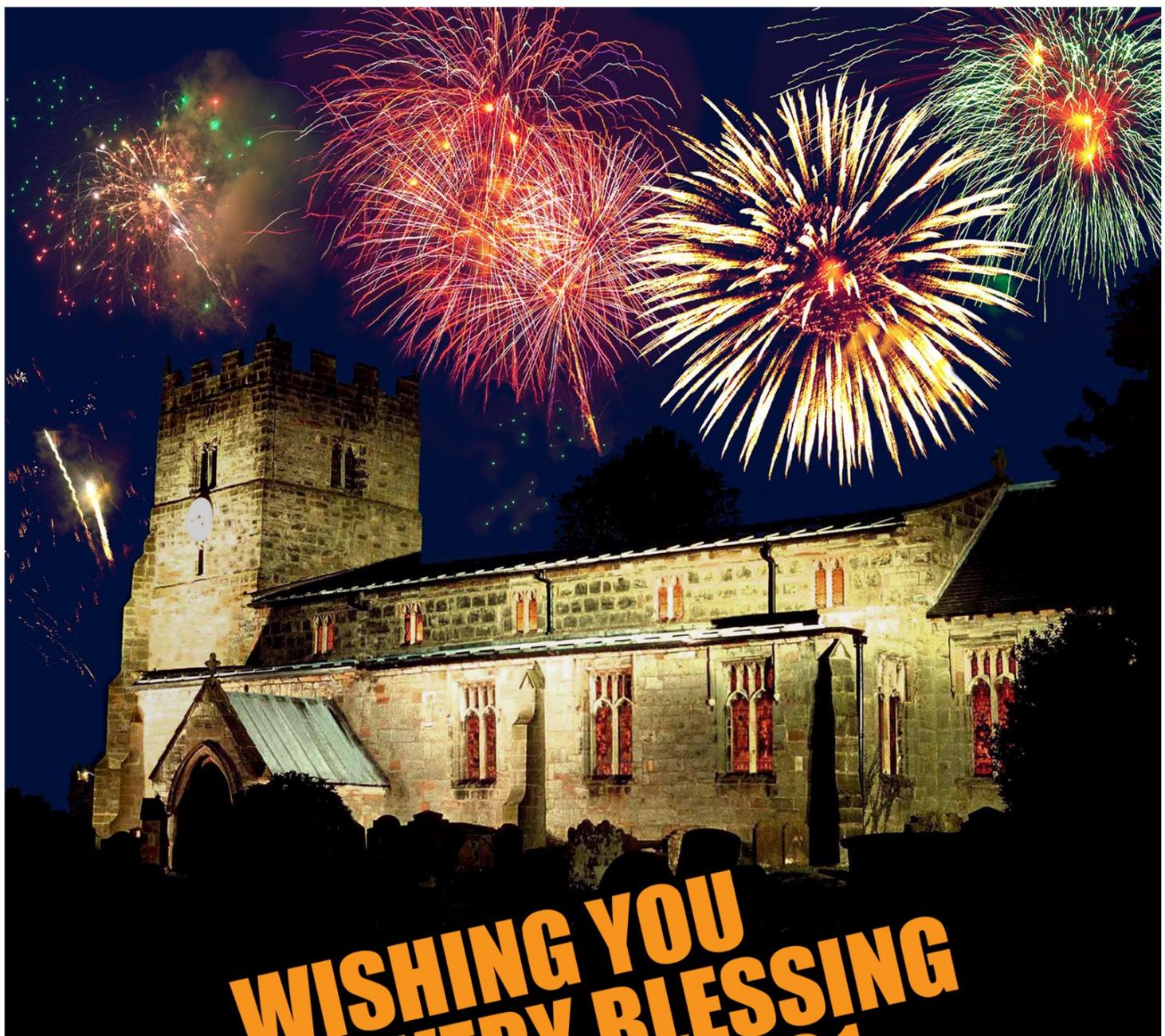


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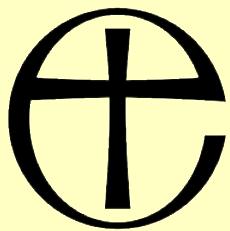
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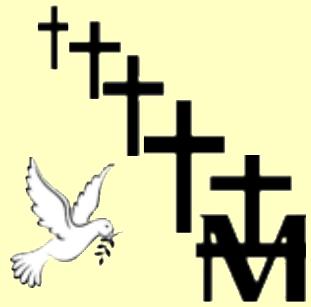
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new year with a new hope,
and a blank canvas to be
painted by us
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From the Vicar ...



