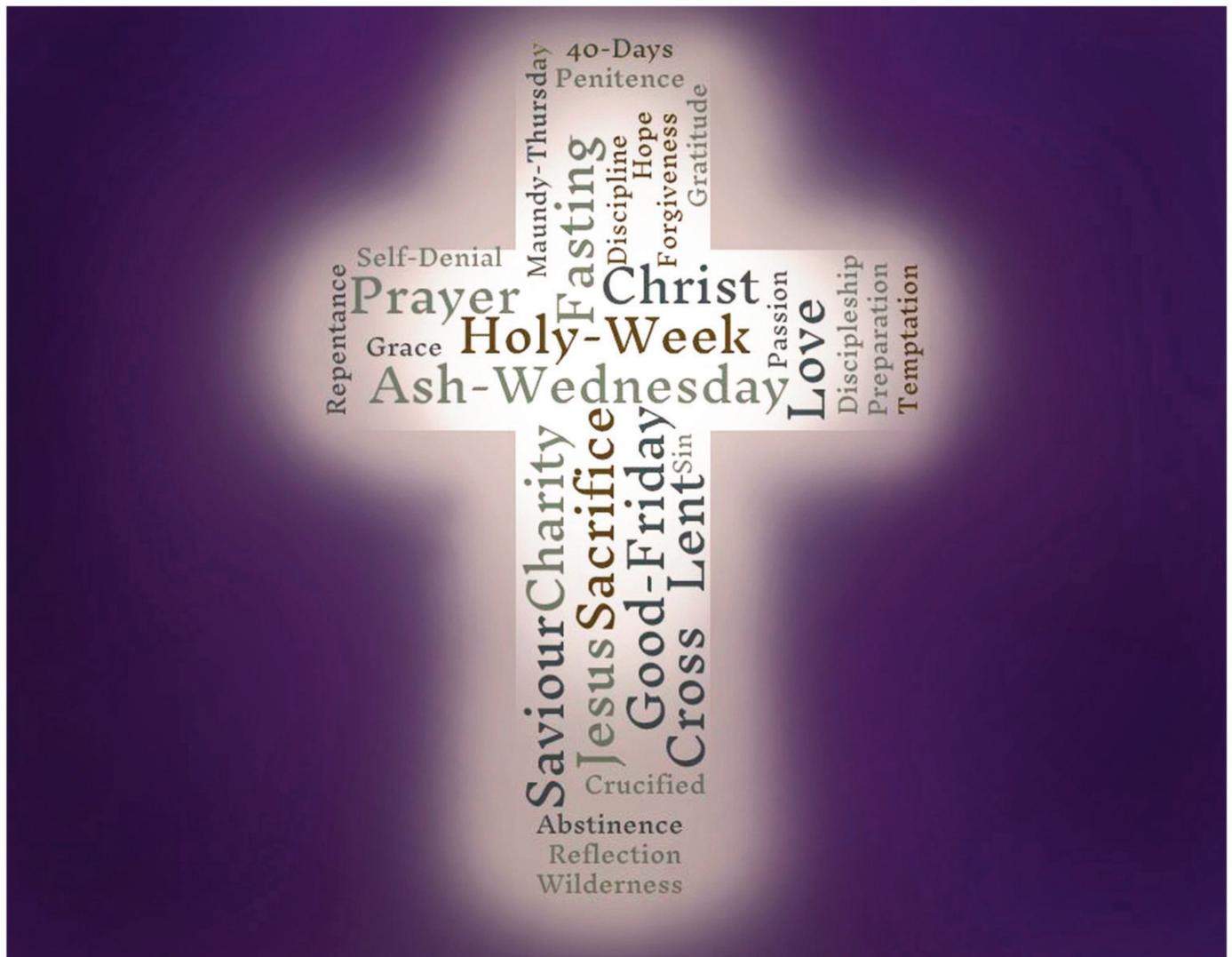


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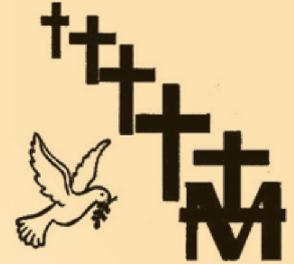
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From the Vicar . . .

14th February 2018 is both the start of Lent and Valentine's Day. Romantic love meets the love of Christ as we think about His ultimate sacrifice for us. One of the most favourite readings at a wedding is 1 Cor 13 with the lines:

“Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.”

As I say to the wedding couples, love sounds like it has the attributes of a perfect partner; someone to share the rest of their lives with. Is this really what Paul meant?

