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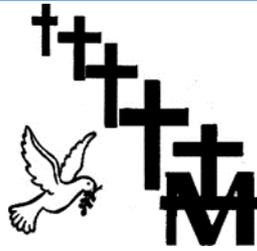
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From the Vicar . . .

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a good Christmas.

After the excitement of Christmas, January can sometimes feel like a bit of an anti-climax; families have gone home, Christmas cards have stopped arriving and it's time to take the decorations down leaving the place looking bare. The nights still feel long and dark so we can sometimes feel very deflated. In the church's calendar there is excitement as it is time for more visitors, the wise men.

Some of the carols that we sing at Christmas use a lot of poetic license and "We Three Kings" is one of those. We know that they must have been wise as they were following a star suggesting that they were astronomers and they also must have been rich which has led to the assumption that they might be kings. We don't even know if there were three of them. We celebrate this 12 days after Christmas but it probably happened a few years later as Jesus was described as a boy rather than a baby.

Why was this so important?

The shepherds had been, but they don't have a special day, the wise men do – Epiphany.

The Jews were longing for Christ to come. The Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) is filled with references to Christ, the anointed one, the Messiah coming. The Jews would have seen the Messiah as purely for the Jews. The visit of the wise men showed that Jesus wasn't just for the Jews, these visitors were Gentiles and they had come with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The men knew that Jesus was special and that he was going to be a king, they didn't realise what type of king he would be. It was a time to look forward to something special and something different to what they were expecting. Jesus was far bigger than just being there for the Jews, he was born for everyone.

Our New Year will be filled with expectations and may be dreads. There may be a birth due in your family but also there may be the terminal illness of someone close, the future can feel uncertain and exciting at the same time. The wise men went on their journey to see a king. They didn't know quite what to expect just as we don't in our lives. They trusted in God that something wonderful was happening, a king being born. They did not know that their visit would put the life of this child at risk, make him a refugee and that many other children would die due to the actions of a jealous king. Through this, the Son of God came and spread the word of God which travelled throughout the world.

We don't know what the New Year will bring but we have hope even in the midst of despair.

Every blessing for a Happy New Year,

Margaret

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Every parish in the Church of England is required to maintain an Electoral Roll (ER), which is a list of all those lay persons who are entitled to vote in elections (for example in the election of Churchwardens and the PCC). It is updated annually and to maintain currency, a complete new Electoral Roll is compiled every six years. The next full revision is due in 2019, and must be complete not later than two months prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Those wishing to be on the ER must complete a new election form (names cannot simply be transferred from the existing roll) and forms, together with a summary of the rules regarding eligibility, will be available in both churches from January onwards. Do please make sure you complete the election form accordingly.

Ian Peel, Electoral Roll Officer

Rebuilding Spirituality

You are invited to take time to reflect on the following, and to agree with or be challenged by:

1. Jesus is a model for living more than an object of worship.
2. Affirming people's potential is more important than reminding them of their brokenness.
3. The work of reconciliation should be valued over making judgements.
4. Gracious behaviour is more important than right beliefs.
5. Inviting questions is more valuable than supplying answers.
6. Encouraging the personal search is more important than maintaining institutions.
7. Meeting actual needs is more important than power.
8. Peace-making is more important than power.
9. We should care more about love and less about sex.
10. Life in this world is more important than the afterlife (eternity is God's work anyway).

Adapted from Philip Gulley – If the Church Were Christian and taken from Richard Rohr Daily Meditation Nov. 2017

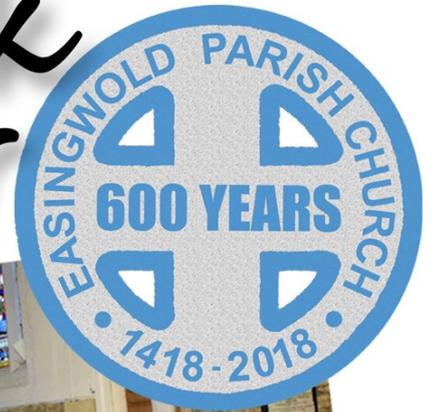
PRAYER CORNER

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 Lottie Cranfield on 824399.

