



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

2 WEEKS - BEGINNING SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2024

Sunday 14th April

10.30am Sunday Worship led by Mr Brian Taylor
Stewards: Jean Gray & Robert Farmer

Sunday 21st April

10.30am Sunday Worship led by Rev Ann Vaughan
Stewards: Jean Gray & Jocelyn Pearson

Sunday 28th April

10.30am 'To be a Pilgrim' led by The Men's Group
Stewards: Helena Papps & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth.

Tuesday 16th April

11:00am-12:30pm Funeral Service for Mrs Vera Duxbury

Wednesday 17th April

1.45pm-4.00pm **CRAFT TEA** Open to all

An opportunity to make a very simple “note book”; and a concertina note book. Please bring scissors, pencil, ruler and a glue stick. Plus 2 pieces of thick card (2 A4 size pieces of cereal cardboard stuck together - will be enough to make a front and back - and could save time!) 2 sheets, A4 size, of thin card or paper, some fancy wrapping paper again A4 size.

Instructions and help will be available. As always there will be plenty of paper, card and wrapping paper 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 19th April

9:00 am Prayer Meeting in the Vestry

Monday 22nd April

Work on replacing windows in church and vestry areas begins and is expected to take 3 days.

Friday 26th April

9:00 am Prayer Meeting in the Vestry

9:45am-11:45am **Oasis Café** with our friends from The Boot Shop in Lounge and Hall

Other things happening this fortnight

Monday		11:00 am	Singing for All	Lounge
Tuesday	16th	2:00 pm	U3A	Chapel, Hall & Lounge
		7:30pm	Easingwold Singers	Hall & Lounge
Wednesday		6:00 pm	Brownies	Hall
		7:30 pm	Guides	Lounge
Thursday	25th	1:30 pm	United Charities	Vestry

Gift Aid

Firstly, a big 'thank you' to everyone who currently gift aids their financial donation to the church. It makes a huge difference to our funds and is greatly appreciated.

If any of your details have changed (eg address or tax status) since signing a gift aid declaration, please would you let me know (preferably in writing please) so I can alter my records.

And, of course, if anyone would like to start gift aiding their contributions, please let me know and I will give them the necessary gift aid declaration form to complete. (NB It must be possible to identify your donation, either through bank transfer, cheque or a cash donation given in a named envelope.)

Finally, please could I remind people who gift aid that they must pay sufficient Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the relevant tax year for that amount of Gift Aid to be claimed by the church. If this is not the case, then it is the donor's responsibility to pay any difference.

Thank you again, *Michèle Hackney*

Safeguarding Training

There is a new poster on the Safeguarding Notice board showing future dates for the Foundation Safeguarding training. These are:

- Tuesday 16th April 7pm at Strensall
- Tuesday 25th June 7pm at Bishopthorpe Methodist church.

Christian Aid fund raiser

Bring and Share 'Fun, food and fellowship evening' - 17th May
Details to follow.

Together Constantly in Prayer

'Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever'. (Psalm 107:1)

According to research, people who are intentionally grateful for what they have report a healthier life and more happiness. Scripture has long promoted the practice of gratitude and the Bible has called us to recognise God's gifts with a thankful heart.

The above Psalm lists five things that the Israelites could especially be grateful for. So let us come before God with thankful hearts.

Lord, we give thanks for the birds singing outside; the smells from our kitchen reminding us that we have food to eat; the comfort of our favourite armchair; the murmurs of loved ones; and a beautiful sky to start and end the day. Each gift is a sign of God's unfailing love. Amen

Why not get a notepad and this coming week write down five things every day that you are thankful for?

I DIDN'T KNOW..... (the journey of faith)

I didn't know.....

that loving others would be so hard.

I didn't know....

when I treated others the way I wanted them to treat me, it might not make a difference.

I didn't know....

that walking the extra mile would mean a lot of walking.

I didn't know.....

how challenging it would be to forgive those who hurt me.

I didn't know....

when I shared my new found faith, it would make some people uncomfortable.

I didn't know....

how difficult it would be to lose a loved one, even though faith assures me it is not the end.

Jesus died to set me free from sin.....

Now I did know that!

Elaine Thompson

Notices for week beginning 28th April 2024

Please contact Carolyn on 01347 822787 or

e-mail carolyn.hardie@gmail.com by 11.00am on Friday.