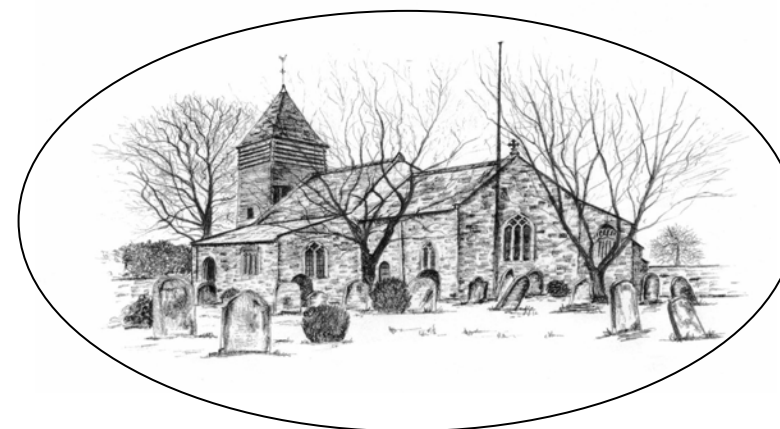


EASINGWOLD with RASKELF
PARISH NEWS



St John the Baptist & All Saints, Easingwold



St Mary the Virgin, Raskelf

February 2013

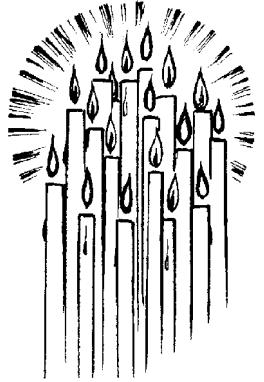
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BIBLE READINGS—FEBRUARY

3rd	10.30am	Malachi	Ch.3	Vv. 1-5	PRESENTATION
		Hebrews	Ch.2	Vv.14-18	
		Luke	Ch.2	Vv.22-40	
	3.30pm	Haggai	Ch.2	Vv. 1-9	
		John	Ch.2	Vv.18-22	
10th	10.30am	Exodus	Ch.34	Vv.29-35	NEXT BEFORE LENT
		2 Corinthians	Ch.3	Vv.12-4.2	
		Luke	Ch.9	Vv.28-36	
	3.30pm	Exodus	Ch.3	Vv. 1-6	
		John	Ch.12	Vv.27-36a	
13th	7.30pm	Joel	Ch.2	Vv.1-2,12-17	ASH WEDNESDAY
		2 Corinthians	Ch.5	Vv.20b-6.10	
		Matthew	Ch.6	Vv.1-6,16-21	
17th	10.30am	Deuteronomy	Ch.26	Vv. 1-11	LENT 1
		Romans	Ch.10	Vv.8b-13	
		Luke	Ch.4	Vv. 1-13	
No Evensong: Ecumenical ~Service Methodist Church					
24th	10.30am	Genesis	Ch.15	Vv. 1-12	LENT 2
		Philippians	Ch.3	Vv.17-4.1	
		Luke	Ch.13	Vv.31-35	
	3.30pm	Jeremiah	Ch.22	Vv. 1-9,13-17	
		Luke	Ch.14	Vv.27-33	

The Light of the World



February is not everybody's favourite month. It often comes after several weeks of winter weather and although the days are getting longer, we haven't yet reached the point where it makes a great difference. Perhaps that's why it was the time when our ancestors wanted to celebrate once again the coming of the light of Christ into our lives.

Every year they would bless the candles to be used in church and would bring along those they were going to use at home too, for candles were worth a lot more in those days than they are now. This would take place at the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Feb 2nd), which is also called Candlemas. There's no direct link with the events of Jesus' early life, except the phrase used by old Simeon as he greets the family in the temple: this child will be "a light to lighten the gentiles".

