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Hatred stirs up conflict, but

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Proverbs 10:12

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From Rev'd Lottie Cranfield…

"For He and all who were with Him were amazed at the catch of fish they had taken… When they brought their boats ashore, they left everything and followed Him."

The church celebrates the feast of Epiphany on 6th January every year, though the season of Epiphany stretches to Wednesday 2nd March. We remember the visit of the Magi to see the new born baby, but we also remember that Jesus came into the world for everyone. After all the December celebrations die down, Epiphany reminds us that Christmas is just the beginning of the story. There is definitely not as much hype for Epiphany as there was for Advent and Christmas, though it is just as important a time of year, nonetheless.

Our readings in February all come from the Gospel of Luke. In them we are told of different 'epiphany' moments in the life of the disciples. Moments when they realise the true nature of Jesus, Immanuel – 'God is with us'

Firstly, when Jesus stepped into Simon Peter's boat and asks him to put out a little way from the shore, after Jesus has finished teaching the people, He tells Peter to put out to the deep water and cast his nets into the sea. With the miraculous catch of fish, Peter is swept off his feet by what happened and it provokes his repentance, calling and discipleship.

We also hear how Jesus and the disciples are crossing the lake in a boat when it becomes in danger of sinking. The disciples wake Him and, to their utter amazement, Jesus calms the storm and they again have a revelation of Jesus, as He commands the wind and the rain.

Then there is the Transfiguration of Jesus. When He takes Peter, John and James up the mountain, they are covered with a cloud and they hear a voice saying, 'This is my son, my chosen; listen to Him!' The disciples were overwhelmed and bewildered as Jesus is revealed as God's son. They came down the mountain very different men, disciples of this Jesus.

Can you remember a moment in your life when you have had an epiphany, or a lightbulb moment, recognising who Jesus really is to you? Has it changed your relationship with Him? Has it been as life changing for you as it was for the disciples?

God wants us to know Him through His son. As we reflect on the passages this month, we are to listen to Jesus. We have the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Christ. We may never understand God, but we can come to <u>know</u> Him in the person of Christ. Amen

Lottie

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

(A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT)

BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

THE SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST R.C. CHURCH AT 2.15PM

As a single World Day of Prayer organisation, the three voices of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, have come together to present this year's service, recognising our differences but also our common ground.

Currently, the WDP National Committee includes 17 different Christian denominations. We allocate over 40 grants to national and international charities. We support prayer partners in Albania, sending representatives to visit the WDP in Albania on a regular basis.

We continue to review what we do and to adapt to changes in communication and technology.

Our office in Tunbridge Wells co-ordinates the distribution of service materials, including activities for children and youth and our website carries news of all we do.

For more information, see https://www.wwdp.org.uk/2022-theme-and-country-ewni/

MIDDLESBROUGH ASYLUM PROJECT

Deacon Chris is planning to visit Middlesbrough Asylum Project on Wednesday 16th February.

If you have any winter clothes, including men's trousers and shoes/trainers; towels and bedding which you could donate, please ring 01347 823548 to arrange delivery or collection.

Thank you.

Chris Peel

PCC TREASURER VACANCY

The PCC is looking for someone to take on the role of Treasurer.

Initially this would involve working alongside the present Treasurer, Bill Henebury, for the coming year and then fully take over the role. Bill is currently supported by Kamal Antoun who is happy to continue in his support role during the transitional period and thereafter, as required.

If you are interested, please contact
vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org
or Bill Henebury on 01347 239178

Anna's Story

The winter sun shone through the stained-glass window, painting a mosaic onto the chancel stairs. She watched as the clouds moved across the sky, changing the patterns, and highlighting assorted colours and shades as they went. Eventually the clouds must have blocked the sun completely, for the stained-glass pattern returned to the window, where it belonged.

It was a Monday morning in church and Anna was appreciating the quietness. As a caretaker living next door, she had lots of opportunity to pray quietly and alone, but on days like yesterday, when the church was full and busy, it meant that she could barely hear herself think. She worked hard to help keep the place clean and tidy, but she was aware of the scents and smells around her. Candle wax, mixed with a damp, musty smell of ancient stonework and dust. The gentle sound of wings beating against a window high above her head reminded her that life continued in here, even in the middle of January; spiders, flies, moths and always butterflies. Perhaps they came in with the flowers that were bravely sharing their aroma and beauty from the display behind her.