Please include in your prayers this month:

- All who live and work east of Crabmill Lane, York Rd. and along the Stillington
- Those who use, and those who work at, the Golf Club and Football Club
- All who maintain essential services – water, gas, electric, street cleaners, refuse collectors, post office workers
- Those who live by the Easingwold Rd. in Raskelf; the cricket club

Looking back at our



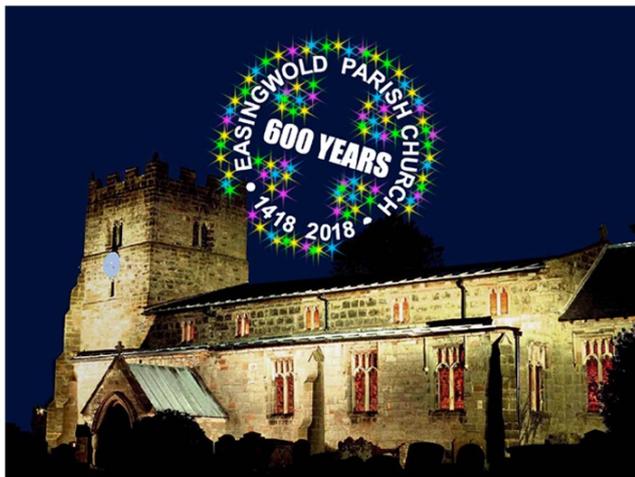
Celebration Events

Tickling Talents, Church History & Music Open Day, Ignite in church with Livewires, Easingwold Singers Concert, John Hetherington's Mt Everest Challenge, Jubilate Ladies Choir Concert, Bring & Share Lunch, Deanery & Ecumenical Choir Choral Evensong, Special Celebratory Eucharist with Bishop John, Art Exhibition and Music & Drama Performances by students from Outwood Academy, Mad Hatters Tea Party,





**Organ Recital by Peter Smith
with Alex Cranfield (Soprano) and
Rev'd Margaret Young (Flautist),
Quiz Night, Easingwold Town Band Concert,
York Male Voice Choir with Jubilate Concert,
An Evening of Pictures & Music with Allan Green,
Bell-Ringers' Celebration and Recruitment Day,
Curry Evening, Christmas Decorations Demo,
"Make a Will" initiative by David Meal**



*Thanks to all who made our
special celebration events
enjoyable & successful*



SERVICES AND EVENTS:

January 2019

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

Sunday 6th Epiphany

- 8.00am Holy Communion**
- 9.10am Raskelf Eucharist**
- 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Church Mice & Methodists**
- 12 noon Mothers' Union Lunch at The George**
- 3.30pm Evensong**

- Mon 7th ----- No Choir Practice
- 5.30pm ECY @ the Cozie Centre (Easingwold Christian Youth)
- Tues 8th 10.00am Bible Conversations @ 11 Whiteoak Ave – All welcome
- 3.00pm Springhill Court Holy Communion
- 7.30pm Anglican/Methodist meeting @ 11 Whiteoak Ave
- Wed 9th 9.00am Holy Communion
- 9.45am Standing Committee meeting
- 7.30pm Raskelf meeting @ Raskelf Village Hall
- Thurs 10th 7.00pm CTED meeting @ Methodist Vestry
- 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
- Fri 11th 3.00pm Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre
- 3.45pm Ignite for Primary School age in the Parish Rooms

Sunday 13th The Baptism of Christ

- 8.00am Holy Communion**
- 10.30am Raskelf Family Service**
- 10.30am Covenant Service at Methodist church**
- 3.30pm Evening Service at Methodist Church**

- Mon 14th 4.00pm Choir Practice – All welcome
- 5.30pm ECY @ the Cozie Centre (Easingwold Christian Youth)
- Wed 16th 9.00am Holy Communion
- 7.30pm PCC Meeting

Thurs 17th 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
 Fri 18th 12 noon Week of Prayer for Christian Unity @ Parish Church
 3.00pm Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre
 3.45pm Ignite for Primary School age in the Parish Rooms
 Sat 19th 12 noon Week of Prayer for Christian Unity @ Parish Church

Sunday 20th Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion
9.10am Raskelf Eucharist
10.30am Parish Eucharist with Church Mice
3.30pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity @ St John’s RC, Long Street tbc

Mon 21st 12 noon Week of Prayer for Christian Unity @ Methodist Church
 4.00pm Choir Practice – All welcome
 5.30pm ECY @ the Cozie Centre (Easingwold Christian Youth)
 Tues 22nd 12 noon Week of Prayer for Christian Unity @ Methodist Church
 Wed 23rd 9.00am Holy Communion
 12 noon Week of Prayer for Christian Unity @ Methodist Church
 Thurs 24th 10.00am Mothers’ Union Communion & Coffee – All welcome
 12 noon Week of Prayer for Christian Unity @ Methodist Church
 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
 Fri 25th 12 noon Week of Prayer for Christian Unity @ St John’s RC, Long Street
 3.00pm Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre
 3.45pm Ignite for Primary School age in the Parish Rooms