No matter how much we take it for granted, light is vitally important to us all, especially at this dark and dreary time of year. And it reminds us of how important Christ is in our lives, even though we may take him for granted too. Just as so much in our lives is dependant on having light, so everything flows from Christ coming into our world -not a bad thought to take into Lent and the coming season of self- examination.

John Harrison

RASKELF CHURCH

One of our favourite events returns (but sadly for the last time)....

PATE and PUD

at Village Farm, Tholthorpe
(home of Kenneth & Anne Myers)

Saturday March 2nd

12 noon—2.00pm

Tickets £10.

To reserve please ring 01347-838233

EASINGWOLD TOWN BAND
CONCERT in the Galtres Centre

Saturday February 23rd

will highlight the progress made by young players in its Training Band formed a year ago, "Learning how to play together in a group is a challenge but our players have been up to it" says musical director Alistair Shipman and goes on to say "some of them have gained enough experience and confidence to move up into the Town Band, so our Training Band has plenty of room for new members"



The Band has been working hard all year on raising the playing standard and developing a strong "brass band sound" whether in concert mode, playing traditional marches, or accompanying the singing of hymns and Christmas carols. (The Band played to large congregations at both churches this Christmas). Band chairman adds "This year we've taken another step forward with the acquisition of tuned percussion including a pair of kettle drums and a glockenspiel, and an experienced percussionist has joined the Band to play them. If we can just fine one more E-flat bass (tuba) player and a kit drummer we'll be up to full strength.

Following the Band's sell-out of film music last February, this year's theme will be *Operatic and Stage Favourites*. Tickets for the concert are on sale at the Galtres Centre Box Office

From the Registers

Baptism

20th Jan Bobby Kevin Alan Dearlove

Funerals

7th Jan Gordon Hanson

8th Jan Kath Donaghy

17th Jan Richardaina Childs

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2nd

LITE BITE LUNCH, Old Black Bull, Raskelf 12 noon

SUNDAYS FEBRUARY 3rd & 17th

COMMUNION 9.10am

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10th

FAMILY SERVICE at 10.30am

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer is at the heart of what the church is about and the prayer corner in St John's continues to be used regularly. Please write the names of people you would like to be remembered in the book there. We also have a prayer chain, where a number of people pray for those in special need. If you would like to join the chain, know more about it or have someone you want to be prayed for, please contact the Vicar or Chris Peel. Please include in your prayers this month:



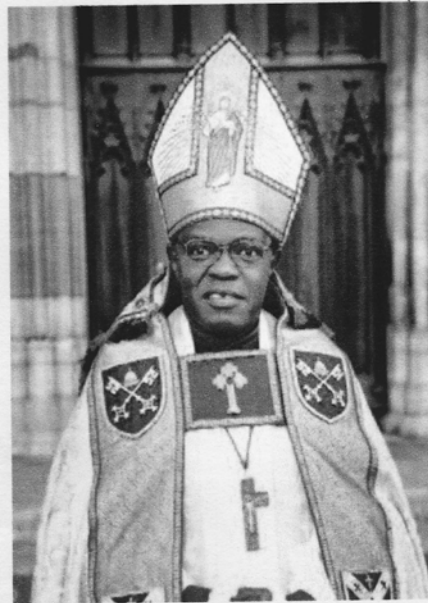
1. All who live and work in the area of the old Claypenny Hospital, including Oulston Road, Thornlands, Crayke Road and Applegarth
2. The Millfield surgery—all who work and visit there
3. Springhill Court—all who live there and those who work there
4. Those who live in Church End—between the church and the Three Tuns public house, Raskelf

Generous Churches Making and Nurturing Disciples

We are at an important stage in our thinking about Generous Churches Making and Nurturing Disciples. In November 2010, we held Mutual Support consultations across the Diocese. People said they wanted our churches to grow, and that they wanted to have a clear vision for the Diocese to sum up what we're all working towards.

