



EASINGWOLD METHODIST CHURCH

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'Sharing God's love in the heart of our community'

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WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 10th MAY 2026

Sunday 10th May

10.30 am Morning Worship and General Church Meeting
led by Rev Alex Middleton-Laing
Stewards: Jocelyn Pearson & Tom Hardie-Forsyth

We will be voting for the three charities that we will be supporting from September 2026.

Sunday 17th May

10.30 am Morning Service led by Mrs Elaine Thompson
Stewards: Tom Hardie-Forsyth & Robert Farmer

Tuesday 12th May

10.00am Meet at church for Social Committee's **Walk around Terrington** - 3 miles around the village, through fields and meadowlands, with a couple of slight inclines. Lunch at the café at 12.30pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule to indicate numbers going and to tick if you need a lift.

Friday 15th May

9:30am - 4:30pm Quiet Day for members of the Thirsk & Northallerton Methodist Circuit in Lounge and Hall

Other things happening this week

Tues	10:00am - 12:00pm	Little Fishes Playgroup	Chapel, Hall & Lounge
	3:30pm - 6:00pm	After-School Club	Hall
	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Drama Kids York	Lounge
Wed	3:30pm - 6:00pm	After-School Club	Hall
	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Brownies	
	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Guides	
Thurs	9:45am - 10:45am	U3A Canasta	Lounge
	3:30pm - 6:00pm	After-School Club	Hall

Thank You

Joan Hancock's family would like to say a huge THANK YOU to you all for the wonderful ways in which you have supported them throughout the last few weeks. Richard says: "We have been amazed to have received so much prayer and loving care. It has been so timely, heartfelt, and deeply appreciated by us all."

Church Finances - Update

As approved by the Church Council, Michèle has kindly agreed to take back oversight of the church finances until the end of the church financial year in August.

It is hoped that, by September, Circuit will have a Finance Manager in place and there will be better clarity on the support they will give to local churches.

Expense Claims

Please note the new procedure that has been put in place for the reimbursement of expenses:

1. All expense claims must be accompanied by receipts and a completed Claim Form - available from the top tray in the foyer (near the lounge), which must then be authorised by Alex, who will pass them to Michèle.
2. Expense claims will only be paid at the end of May and August. (If possible, please retain all receipts and submit ONE claim rather than submitting individual claims for smaller amounts).
3. However, claims over £50 in total can be submitted earlier than these dates and will be paid once authorised.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

More dates and venues to hear and discuss proposals for the future shape of the Circuit.

Monday 11th May 7pm at Copmanthorpe

Tuesday 12th May 7pm at Haxby

Monday 18th May 7pm at Acomb

Bible Month 2026

This year's Bible Month book is Paul's letter to the Philippians. Written by Paul from prison, this short epistle overflows with warmth, hope, and practical wisdom for living a Christ-shaped life.

The themes across the four weeks are:

- Joy that endures
- Christ-like humility
- Pressing on in faith
- Grace and peace

We at EMC will be holding Bible month in our church services in June (the first Sunday of June is week one, and so on)

For more information please see the church website.

Please note Carolyn is taking a break

After Sunday 17th May the next notices will be Sunday June 7th.

In the interim important notices can be sent to

admin@easingwoldmethodists.org.uk for inclusion in the website

Together Constantly in Prayer

Prayer empowers us to live in a way that 'overcomes evil with good' (Romans 12:21).

Although we may not always see the outcome, prayer creates a legacy of faithfulness for generations to come. (From Daily Bread notes)

Dear God, help us to be faithful in prayer. May we never grow weary of praying for others as we remember all of the people who have prayed for us in the past. Guide us so that we may know your will for ourselves and our church, so that we can bring a greater witness to our community.

We pray for the Christians in Nigeria who face severe violence and persecution with many having been killed in 2025. (Reported by Open Doors UK)

We also lift up to God those of the Jewish and other faiths who are being persecuted in our own country at this time. Help us, Lord, to grow in understanding of others and thus allow others to better know us and the message that we bring of your love, compassion and forgiveness.

In 1 Kings ch19, we find Elijah at one of his lowest points. Exhausted and discouraged, he retreats into the wilderness. Yet in that vulnerable place, God does not rebuke him nor demand more effort. Instead, he gently provides food, rest, and strength. Elijah's story reminds us that God understands our limits. He knows when we are running on empty and meets us with provision, not pressure. His sustaining grace gives strength for today and hope for the road ahead. (From UCB Bible notes)

Are you feeling pressured? Then come away for a while to relax and refresh yourself in the presence of the Lord.

