



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 24th DECEMBER 2023

Sunday 24th December

10:30 am Carol Service led by Mrs Alyson Christy
Stewards: Tom & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

Monday 25th December

9:30 am **Christmas Day Service** in Stillington Village Hall

Sunday 31st December

10:30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Andrew Foster
Stewards: Jean Gray & Caroline Wheatley

The church will remain closed for the rest of the Christmas week

Friday 5th January

11.00am Funeral service for Mrs Anne Hutchinson

Saturday 6th January

3pm- 6pm **January Jolly Event**

Our very own Marion Moverley will be telling us about the customs and traditions that are associated with Twelfth Night and will bring some special food for us to try!!

There will be a Bring and Share buffet.

Obviously we shall be having the usual fun and frivolity and time to have a good natter!

Sunday 7th January

10.30am United Epiphany service at Parish Church

Together Constantly in Prayer

As Christmas approaches, we are mindful of those for whom this season continues to bring difficulties and so we pray and lift before the living God:

- the people of China and Australia caught up in floods which have caused death and devastation,
- the 4000+ people who have had to be evacuated from their homes in the South Western part of Iceland due to volcanic eruptions, and
- the wars that continue to cause concern across the world.
God may your peace come.

Give us courage, Lord, to speak up and show our support for the needs of others.

Mary

Ever, since the promise of a Messiah had been given, young Jewish women had longed to be selected for this privileged role. Centuries came and went, and no Messiah arrived. Then the message came: the time had come for Messiah to be born, and Mary was to be his mother! Even in Gabriel's greeting, the wonder of privilege is clear: "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." (Luke 1:28)

Amazingly, Mary understood the magnitude of what she had been chosen to do, and she accepted with humility. Imagine her emotions, her disbelief, her sense of unworthiness, her joy, her amazement. Imagine the wonder in her heart. (Bill Crowder)

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the Incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel. (Wesley)

Ever so silently.....

He comes.....

May the coming of the Christ child fill your hearts with joy this Christmas time.

(From Elaine)

Notices for week beginning 7th January 2024:

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

Smile

Smiling is infectious,
you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realized
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,
then I realized its worth.
A single smile, just like mine
could travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick,
and get the world infected!

by Spike Milligan