, who really run the show,
With interest on every penny lent
And sweeteners for cronies in the know.
A straight arrangement between me and you,
No hell below or heaven high above,
You just admit it, and give me my due,
And wake up from this foolish dream of love.....
But Jesus laughed, 'You are not what you seem.
Love is the waking life, you....are the dream.'
(by Malcolm Guite)