Sunday 27th Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Service
12.30am Baptism of Henry Faulkner
 ----- **No Evensong**

Mon 28th 4.00pm Choir Practice – All welcome
 5.30pm ECY @ the Cozie Centre (Easingwold Christian Youth)
 Wed 30th 9.00am Holy Communion
 Thurs 31st 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

February

Fri 1st 3.00pm Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre
 3.45pm Ignite for Primary School age in the Parish Rooms

Sunday 3rd Fifth Sunday before Lent

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



The Church
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Children are very welcome on any Sunday

You are invited to our Sunday School for ages 3-11,
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Many activities – Learning through the Bible



Mothers' Union



MU Sunday Lunch January 6th at "The George" 12.00 for 12.30 start
Lunch menu on the MU table – Please sign with menu option

MU Communion & Coffee Thursday 24th January at the Parish Church
All welcome

MU subscriptions are due by the end of January. *Thank you.*



ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Wednesday 2nd January	12 noon	Lite Bite Lunch, Old Black Bull
Sunday 6th January	9.10 am	Eucharist
Wednesday 9th January	7.30pm	Raskelf Church Meeting Village Hall
Sunday 13th January	10.30am	Family Service
Sunday 20th January	9.10am	Eucharist,
Sunday 3rd February	9.10am	Eucharist

Magazine Distribution

Many thanks to all the volunteers who deliver the magazine every month to our regular subscribers. We very much appreciate the additional time and effort you've put in more than once recently when the magazine was not delivered in church on time.

Parish Magazine – Price Increase

We are having to increase the price of our magazine by 10p a month (to 40p) as of this issue in order to help cover the cost of its production. This means that annual subscriptions will go up to £4.80 (an increase of £1.20 per annum). We will review this new price again in 6 months' time to see if the magazine can be sustained at this level.

We regret not giving you much prior notice, which was unavoidable due to our previous publishers going out of business. Please note that the price of the magazine is a suggested donation and we would not want to lose any of our regular subscribers as a result of this increase. Those able to make additional contribution towards the cost of producing the magazine should clearly mark their donation accordingly.

Thank you for continued support.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th January 2019

Friday 18 th	Parish Church
Saturday 19 th	Parish Church
Sunday 20 th	Catholic Church
Monday 21 st	Methodist Church
Tuesday 22 nd	Community Church
Wednesday 23 rd	Methodist Church
Thursday 24 th	Community Church
Friday 25 th	Catholic Church

Each of the above services will start at **Midday**.

The services led by the Community Church will be held in the Methodist Church. The United Service on Sunday 20th January at 3.30pm is subject to confirmation, but it is hoped that it will be hosted by the Catholic Church.

To our Raskelf donors who give by bank standing order

As advised some months ago, our method of collecting donations has been simplified to involve only one, general, bank account for the two churches in the parish. Use of what was once the Raskelf bank account has now ceased and the account will shortly be closed.

Donations that you wish to make to Raskelf church should by now have been re-addressed to HSBC, Parliament Street, York,

sort code 40 20 02, account number 0032 2202 (leaving out all the spaces).

Once received in the general bank account, your donation will be recorded in the Raskelf Fund. If you continue to send money to the closed bank account, the church may not receive it and you could experience difficulty retrieving it from the bank. Please take appropriate action now.

Thank you,

Bill Henebury, PCC Treasurer



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2. Every time you want to shop go to EasyFundraising, find the site you want and start shopping
3. When you check out, the PCC gets a donation for no extra cost, no catch or hidden charges whatsoever!

Thank you for your support

Your Parish Magazine Needs You

We are seeking additional contributors who would be happy to author and/or source content of all types and sizes for the Parish Magazine (e.g. topical or general articles, news, notices) every now and then (e.g. 3-4 times a year). So, if you are interested please contact the Editorial Team (magazine@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org) with details.

Please note that all submitted material will be considered by the Editorial Team who will endeavour to publish appropriate content at the earliest opportunity; subject to relative priority and available space.

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A number of passes have been given to the parish for use by anyone who wishes to visit York Minster for free.

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