Love in the Bible comes in 4 forms and in this context Paul uses the word agape. Agape is the love that loves without changing. It is a self-giving love that gives without demanding or expecting repayments. It is a love that loves even when rejected. It is a sacrificial love and has little to do with emotion but is more of a self-denial for the sake of another.

Paul is telling us that Jesus' love is a sacrificial, self-giving love. God gives to us freely and He gave to us in the incarnation of His Son. Jesus came to earth and then obeyed His Father; His whole life was dedicated to the service of others and praying to God. He demonstrated perfect obedience and sacrificial love for us all by His death on the cross. His sacrificial love was because of our wrongdoings, not because of how good we are. It is easy to love someone when things are going well, and they do wonderful things for us but it is so much harder to love someone when they continually go against what we want and do their own thing.

Agape love is something that we can all aspire to, the parent-child love is part of this but what about the love between two strangers, agape love here is far more difficult. What about the love we have for our neighbours when we don't really know who our neighbours are? Christ never said it was easy following Him and this is a prime example. Loving, agape loving is a challenge to us all, and it is something that we can think about as we go through Lent and head towards Easter.

May the love of Christ be with you all through February.

Margaret

Lent Talks & Discussions

The most important questions anyone can ask are:

- 1 Why was Jesus Christ crucified?
- 2 Why did He suffer so much?
- 3 What has this to do with me?
- 4 Who sent Him to His death?

The central issue of Jesus' death is not the cause but the meaning; God's meaning.

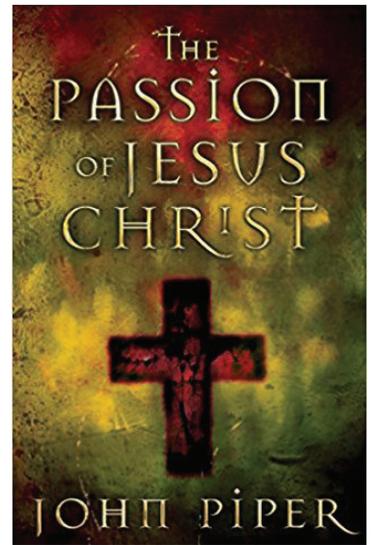
So what did God achieve for sinners?

Over Lent we are holding talks and discussions to explore some of the 50 causes or more importantly the 50 purposes to answer:

- 1 What this means to us personally
- 2 What each of us must face

So what did God achieve for sinners like us in sending His Son to die? These Lent talks are based on John Piper's book "The Passion of Jesus Christ". The talks, which will take place over four Wednesdays at 11.00am in the Choir Vestry (Parish Church), will start on Wednesday 28th February and continue for three further weeks (i.e. March 7th, 14th & 21st).

Hope to see you then, *Catherine Toase*



Celebration Events Planning

We're having an initial planning meeting on the Thursday 15th February at 7.30pm at the parish church for anyone interested in getting involved in helping organise events over the year to celebrate the 600 years of the church building.

I'm leading the meetings but it will be the team's decisions. I would love to hear everyone's ideas on how we can make this a celebration for the whole town.

If people can't make the meeting but would like to be involved or have ideas they can email them to me for discussion at the meeting by the whole team.

Thank you, *Catherine Toase* ✉ catherine_toase@yahoo.co.uk



MOTHERS' UNION

Thursday February 22nd 10.00am Parish Church
Communion followed by Coffee AGM – *all welcome*



St Valentine

The history of St Valentine holds an air of mystery. Whilst the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints of that name, it is generally accepted that Valentine was a priest during the third century in Rome. The ruler at the time, Claudius II, deemed that single men made better soldiers and disallowed marriage for young men. Valentine didn't agree and secretly continued to perform marriages for young Christian men and women. When his actions were discovered, Claudius ordered his execution.

We celebrate St Valentine's Day on 14th February, the day associated with his death, which is thought to have occurred around AD270, and set around the end of the 5th century by Pope Gelasius. This replaced Lupercalia, an ancient Roman festival which heralded the coming of spring.

In the modern world, St Valentine is associated with romance. Traditionally, tokens of love, usually in the form of a card or hand-written note, would be sent anonymously so that the recipient would be left guessing as to the identity of their admirer. In Thomas Hardy's novel, "Far from

the Madding Crowd", Bathsheba playfully sent an anonymous card to William Boldwood, the lonely farmer whose ardour was awakened by her arrival. She sealed it with red wax on which she embossed the words, "Marry Me". Sadly, Boldwood thought that Bathsheba was serious and anyone who knows the story will be aware that the chain of events which followed only ends in tragedy.

