# The **Methodist** Church

# Chapel Street, Easingwold, York. YO61 3AE www.easingwoldmethodists.org.uk

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: Jocelyn Pearson 07510 670 570 Local Lay Pastor: Alyson Christy 07985 272 473

#### **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 21st JANUARY 2024

## **Sunday 21st January**

3.00pm Ecumenical Service for Week of Prayer for Christian

Unity led by the Community Church

Stewards: Jocelyn Pearson & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

#### Sunday 28th January

10.30am Morning Worship led by Alyson Christy

Stewards: Jean Gray & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

#### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

2:00 pm Property & Finance Committee in Vestry

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January

9:00 am Prayer Meeting in Vestry

9:45am Oasis Café with Boot Shop stall in Lounge and Hall

## Other things happening this week

Monday 11:00 am Singing for All Lounge Tuesday 7:30 pm Easingwold Singers Hall & Lounge

Wednesday 6:00 pm Brownies Hall 7:30 pm Guides Lounge

Thursday 11:30 am Charity Meeting Vestry

#### **Together Constantly in Prayer**

Lord, as we come together with Churches of other denominations this Sabbath day, we pray we may be one in Spirit. Acknowledging the one God and Lord of life. Help us to continue our work together to further your Kingdom here on earth.

Eternal God we pray for all those working for justice and reconciliation in all the places where there is war. So much conflict Lord, in so many places, our hearts ache when we hear of the many sad things that are happening in our world today. Help us to remember that you are Lord over all things and to hold fast in our faith and belief that our prayers make a difference. Amen

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When darkness fills our horizon, help us to remember what Jesus taught about God's love - how a traveller to Jericho, left beaten unconscious by the roadside, was unexpectedly rescued by a marginalised stranger, how a son, who had ruined his life, was welcomed home through a parent's, unconditional love; and how a sheep, lost on a lonely hillside, was brought to safety by the faithful care of the Shepherd. So may we, whatever our needs, find help and support - sometimes where we least expect - and

when human resources fail, discover the riches of God's grace and the depth of his love, holding us safe forever. Amen. (This prayer by Rachel Larkinson, Kennet and Test Valley Circuit)

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If you are more fortunate than others. Build a longer table not a taller fence.

#### Flowers for Church

With the New Year comes a new Flower Notice. If you are willing to contribute flowers either by arranging them or giving Anne Hopwood money for any specific Sunday(s) throughout the year please indicate this on the Notice Board. Anne can be contacted on 01347 821573 should you need her. Thank you.

### Carolyn is going to be away for a week

Next week's notice-sheet will cover two weeks so if you have anything for the following fortnight please contact Carolyn on 01347 822787 or e-mail <a href="mailto:carolyn.hardie@gmail.com">carolyn.hardie@gmail.com</a> by 11.00am on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January.