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From the Vicar . . .

Over the last few weeks we have had our Leading your Church into Growth (LyCiG) meetings. These meetings have been filled with enthusiasm with ideas on how we can make the church more open and relevant to the people of Easingwold and Raskelf. There have been talks about how we could adapt to the changing ways of the 21st century, where life runs seven days a week.

Questionnaires have been sent out but, at the time of writing, these haven't been looked at. The results will be available at some point in the future. One thing that we all have a responsibility to do is to pass the Christian message onto the next generations. This is not just the responsibility of clergy. Lives are very different today from when most of us who read this were young. Parenting styles have changed, family units have changed and there is a lot more happening on a Sunday than there used to be.

How can we think of ways of making Christ relevant in people's lives today? How can we make the call of Christ to turn to Him be heard amid our busyness? We can't turn the clock back to the way that things were so we need to think of different ways.

When people decide that they are going to come to church, some of them will find walking into a church service is about as alien as we would find walking into a Mosque. They will have questions such as, "What are we supposed to do?" and "Where can I sit?" etc, etc. We are all there to help them and make them feel at home and welcome.

LyCiG has given opportunities to discuss some of these topics and many others too, and the discussions have been positive.

Jesus sent out his disciples to spread the Gospel. Jesus also welcomed people to him, especially the children whom the disciples were trying to dissuade from coming to see him. But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19 14 (NRSV)

We are all children of God, he is there for us and we are there for him. It is every Christian's responsibility to encourage and help other children of God come to Jesus; to let them know that they are loved and accepted by him.

Help us Lord to be your servants, giving others the chance to hear your words.

Every blessing for August,

Margaret



The Story So Far

Three members of our church went to the LYCIG conference in Sept 2016, and since then, a LYCIG leadership group has been meeting regularly to investigate ways to grow the church spiritually and numerically.

We have had a series of three Friday evening meetings to discuss issues around growth in more detail. These have been very positive involving a variety of church members and different ideas have been forthcoming. Meanwhile members of the church have been filling in questionnaires and passing information to the members of the LYCIG group.

We have met to analyse this information and would like to share the general consensus of opinion with you.

Results from the meetings and questionnaires

Not surprisingly, the main theme that came across from both the questionnaires and the meetings was the need to attract young families.

Other ideas were:

- Changing the fabric of the church, particularly removing the pews.
- Themed services.
- Special occasions.
- Identifying prominent members of church.
- Improved welcoming.
- Improved communication.

Immediate actions points:

- A non eucharistic 30 minute family service ideally starting in Sept if possible.
- No major changes to the current eucharistic services.

- Continuation of themed services with the possibility of different themed services in the future.
- Encouraging corporate responsibility for welcoming new people to church.
- Encouraging corporate responsibility for mission.

Long term:

- Investigation into the possible removal of pews.
- Regularly review how we are leading our church into growth and see whether we need to change.

This is an on-going process; we expect further developments to arise from the next set of meetings and general communications. Ultimately the PCC will have to ratify any major changes but rest assured, your opinions are valued.

We will endeavour to keep you informed but please pass on any information to anyone who might be interested. At any stage, we will welcome further ideas so please let us know.

LYCIG members

Pat Allen Freddie Alnutt Gill Alnutt
Graham Bingham Hilary Clough-Smith Alan Hake
Juliette Jennings Andrew Neville Smith
Laura Varney Margaret Young

Dates of the next three meetings are:

Friday 15th September

Friday 6th October

Friday 20th October

At 7:30 pm in the Parish Rooms

(Location needs to be confirmed)

'Ignite' Lights Up Parish Rooms!

The children from the Easingwold Parish Church 'Ignite' group were joined by parents and friends on Friday 14th July for an 'end-of-term' event at the Parish Rooms. This was a great opportunity for the children to show some of the things they had been doing and learning during the year.

After refreshments, we were welcomed by Easingwold vicar Rev. Margaret Young, who opened with a short prayer. Andrew Neville told the Gospel story of the loaves and fishes, asking the children to decide if it was a parable or a miracle. They then dressed up as Jesus and the disciples to act out the story,



distributing cakes and biscuits to the audience (which did not number quite 5000!).

Staying in costume, they treated us to a musical version of the story Joseph and his Coat of Many Colours. For the final number, song sheets were handed out and the audience invited to join in a rousing version of "Any Dream Will Do!". It was a very enjoyable afternoon, with much applause for the 'Ignite' youngsters and their efforts.