I am writing this on the darkest day of the year, not only is it dark but it is quite foggy. I have taken my dog for a walk around Millfield Park, I could not see where I had thrown the ball and couldn't see Barney until he returned with the ball. I think that, like many of you, I am looking forward to the lighter days. Even the two planets that were supposed to be seen today are shrouded from us. The weather and the light are matching many people's mood today as families that had planned to meet for Christmas are no longer able to do so. Plans to meet, food preparations and tidied houses have all been in vain.

At Epiphany, the wise men visited Jesus. When they started on their journey, they were travelling in the dark, they did not know who they were going to see, and they did not know where they were going. They trusted in God to follow a star to find someone special. As they neared to where Jesus was, they thought that they were supposed to go to the king of the area, as they thought that they were looking for baby of a future earthly king. They were prepared with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and went to King Herod. Their preparations were not wasted, they were able to move to the right King and give him their gifts.

I am hoping that those who had been very organised and had bought food have been able to put it into freezers or make some other arrangements so that it didn't get wasted. We will be able to see our families at some point. Joseph and Mary had to flee their country with Jesus because Jesus' life was in danger, things eventually improved for them and they were able to get back to their family and friends. Things will improve, the days will get lighter and normality will resume.

This New Year we have the knowledge that the family of the Nativity understood what it was like to have problems, but they trusted in God and let Him lead the way. During these strange times, we can follow their example and put our trust in Him and let Him guide and comfort us.

God is with us in our good times and our bad, giving us hope.

God be with us throughout January

Margaret



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EASINGWOLD

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

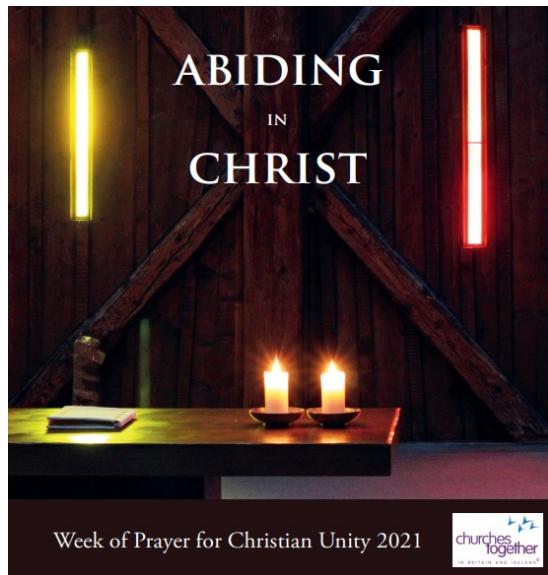
8TH – 25TH JANUARY 2021

ABIDING IN CHRIST

Once again, we invite everyone to join us in the week of prayer. We hope that you will join us. The resources look amazing! This year the material for the week of prayer is only accessible from the website. This makes it a unique opportunity for all to access the material and be part of the week of prayer in their own homes. Here is an introductory note from the leaflet....

"When the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity invited the sisters of the Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland to produce the material for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for 2021 they could not have foreseen the pandemic and its impact. Yet the Sisters of Grandchamp have offered us something uniquely precious: an opportunity to engage with a form of prayer that is both very ancient and yet at the same time so apposite for our times. The ancient rhythm of prayer found in many religious orders and their traditions teach us that when we pray, we pray not just on our own or with those who share the same physical space, but with the whole Church, the Body of Christ, of Christians in other places and in different times".

Details will be given out regarding the joint Sunday service, which we may possibly be able to have as a 'Zoom' service.



Please copy and paste this into your search engine:

ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021

If you are unable to print off the resources please email
easingwold.parishchurch@gmail.com and a copy will be printed for you.



Mothers' Union News



Mothers' Union Theme for 2021 is Rebuilding Hope and Confidence

**"... but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint."**

Isaiah 40:31

Yes there is light at the end of the tunnel. Together we can reconstruct the tunnel in order to reach the light - together with hope and confidence and with the knowledge that God is by our sides - always.

The Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name.

Amen



AN UPDATE FROM J.A.M. (JESUS AND ME) YOUTH CLUB

Members of J.A.M. have been unable to meet on Monday nights in the COZIE building due to the strict COVID-19 regulations covering Parish activities.

I have however been able to keep in touch with our youngsters due to my involvement with COZIE Youth Club. County Council regulations allowed outdoor activities and detached youth work.

A very similar group of youngsters attend both clubs and I can report that COZIE has been giving good support albeit without the religious input that J.A.M. would provide.

We had a very successful outdoors "summer activities" club involving a new younger group.

As soon as circumstances allow, we will once again start working with and supporting the members of J.A.M.