This is what our vision for Generous Churches Making and Nurturing Disciples is all about. It's not a new initiative or programme - it's a focus on how we work out God's mission in our Diocese. It's about growing, and working together.

Growth is about the quality of our commitment and mission as well as about increasing numbers. And working on our mission priorities is a vital foundation for planning the future finances of the diocesan family.



So let's think about our Five Marks of Growing. How are they being lived out in the Diocese and in local church communities?

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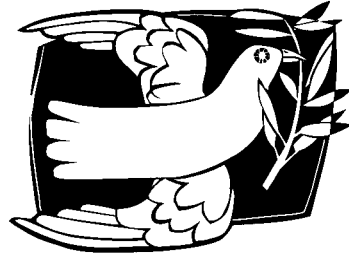
- **Lent Lunches**...the first is on Friday February 22nd in
- **The Archbishop** has conferred the title of Archdeacon Emeritus on the Venerable Richard Seed following his retirement as Archdeacon of York. The Venerable William Noblett of Strensall, who preached in Easingwold church last summer, has in addition had the status of Canon Emeritus of York Minster conferred on him following his retirement from the College of Canons.
- **Our churches website** is now up and running with a lot of information on it, especially Easingwold church—thanks to the superb efforts of Frank Johnson-Banks of the Tourist Information Office. Please have a look at the link: <http://www.visit-easingwold.com/easingwold-church>. From the Home Page you can click on a page for Easingwold church giving many different aspects of the church:
Church calendar/Activities brochure/Welcome leaflet/Pictorial tour of the church/latest news/History with some illustrations/parish magazine archive and also links to external sites
- **Oasis and Fairtrade**..Friday mornings in the Methodist church on February 22nd, March 22nd (March 29th is Good Friday) and April 26th
- **Archbishop's Five Marks of Growing**...more resources to think about this at www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/duiocesaninfo/generouschurches

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

Bible reading notes are a good way to get started on reading the Bible. With only a short passage to read each day you do not need to put aside a lot of time and the commentaries will help you to understand the passage and apply it to your own life. BRF publishes three different series, for more details please contact Mrs Joan Green on 01347-821389

SERVICES AND EVENTS
FEBRUARY 2013

ENQUIRIES about baptisms, weddings, etc. -please ring the Vicar or call at the Vicarage.



Sunday School meets during the 10.30am service in Easingwold church

SUN 3rd CANDLEMAS

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.10am Holy Communion *at Raskelf*
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 3.30pm Evensong

Mon 4th 7.30pm Anglican/Methodist Liaison Meeting
 Wed 6th 9.00am Communion
 10.00am Communion at Park Close
 12noon Raskelf Lunch *at the Old Black Bull*

SUN 13th SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 10.30am Family Service *at Raskelf*
 3.30pm Evensong

WED 16th ASH WEDNESDAY

9.00am Communion
 7.30pm **SUNG EUCHARIST**

Wed 8th 9.00am Communion
 7.30pm Mothers' Union *Parish Rooms (AGM)*
 Sat 11th from 10am MU Coffee Morning *Parish Rooms*

SUN 17th LENT 1

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.10am Holy Communion *at Raskelf*
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 4.00pm Ecumenical Service *Methodist Church*

Wed 20th 9.00am Communion
 Fri 22nd 12.15pm Lent Lunch

SUN 24th LENT 2

8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 3.30pm Evensong

Wed 27th 9.00am Communion
 Thur 28th 10.00am Mothers' Union Communion

MARCH

Fri 1st 12.15pm Lent Lunch
 2.15pm Women's World Day of Prayer *Meth Ch*

SUN 3rd LENT 3

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.10am Holy Communion *at Raskelf*
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 3.30pm Evensong

Mon 4th 7.30pm Lent Talk
 Wed 6th 9.00am Communion
 10.00am Communion at Park Close
 12noon Raskelf Lunch *at the Old Black Bull*

Lent Lunches begin on Fri 22nd February in the Parish Rooms