M. W.

Arthur Hebb Tribute

Many of you will have known Arthur Hebb, who died in December last year. His funeral took place in Wakefield but Arthur's Memorial was here at Easingwold last month.

Arthur was known for his musical ability and for being the musical director of Easingwold Singers. His music education began as a child singing in church choir in the Wakefield area, he loved singing and choral music.

After school, he became an apprentice joiner plus he continued to sing in various groups including a Barber's Shop Quartet. Here he was spotted and offered professional music lessons. His singing career was interrupted by National Service where he played in the band. After completing his National Service, his singing resumed and romance blossomed with a young lady

named Ella Rigg, she too was a singer. They had one son Andrew.

Work took him to various parts of Yorkshire. At each location he would join and often lead a choir. In 1979, whilst in Easingwold, Arthur and Ella joined the church choir and Easingwold Music Society. Arthur took some of the rehearsals on occasions. In 1984 he was appointed Musical Director of Easingwold and District Singers. Arthur initiated changes in the choir's repertoire and venues, this had a positive effect on the choir. He was Musical Director from 1984-1988. Arthur also conducted the ladies' choir 'Jubilate' from September 2003 until 2006.

Arthur died on 24th December 2016 and leaves a son, Andrew, and two grandchildren, Lucy and Valentina.

Registers . . .

Baptisms	30th July	Isabella and Sienna Knowles James Sargant, Amelia Sargant
Weddings	1st July 21st July	Ricky Lee and Sarah Howell (at Raskelf) Steven Corner and Suzanne Gartland
Funerals	11th July 14th July	Marjorie (Madge) Hudson (At Raskelf) Christine Scott (Crematorium)

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Wednesday August 2nd 12 Noon
Lite Bite Lunch, Old Black Bull, Raskelf

Sunday August 6th , 20th,

Communion 9.10am

Sunday August 13th

Family Service 10.30am



Services and Events

AUGUST 2017

To contact the **Revd Margaret Young**

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The Vicar's day off is Monday

Children are welcome at all our services

Wed 2nd	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	12 noon	Lite Bite Lunch @ Old Black Bull, Raskelf
	7.30 pm	Ang/Meth meeting @ the Vicarage
Thurs 3rd	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Fri 4th	3.00 pm	Christian Meditation led by Marko @ Galtres Centre
Sat 5th	4.00 pm	Baptism Edith Brickstock Raskelf

Sunday 6th

Trinity 8

8.00am

Raskelf Eucharist

9.10am

PARISH EUCHARIST

10.30am

Celtic Service at Raskelf

6.30pm

Holy Communion

Mon 7th 7.15pm

Choir Practice - All welcome

Tues 8th 10.00am

Bible Conversations @ 11

Whiteoak Ave – All Welcome

3.00pm

Springhill Court Holy Communion

Wed 9th 9.00am

Holy Communion

Thurs 10th 7.30pm

Bell Ringing Practice

8.00 pm

Inspire Young Adults/ young in faith @ Vicarage

Fri 11th 3.00pm

Christian Meditation led by Marko @ Galtres Centre

Sat 12th 3.00pm

MU afternoon tea @ the Parish Rooms.

Sunday 13th

Trinity 9

8.00am

Holy Communion

10.30am

Family Service @ Raskelf

10.30am

PARISH EUCHARIST & Church Mice

No Evening Service @ Methodist Church

Mon 14th	7.15pm	Choir Practice - All welcome
Wed 16th	9.00am	Holy Communion
Thurs 17th	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Fri 18th	3.00pm	Christian Meditation led by Marko @ Galtres Centre
Sat 19th	2.00pm	Wedding Greenwood and Willis

Sunday 20th

Trinity 10

8.00am

Holy Communion

9.10am

Raskelf Eucharist

10.30am

PARISH EUCHARIST

12.30pm

Baptism Eva Scott

6.30pm

Evensong

Mon 21st	7.15pm	Choir Practice - All welcome
Wed 23rd	9.00am	Holy Communion
Thurs 24th	10.00am	Mothers' Union Communion & coffee
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Fri 26th	3.00pm	Christian Meditation led by Marko @ Galtres Centre
	7.30pm	Contemporary Style Worship @ Methodist Church

Sunday 27th

Trinity 11

8.00am

Holy Communion

10.30am

Family Eucharist

No Evening Service @ Methodist Church

Mon 28th	7.15pm	Choir Practice - All welcome
Wed 30th	9.00am	Holy Communion
Thurs 31st	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Fri 1st Sept	3.00pm	Christian Meditation led by Marko @ Galtres Centre

Sunday 3rd Sept

Trinity 12

8.00am

Holy Communion

9.10am

Raskelf Eucharist

10.30am

Parish Eucharist

6.30pm

Evensong

The Power of Prayer - Yorkshire Prayer Conference

This year this event is being held in the Galtres Centre on September 9th from 10.00am to 4.30pm, though you could come for a part if you wish. It is a day of corporate worship and prayer. It is FREE. It is ESSENTIAL to come together to pray for our area, United Kingdom and world. More information on the booking form from church, or Chris Peel.