Whilst we may celebrate St Valentine's Day by extra shows of affection to our loved ones, these demonstrations of love and romance should not be restricted to one day of the year or to those with

whom we share our daily lives. It is so easy to take one another for granted and to forget that just a kind word or gesture can make such a difference to another person's day. "Love is an act of endless forgiveness, a tender look which becomes a habit" (Peter Ustinov).

In these days of commercialism, it is easy to fall into the trap of thinking we need to spend money to display our love but, to quote St Jerome, "Love is not to be purchased, affection has no price".

Sue Thorn



Registers . . .

Baptisms NONE

Marriages NONE

Funerals 3rd January
17th January

Dorothy Langworth
John Dowson



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Tel: **01347 822598** or email: **carscheme@edcca.org.uk**





Services and Events

February 2018

To contact the **Revd Margaret Young**
Tel: 01347-821394 or **Email: vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org**
 The Vicar's day off is Monday

Children are welcome at all our services

Thurs 1st	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Fri 2nd	3.00pm	Christian Meditation led by Marko @ Galtres Centre
	3.45pm	Ignite for Primary School age in the Parish Rooms
Sunday 4th		Second Sunday before Lent
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.10am	Raskelf Eucharist
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist with Church Mice
	3.30pm	Evensong
Mon 5th	4.00pm	Choir Practice - All welcome
	6.30pm	ECY @ the Cozie Centre (Easingwold Christian Youth)
Wed 7th	9.00am	Holy Communion
	12 noon	Lite Bite Lunch @ Old Black Bull
Thurs 8th	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	8.00pm	Inspire Young Adults/young in faith @ Vicarage
Fri 9th	3.00pm	Christian Meditation led by Marko @ Galtres Centre
	3.45pm	Ignite for Primary School age in the Parish Rooms
Sunday 11th		Sunday next before Lent
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Raskelf Family Service
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – No Church Mice
	3.30pm	Evening Service at Methodist Church
Mon 12th	4.00pm	Choir Practice - All welcome
	6.30pm	No ECY (Easingwold Christian Youth)

Tues 13th 10.00am Bible Conversations @ 11 Whiteoak Ave – All welcome
3.00pm Springhill Court Holy Communion

Ash Wednesday

Wed 14th 9.00am Holy Communion with Ashing
7.30pm Holy Communion with Ashing and hymns

Thurs 15th 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Fri 16th 3.00pm Christian Meditation led by Marko @ Galtres Centre
3.45pm No Ignite

Sat 17th 7.30pm Tickling Talents @ Parish Church (see notices)

Sunday 18th

8.00am Holy Communion
9.10am Raskelf Eucharist
10.30am Parish Eucharist with Church Mice
3.30pm Evensong

Mon 19th 4.00pm Choir Practice - All welcome
6.30pm ECY @ the Cozie Centre (Easingwold Christian Youth)

Wed 21st 9.00am Holy Communion

Thurs 22nd 10.00am Mothers' Union Communion & Coffee – All welcome
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Fri 23rd 3.00pm Christian Meditation led by Marko @ Galtres Centre
3.45pm Ignite for Primary School age in the Parish Rooms

Sunday 25th

8.00am Lent 2 Family Eucharist
10.30am Evensong
3.30pm Holy Communion

Mon 26th 4.00pm Choir Practice - All welcome
6.30pm ECY @ the Cozie Centre (Easingwold Christian Youth)

Wed 28th 9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Lent Course in Choir Vestry

March

Thurs 1st 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Fri 2nd 3.00pm Christian Meditation led by Marko @ Galtres Centre
3.45pm Ignite for Primary School age in the Parish Rooms

Sunday 4th

8.00am Lent 3 Holy Communion
9.10am Raskelf Eucharist
10.30am Parish Eucharist with Church Mice
3.30pm Evensong

Readings

4th Feb 2018

Proverbs 8.1,22-31
Colossians 1.15-20
John 1.1-14

2nd Sunday before Lent

Evensong

Genesis 2.4b-25
Luke 8.22-35

11th Feb 2018

2 Kings 2.1-12
2 Corinthians 4.3-6
Mark 9.2-9

Sunday before Lent

Evensong @ Methodists

14th Feb 2018

Joel 2.1-2,12-17
2 Corinthians 5.20b - 6.10
Matthew 6.1-6,16-21

Ash Wednesday

18th Feb 2018

Genesis 9.8-17
1 Peter 3.18-22
Mark 1.9-15

Lent 1

Evensong

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7
Luke 13.31-35

25th Feb 2018

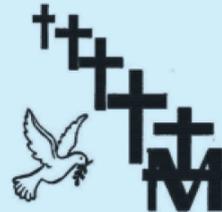
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Mark 8:31-38