Yesterday had been a strange day. It started out like any ordinary Sunday. A young couple had brought their baby to church for his baptism. He was a beautiful baby boy, and she was drawn to him. She had never before taken a baby from his mother like that, and she was lucky that the mother didn't seem to mind. As he lay in her arms, she became aware of a feeling of peace and love that washed over her and spread through the entire church.

It was good to see old Simeon, too. He was the only one round here older than Anna. He held the baby in his arms. Then she saw him holding him up before the altar, while the young couple looked on. They were not one bit phased. They just watched and listened to what Simeon had to say. He quietly spoke over the baby while looking up into the rafters. The young mother was smiling, but not a happy, jolly smile. Her face was peaceful, serene.

Anyway, it's all over now. Everyone has gone and the church is quiet again but Anna feels differently. She quietly thanks God for the baby and prays that his life will be a full and happy one; that he will be successful in all that he does and that many others will experience the feeling of his peace and love in their lives too.

Laura Varney

St John the Baptist Men's Group

The Men's Group had their first meeting of the New Year on the morning of Friday 7th of January at 'Morning Coffee Afternoon Tea'. Although some were a bit nervous about attending we still had a good turnout.

David Brown from Sutton-on-the-Forest gave a presentation about the "Men's Sheds" initiative that has taken off across the country and more widely over recent years. Here are some words from David as he floated the launching of …

A Men's Shed in Easingwold

"In 2017 13% of the adult population suffered from depression or anxiety. This peaked to 17% in the summer of 2021 mainly as a result of the pandemic and men are particularly prone as they tend not to socialise as easily as women do and are more reluctant to share their feelings.

This is where Men's Sheds can help. Sheds bring health benefits by encouraging physical and mental activity, and improved wellbeing by providing an enjoyable way to stay socially integrated in local communities, by being creative, and learning or passing on skills. Sheds are open to men of all ages. There are currently over 580 Men's Sheds in the UK and it is estimated that over 14,000 families are benefiting directly.

The intention is to start a Men's Shed in Easingwold where men can get together and make and repair things. Initially this is to be held in the Cozie building which is positioned to the rear of the Tourist Information Office in Chapel Street.

Should you be interested in helping to start this or just attend or would like further information then please contact David Brown on 07789 900939 or david@dkbassociates.co.uk."

You can find further details about Men's Sheds at their website www.menssheds.org.uk and if you wish to see what kind of impact this work can have on individuals then please take a look at www.youtube.com/watch?v=NedQFF7m-9M and listen to the story of one man who was saved from suicide by being part of a Men's Shed.

The next Men's Group meeting will be on Friday 4th February

at Morning Coffee Afternoon Tea, Long Street

10am-11.45am

and you are welcome to join us.

If you need further details, please contact me,
John Hetherington, on easingwoldrev@gmail.com or drop me a text on 07709 827122.

Blessings as always
Rev'd John

SERVICES AND EVENTS: FEBRUARY 2022

To contact 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

Services at Easingwold

Holy Communion—Sunday and Wednesday 9.00 am
Holy Communion —Sunday 10.30 am

(The 10.30 am service will be available on Zoom on 6th and 20th February. If you wish to join the Zoomed service, please contact Lottie on charli.cranfield@yahoo.co.uk)

Sunday 6th February at 4.00 pm
Bishop John to join us for a
Special Evensong to commemorate
Her Majesty the Queen's Accession to the Throne

Sunday 13th February—Family Service at 4.30 pm

Sunday 20th February—Café Church at 6.30 pm

MOTHERS' UNION HOLY COMMUNION IN CHURCH
THURSDAY 17th FEBRUARY at 10.00 am

Fridays —IGNITE at 3.45 pm in the Parish Church

Services at Raskelf

Sunday 6th and Sunday 20th February:
Holy Communion at 10.30 am

Open The Book at
Easingwold Primary School

8th February

1st, 15th and 29th March

CHURCH SERVICES

1st Sunday:	*Easingwold*	*9.00 am*	*Holy Communion*
		10.30 am	*Holy Communion*
		4.00 pm	*Evening Prayer/Evensong*
	Raskelf	*10.30 am*	*Holy Communion*
2nd Sunday:	*Easingwold*	*9.00 am*	*Holy Communion*
		10.30 am	*Holy Communion*
		4.30 pm	*Family Service*
	Raskelf		*No Service*
3rd Sunday:	*Easingwold*	*9.00 am*	*Holy Communion*
		10.30 am	*Holy Communion*
		6.30 pm	*Café Church —a relaxed informal service*
	Raskelf	*10.30 am*	*Holy Communion*
4th Sunday:	*Easingwold*	*9.00 am*	*Holy Communion*
		10.30 am	*Holy Communion*
		4.00 pm	*May be a special service of Taize or Healing on this or 5th Sundays*
	Raskelf		*No Service*
5th Sunday:	*Easingwold*	*9.00 am*	*Holy Communion*
		10.30 am	*Holy Communion*
	Raskelf		*No Service*