A Harvest Weekend of Welcome!



Some dates for your diaries:

Friday 22nd – Sunday 24th September 2017

This is a whole church event when we are opening our doors to the community offering a full and varied programme of activities - all for free! Starting at 3.30pm on Friday with an after-school Harvest singalong, a wine and cheese evening with musical entertainment from 'Jubilate' will follow.

On Saturday, there will be an all-day pop-up café and a 'Bake-Off' competition in the morning, with classes for adults, 5–11yrs and 12–16yrs.

In the afternoon, there will be sport for the teenagers on the Millfield park and creative activities in church. The event concludes on Sunday evening with choral evensong, after the normal services, including a Harvest Family Service.

Who will you invite? Can you spare an hour of your time to be a welcomer or to help with the café? Might you bake biscuits for the pop-up café, or even enter the 'Bake-Off'? Please contact Charlotte Cranfield or Catherine Toase if you are able to help.

Look out for the display in church – coming soon!

Evening services in August

The Methodist Church will not be hosting evening prayer in August. Services will continue as normal at the Parish Church on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at the usual time of 6.30 pm.

Readings

6th Aug 2017

Daniel 7.9, 10, 13, 14
2 Peter 1.16-19
Luke 9.28-36

Transfiguration of our Lord

**Evensong Celtic Service
at Raskelf**

13th Aug 2017

Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28
Romans 10.5-15
Matthew 14.22-33

Trinity 9

No Evensong

20th Aug 2017

Genesis 45.1-15
Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28

Trinity 10

Evensong
2 Kings 4.1-37
Acts 16.1-15

27th Aug 2017

Exodus 1.8 - 2.10
Matthew 16.13-20

Trinity 11 Family Service

No Evensong

3rd Sept 2017

Exodus 3.1-15
Romans 12.9-21
Matthew 16.21-28

Trinity 12

Evensong
2 Kings 6.24-25; 7.3-20
Acts 18.1-16



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 prayers for yourself or another, in church or on our confidential Prayer Circle, please contact Deacon Chris Peel on 823548.

Please include in your prayers this month:

1. All who live and work to either side of Thirsk Road, Raskelf Road, Alne Road
2. Easingwold County Primary School – staff, pupils and parents; the out of school club
3. The Parish Church; its worship and outreach.
4. The farming community around Raskelf and Easingwold



Mothers' Union



In August members of the Mothers' Union celebrate the life of Mary Sumner who started a meeting of women at her church to gather together to share their common experiences as mothers. This became a worldwide group and today is open to all women and men. Over the years many projects have been created, in Africa particularly, such as providing a pregnant cow to a village. Women have been trained to organise adult literacy classes and this has developed into community discussion and action groups. In this Diocese a caravan at Filey provides holidays for those in need of rest and recuperation after illness or difficult circumstances in their lives.

We will hold an Afternoon Tea at the Parish Rooms at 3.00pm on August 12th. Please come and enjoy homemade cake and sandwiches. Donations please in aid of MU Summer Appeal and Disaster Relief Fund.

Sunday August 13th Members celebrate the life of Mary Sumner
by assisting at the Parish Eucharist.

Thursday August 24th Communion and Coffee 10.00am Parish Church



The Church Mice



You are invited to our Sunday School, which continues at
10.30am on August 13th for ages 3-11

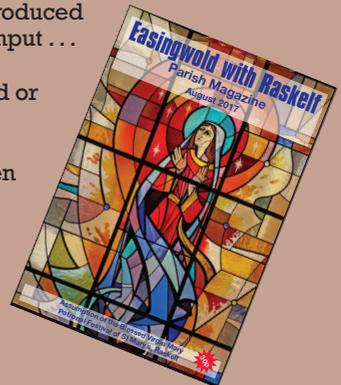
Many activities: Learning through the Bible - in term time

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

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