Lent 2 - Family Service

No Evensong



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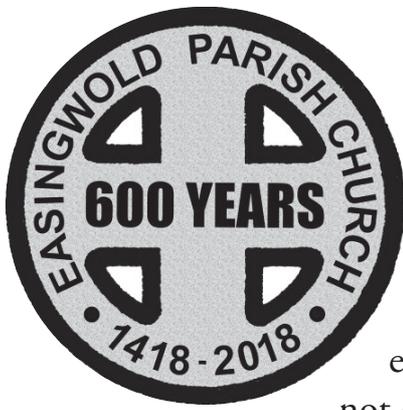
You are invited to our Sunday School for ages 3-11,
which continues at 10.30am on **February 4th & 18th and March 4th**

Many activities: Learning through the Bible - in term time

You are also very welcome on any Sunday
Easingwold Parish Church St John & All Saints, Church Hill

Jubilate Ladies Choir

Jubilate Ladies Choir is already busy rehearsing for a concert in the Parish Church in June. We are a friendly, welcoming, non-auditioning choir and are always on the lookout for new members. If you would like to join us please feel free to come along to one of our rehearsals on a Tuesday evening 7:15- 9:00pm in the Parish Rooms or contact Maggie Antoun 01347 822592.



Tickling Talents

There is only a fortnight to go before you will be entertained right royally! We hope that you have put the date in your diary; **Saturday 17 February from 2.00pm in the Parish Church.** You don't need a ticket, just come along and enjoy yourself. There will be a raffle and of course tea and cake, and for those who have enjoyed themselves a retiring collection for church funds. If you are not already involved in some way there is still time to offer your gifts.

Nancy Kilburn (824227) or Chris Peel (823548) would be very pleased to hear from you.

Parish Rooms



As our readers will have learned from the local press, the silver birch tree in the garden of the parish rooms was uprooted in the high winds early on 3 January and fell onto the building. There is damage to the tiling on three faces of the roof, but a tree surgeon was with us within 30 minutes of being called, and, despite the pouring rain, removed the

tree the following day. Fortunately, the building remains structurally sound and we can continue to use it; also, following assessment by our insurers, and close examination by a specialist roofing contractor, repairs are now in hand. Some tiles have been salvaged although, given that the building is more than one hundred years old, matching them will pose a challenge; nonetheless we're confident of a successful outcome!

Love books but can't get to the library?

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Users can opt in and out so can use the service if they are recovering from an illness or operation or can't get out in bad weather.

To find out more **please contact Easingwold Library on 01609 534584** and leave your name and telephone number. Someone will call back to arrange a visit find out what sort of books or other materials are required and to explain how the service works.

We have volunteers ready and waiting to help!

Iona Trip 2019

Do you want to come and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the small Island off the West Coast of Scotland that was the location of the start of Christianity in Britain? After last year's successful 4-day parish trip to Iona, we have booked Bishop's House retreat for the 7 days from 18th May to 25th May 2019. If you are interested in going, please look out for information leaflets and booking forms in church from February. Precise costs cannot be provided until later in the year but we estimate that the total cost will be between £625 and £650 for the one week of full board accommodation and all travel costs.



Oasis & Well Being Café

Friday February 23rd 9.45pm onwards at Easingwold Methodist Church. At our regular time of friendship and fellowship we welcome all who have time for a respite from the bustle of Market mornings. Drinks are served, biscuits provided and often there is a new point of interest. This month it will be the Well-Being Café, now meeting at the Methodist Chapel each week, with the aim of supporting dementia sufferers and carers. Any moneys raised will help to support this.

So we look forward to your company, bring a friend!

March Oasis will be a Fair Trade Easter time

Prayer Circle

The Prayer Circle has been in existence now for some years. Prayer is very important for us as Christians, and as well as on-going prayer for people, the community and individuals that we each know, it is especially important for us to pray for each other when there is a particular need. However, people do not always want prayer for themselves given out in church so we set up the Prayer Circle for any who would like to be prayed for by a small group of people. This is confidential to those who are praying and little detail of the circumstance is given, just the area, person or people to pray for. From February Lottie Cranfield will be coordinating this, so if you have a request please tell her and she will forward it round the group. Her contact detail is at the front of the magazine.

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- **The Millfield Surgery - all who work and visit there**
- **The Council Offices and those working in, and outreaching from, them; the essential work of Social Services and all carers in our area**
- **All who live in Church End, Raskelf**

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Sunday 4th February

Eucharist, 9:10am

Wednesday 7th February

Lite Bite Lunch,
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Sunday 11th February

Family Service, 10:30am

Sunday 18th February

Eucharist, 9:10am

Sunday 4th March

Eucharist, 9:10 am



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