



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 &

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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 31st MARCH 2024

Sunday 31st March

Easter Sunday

7.30am Sunrise service around the Cross in Market Place

8.30am Easter Breakfast

10.00am Communion Service led by Rev David Bidnell

Stewards: Helena Papps & Jean Gray

Sunday 7th April

10.30am Sunday Worship led by Mrs Alyson Christy

Stewards: Helena Papps & Carolyn Hardie-Forsyth

Monday 1st April

2-4pm Villages Together Methodist Church Cream Teas in **Huby**. Look for the monkey puzzle tree

We may have changed venue, from Stillington, but the warm welcome and conversation will be the same as always. Do come and join us.

Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 5th April

8:00 am - 4:00 pm LiveWires Holiday Club in Hall & Lounge

Friday 5th April

9:00 am Prayer Meeting in Vestry

Behold The Coat of Hopes - in our Church

Friday 5th April at 7.30pm & Saturday 6th April at 9.00am

The Coat of Hopes is a patchwork coat that is on an ongoing walk through Britain. Made, worn and walked by hundreds of people during and since its pilgrimage from the south coast of England to COP 26, the UN climate summit, in Glasgow autumn 2021.

The Coat is made up of pieces of blanket into which people have worked their griefs, remembrances, prayers and hopes for the place they call home. It carries an invitation to share our love and responsibility in facing this climate and ecological emergency.

We invite you to meet with and try the coat on when it stays in Easingwold.

Join us to meet, try on the Coat and hear the story and song of The Coat of Hopes before we travel on to Shipton on Saturday 6th April 2024.

All are welcome. We would love to see you there.

Visit our website to find out more: <https://www.coatofhopes.uk/>

Trip to Iona - 28th June-6th July

The Parish Church have organised this trip, staying in the Bishop's House. One place remains available so if you are interested, please contact Ruth Duck or Nancy Kilburn.

Easingwold and Circuit Staffing

Many of you will already be aware that there will be some changes to staff responsibilities in the circuit from September, with Andy Lindley and Louisa Taylor moving on.

These changes will be as follows:

Judith Stoddart is to have responsibility at Central and Southlands.

John Hayward is to have responsibility at Acomb.

David Bidnell is to have responsibility at West Thorpe.

The circuit stewards have also agreed to a request from Alyson Christy for a reduction in hours. This means that she will continue at Heworth, but relinquish her role at Easingwold from 1st May 2024.

We will be very sad to lose Alyson from Easingwold and will miss her contribution. We are very grateful for all that she has done over the last couple of years. All this means that from 1st May I shall be taking up pastoral oversight of Easingwold, facilitated to some extent by ceasing my role at Central from September. I look forward to continuing to be among you, to working with you, and to seeing what the future holds.

With my best wishes to you all.

David

Action for Children

As Easter has arrived, Anne would much appreciate the monies people have been accruing through "Count Your Blessings" to be given to her as soon as is convenient to allow her to send it to headquarters. Either cash or cheques (made payable to 'Action for Children') can be given, so I thank you all in anticipation.

Notices for week beginning 31st March 2024

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

Together Constantly in Prayer

He is risen! Halleluja!

Our beloved Lord, we come humbly before You this day, recognising Your great love for us. Though You were mocked and scorned, You did not turn aside from Your great work. We thank You now that You endured all this that we might live.
Amen

Oh Tree of Calvary,
send thy roots deep down into my heart.
Gather together the soil of my heart,
the sands of my fickleness,
the stones of my stubbornness,
the mud of my desires,
bind them together O Tree of Calvary,
interlace them with thy strong roots,
Entwine them with the network of thy love.

(Chandran Devansen)

Life changing God, you do not always call us to the easy path. We pray that as we seek to discern the mission and service that you are calling us to we do not let fear, self-doubt or the need to be in control get in the way. Instead enable us to be holy risk-takers for the sake of your kingdom here on earth. Amen
(Methodists Online)

He is risen! Hallelujah!