Alan Hake, J.A.M. Co-Ordinator

A SHEPHERD'S STORY

I'll never forget it. It was a perishing cold night and very dark – the moon was not yet up and the stars were hidden behind a thin cloud. We were huddled round the fire, occasionally glancing over our shoulders. We were worried that there might be wolves about - sometimes there seemed to be moving shapes at the edge of the trees, unless it was just the flickering of the firelight. It's a funny thing with wolves – you can hear them howling, but then they are usually far away – so when it is quiet you worry in case they have crept closer! But our dogs hadn't smelt anything.....

FLASHCAMELIGHTBLINDING!

At first, we thought it must be lightning and, like kids, we dived to the ground and threw our cloaks over our heads! But the glare persisted, so, blinking, we cautiously looked up. A figure in shining white appeared – I don't mind telling you, we were terrified – but the figure said: "Don't be afraid, I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. Today in David's town (Bethlehem I supposed he meant) was born your Saviour, Christ the Lord. And to prove it, you will find the baby lying in a manger, wrapped in strips of cloth." Then he was joined by a great crowd of similar figures (I suppose they must have been angels) who sang of "Glory to God" and "Peace on Earth to all Peoples."



When they faded away, I pinched myself to see if I had been dreaming. But the others had seen and heard it all too! We decided we had better take the angel's advice and see this for ourselves, so we hurried off down the valley. We somehow felt that the angels would look after the sheep!

When we got to the town, we soon found the stable with the baby lying in the manger just as the angel had said. We knelt down, for there seemed to be a feeling of 'goodness', peace and calm around it.

We started telling people about what we had seen; some people believed us, for our prophets had been telling for years about the coming of a Messiah – but could a baby really be the one? Others tapped their heads and shrugged, suggesting that we had been passing round the Arrack flask a bit too often!

After that, things seemed to go quiet, though we heard that soon afterwards the parents and the baby had fled somewhere. Which was just as well, as soldiers sent by our King Herod came to kill all the young babies!

All this happened 30 odd years ago, and all my mates who saw the angels with me have died. Though I sometimes tell people about what the angel had said that night, I don't think they listen, since nothing has happened. Though there have been some rumours recently about the arrival of a new rabbi up north, in Galilee, who has been prophesying and healing people.

So I do just wonder...

SERVICES AND EVENTS: JANUARY 2021

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



Morning services at Easingwold

Sunday: 9am

Wednesday: 9am

Be prepared to wear a face mask. Alcohol gel will be available.

**The Sunday 10.30 am service will continue using Zoom
direct from St John the Baptist & All Saints Church**

If you wish to join the service and are not receiving the codes, then please get in contact with Margaret by email (margareteyoung@btopenworld.com).

**1st and 3rd Sunday Evening Prayer at 4.00pm
to be held in Easingwold church**

**Services at Raskelf will be held on the first Sunday
in the month at 4pm**

PRIVATE PRAYER will continue at Easingwold but only if it is used.
Sundays 2-3pm; Thursdays 9-10am

The **FAMILY SERVICE** will be held via Zoom and Messenger on
SUNDAY 10th JANUARY at 4.30pm

and you are also welcome to join the group via Zoom for
MORNING PRAYER each TUESDAY

**IGNITE GROUP FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
FRIDAY AFTERNOONS AT 4pm**

The **IGNITE GROUP** will meet either in church (regulations permitting)
or by Zoom
(Contact Margaret for further details)

SERVICE ON LINE

Those of us who are able to access the Sunday service on line, either by Zoom or through the website, are so grateful to Margaret and Tim for making it available, and would like to say a huge “**Thank you**” to them both.

However, there are those in our community who don’t have this access and the current situation is likely to continue for some time. Do you know someone near you, or perhaps a friend, who would really appreciate being given the readings and Margaret’s sermon each week?

By going onto the website – easingwoldraskelfanglican.org – on a Sunday, and looking at the middle of the page, you will find the service. Scroll down, print off the relevant readings and sermon and hand it on. If you don’t have time on Sunday it is there during the week.

Deacon Chris Peel

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:

Easingwold with Raskelf Anglican Churches.



CHURCH OPENING ARRANGEMENTS

Easingwold church is open for weekly congregational services and Raskelf church is open on the first Sunday of each month (see previous page for times of services). However, as we can only have a limited number of attendees at each service, you would need to **pre-book your place** by contacting Margaret a day or two before the relevant service (01347 821394).

There will not be any hymns and if you wish to have a service sheet you will need to bring your own which are available online. There will also be a few for collection for those not online but you will be requested to take these home and bring them back on subsequent weeks. Many of you know the words of the service so well that you may find a service sheet unnecessary.