Weekdays in Easingwold:

Wednesday *9.00 am Holy Communion*

1st & 3rd Thursdays: 7.00-9.00pm—Women's Group in the Parish Church

3rd Thursday *10.00 am Mothers' Union Holy Communion*

Friday *3.45 pm at the Vicarage—Ignite (for older primary and early secondary age groups)* ***NB: Whilst Rev'd Margaret is away on extended study leave, Ignite will be held in the Parish Church***

Mothers' Union

Thursday 17th February at 10am

Holy Communion in the Parish Church

All welcome

Readings

Evening Prayer in Easingwold is on the 1st Sunday in the month at 4pm

6th February	**Candlemas**	**Evensong**
Hebrews 2:14-18		Haggai 2:1-9
Luke 2:22-40		John 2:18-22
13th February	**3rd Sunday before Lent**	
Jeremiah 17:5-10		Hosea 10:1-8, 12
1 Corinthians 15:1-20		Romans 6:1-11
Luke 6:17-26		
20th February	**2nd Sunday before Lent**	
Genesis 2:4b-8, 15-25		Genesis 1:1-2.3
Revelation 4		Matthew 6:25-end
Luke 8:22-25		
27th February	**1st Sunday before Lent**	
Exodus 34:29-35		Exodus 3:1-6
1 Corinthians 3:12-4:2		John 12: 27-36a
Luke 9:28-43a		

From the Registers

Baptism

30th January—Ada Margaret Jane Parker (at Raskelf)

Funeral

29th January—Anthony Akers

WOMEN'S GROUP

A very informal group looking at ways to help one another and the community

Meeting in the Parish Church, Easingwold

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month 7.00-9.00pm

February dates: 3rd and 17th

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Wednesday 2nd February—Lite Bite Lunch at the Old Black Bull at 12 noon

Sunday 6th February —Holy Communion at 10.30 am

Sunday 20th February—Holy Communion at 10.30am

CHILDREN ALWAYS WELCOME

Easingwold Parish Church

Sunday 6th February at 4.00 pm

Bishop John will join us for a

Special Evensong to commemorate

Her Majesty the Queen's Accession to the Throne

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer is at the heart of what the church offers to the community. At St John the Baptist and All Saints', we join with you in your prayers for family, friends and all whom you care for. There is currently no access to the church to visit the prayer corner to write down the names of those you are concerned for. If you would like prayers for yourself or another, or for those who, at this time, are struggling with anxiety, loneliness and isolation, our small, confidential and dedicated circle of people will pray for you/them. If you would like prayer, please contact Reverend Lottie Cranfield 07807 941528.

Please include in your prayers this month:

- All who live and work in the Claypenny area, Oulston Road, Thornlands, Crayke Road, Applegarth and Millfield
- The Millfield surgery - all who work and visit there
- The Police Station, Council Office and those working in, and outreaching from them; Community Care (EDCCA); the essential work of Social Services and all carers in our area
- All who live in Church End, Raskelf

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- Click on the retailer you want to use then click on the Go Shopping button to buy online in the usual way.
- When you make a purchase a donation will be made to Easingwold with Raskelf Anglican Churches PCC.

Visit our website at **https://easingwoldraskelfanglican.org/** where you can find an abundance of information about our church, including issues of the Parish Magazine dating back to 2013.
You can also view notices and news on the Facebook page:
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EDCCA

Easingwold District Community Care Association

Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 09.30 am to 12.30 pm
and we can be contacted by telephone on 01347 822875
or by email info@edcca.org.uk

- The services that we can offer to our clients are befriending and telephone befriending plus sitting which covers those who have either a confirmed or possible diagnosis of Dementia.
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- Our Meals on Wheels service continues to offer a tasty, hot nutritious meal 5 days per week.
- Our crossword club meets weekly here in the Police House. They are a small, select group but welcome new members.
- We have a wheelchair hire service, for those who may require one.
- The Easingwold Foodbank now comes under the EDCCA umbrella and can be reached on the main EDCCA telephone number 01347 822875, this serves Easingwold and the surrounding areas.

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Children's Church Services at Easingwold

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at the Parish Church

FAMILY SERVICE
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