***Unfortunately it will not be possible to offer lifts to church
or offer refreshments after the service***

***Hymn books are not accessible and all loose leaflets have had to be removed.
There are only certain pews available to sit on.***

Readings

**Evening Prayers to be held on the first and third Sundays at 4pm
but relevant readings for all Sundays are provided for your reference**

3rd January

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Epiphany

Evening Prayers
Isaiah 60:1-9
John 2:1-11

10th January

Genesis 1:1-5
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 42:1-9
Ephesians 2:1-10

17th January

1 Samuel 3:1-10
Revelation 5:1-10
John 1:43-end

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Evening Prayers
Isaiah 60:9-22
Hebrews 6:17-7:10

24th January

Genesis 14:17-20
Revelation 19:6-10
John 2:1-11

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Jeremiah 3:21-4:2
Titus 2:1-8, 11-14

31st January

Malachi 3:1-5
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Candlemas

Haggai 2:1-9
John 2:18-22



From the Registers

Funerals

2nd December—Dorothy (Dot) Mary Moncaster

11th December—Jeremy Smith

15th December—Alfred Forsdyke

Coronavirus liturgy and prayer resources can be found on the Church of England webpage:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources> from which the following prayer is taken:

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

St Mary's Church is open for congregational services on the first Sunday in the month at 4pm

Service sheets are available on-line with a few being made available in church which you will need to take home and use next time.



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The church will no longer be open for private prayer.

OPEN THE BOOK AT EASINGWOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS NOW BEING ZOOMED!!!



Following a successful trial run, stories are now being told via Zoom

Date for the next story is:

13th January 2021

Further dates to be announced soon

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. If you would like prayer, please contact Reverend Lottie Cranfield 07807 941528



Please include in your prayers this month:

- ◆ All who live and work east of Crabmill Lane, York Road and along the Stillington Road.
- ◆ 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 Road in Raskelf; the cricket club.

Samaritans' Purse Shoe Box Appeal 2020



The boxes were collected from our home in mid-December.

The van came from Ripon via Thirsk and was going on to Harrogate and Summerbridge before taking them to the sorting and distribution centre.

We loaded 13 cartons each holding 12 boxes onto the van – a total of 156. We were also able to hand over £37 (the surplus after the costs we incurred here – boxes, extra £5s, and a few extra items for the boxes) in donations towards the transport costs involved.

A huge WELL DONE to everyone.

Please start collecting bits for next year's boxes!

Deacon Chris Peel

DO IT YOURSELF!

No, not a chance to put up new shelves or replace a tap, but an unusual type of Christingle service!

Due to the pandemic, we could not meet in church as usual, so party bags containing the Christingle components (minus the oranges) were left in the church beforehand for people to take home.

Vicar Margaret and Curate Lottie led the service from the church, assisted by organist John Kirman with Tim Young managing the technology, whilst the congregation joined in via Zoom!



All the usual elements of the service were included, as well as the now traditional singalong about the donkey with actions and animal noises, for which we were invited to 'unmute'!

Margaret demonstrated how to assemble a Christingle, explaining the significance of each item.

Although very different, it made for a very enjoyable occasion!



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS

Financial scams are on the rise but there are some general things we should all do to avoid them. So to find out how you can protect yourself from the most common types of scams, visit the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) website at www.fca.org.uk/consumers/protect-yourself-scams



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- ◆ Enter your First Name, Last Name, Email address and choose a password, then click on the green Create my Account button.

How do you shop once registered?

- ◆ Go to the website easyfundraising.org.uk and log in (if not already logged in) with your email address and the password you chose.
- ◆ Once logged on, click on the dropdown lists on the green taskbar to find the retailer you want, e.g. click on 'Entertainment and Leisure' then 'Food and Wine' to see shops like Sainsbury's, Tesco or Waitrose; or click on Electricals then 'Home Appliances' to see shops like Amazon, John Lewis or Argos.
- ◆ 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.

EDCCA

(Easingwold and District Community Care)

Please note that during the COVID-19 crisis, our staff are working from home and can be contacted Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30am to 12.30pm using the normal telephone number: 01347 822875.

Messages can be left outside those hours, or email at info@edcca.org.uk

We offer a Meals on Wheels service (Mondays to Fridays) and also a telephone befriending service. Contact us on the above number for more information.

We are co-ordinating volunteers to assist people in Easingwold and the surrounding villages who are self-isolating or in need of help with shopping and collecting prescriptions.

Please let us know if you are willing to volunteer or need help.

Thank you.

For donations to Easingwold with Raskelf churches go to give.net & 'Find a charity' number 1145021, then select '1 Charities' or go to easingwoldraskelfanglican.org and select the 'Support us' link.



The Church Mice is a session for children aged 3-11 years and is normally held in the choir vestry at St John the Baptist & All Saints Church during Parish Eucharist

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Future dates will be announced as and when the current COVID-19 crisis ends

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