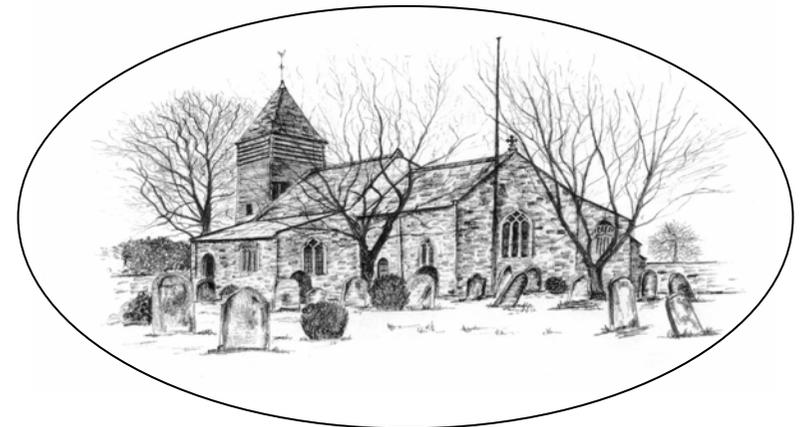


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St Mary the Virgin, Raskelf

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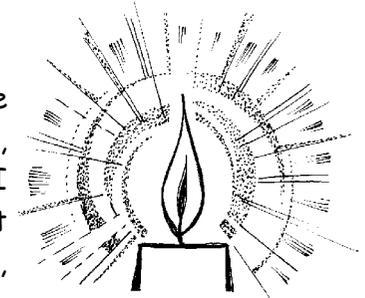
2nd	10.30am	Malachi	Ch.3	Vv. 1-5	CANDLEMAS
		Hebrews	Ch.7	Vv.14-18	
		Luke	Ch.2	Vv.22-40	
	3.30pm	Haggai	Ch.2	Vv. 1-9	
		John	Ch.2	Vv.18-22	
9th	10.30am	Isaiah	Ch.58	Vv. 1-9a	4th BEFORE LENT
		1 Corinthians	Ch.2	Vv. 1-12	
		Matthew	Ch.5	Vv.13-20	
	3.30pm	Amos	Ch.2	Vv. 4-16	
		Mark	Ch.1	Vv.29-39	
16th	10.30am	Deuteronomy	Ch.30	Vv.15-20	3rd BEFORE LENT
		1 Corinthians	Ch.3	Vv. 1-9	
		Matthew	Ch.5	Vv.21-37	
	3.30pm	Amos	Ch.3	Vv. 1-8	
		Mark	Ch.1	Vv.40-45	
23rd	10.30am	Genesis	Ch.1	Vv.1-5,26-end	2nd BEFORE LENT
		Romans	Ch.8	Vv.18-25	
		Matthew	Ch.6	Vv.25-34	
	3.30pm	Revelation	Ch.4		
		Luke	Ch.12	Vv.16-31	

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY: JANUARY 27th

Left by the body of a child in Ravensbruck, one of many Nazi death camps:

Lord, remember not only the men and women of goodwill, but also those of ill-will. But also remember all the suffering they have inflicted on us: remember the fruits we have bought-thanks to this suffering-our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, our courage, our generosity, the greatness of heart which has grown out of this, and when they come to judgement, let all the fruits which we have borne be their forgiveness.

Living Light



There is something special about the flame of a candle. Originally, of course, they were just to give light, but I suspect there's always been more to it than that. We continue to use candles, not only in church but at home as well, even though we've got electricity. We use them too on special occasions -at Christmas for example, and at special parties. It's surely something to do with the way a flame is a kind of living thing, forever changing shape and texture, dancing in front of us, a thing of beauty and of power.

To the ancient mind, fire was one of the basic elements of nature. In St Francis' Canticle of the Sun he says:
*Praise to thee, my Lord, for Brother Fire
By whom thou lightest the night;
He is lovely and pleasant, mighty and strong.*

This mystical strange thing is used to remind us of God; like the light and heat of a flame, we can see his effect in the world and we can experience his power, but we can't grasp him, or control him, or tame him.

At the beginning of February, in the dark of winter, we have the feast of Candlemas, traditionally a time when candles were blessed and we remember Simeon's words about Jesus when he was brought in thanksgiving to the temple in Jerusalem, that he would be "a light to the nations". May he lighten up our lives too.

John Harrison

EASINGWOLD TOWN BAND'S "Trip to the Continent"

The theme of Easingwold Town Band's annual concert at the Galtres Centre on Saturday March 1st will be "A Musical Journey Through Europe'. Their programme will include pieces from the far North and the far South of the Continent and many from countries in between, not forgetting our own. The Band's musical director, Alistair Shipman, will be introducing and conducting music marches and dances to operatic and film music, show numbers, jazz and even a royal contributor!



Also featured in the programme will be the Training Band, whose young (and not-so-young) players will demonstrate the progress the band has made since its first appearance at last year's concert. As part of the drive to attract new players, the Town Band will be hosting a Workshop for Young Brass Players at the Galtres Centre on Saturday June 15th. Details will soon be going out to local schools, offering music teachers free places for promising young players. The invitation will also be extended to neighbouring brass bands "These days, brass bands have to compete for youngsters' attention" says the Town Band's chairman, Bill Cleghorn. "To try and give them the ambition to play music in a group, we need to put on events, create interest and knock down barriers for them and their parents. Take a look at the Band's website -even better come and talk to us. 01347 823523

The Band plays annually at both our churches



Mothers' Union Coffee Morning

in the Parish Rooms from 10am
Saturday February 15th
Cakes -tombola-cards.

All Welcome

(contributions for stalls to Ann Harrison or left at Tempo)

From the Registers

Funerals

30th Dec Theo Baxter
7th Jan Frank Nicholson
13th Jan George Dempsey
14th Jan Bill Hardie

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5th

LITE BITE LUNCH, Old Black Bull, Raskelf 12 noon

SUNDAYS FEBRUARY 2nd & 16th

HOLY COMMUNION 9.10am

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9th

FAMILY SERVICE 10.30am

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 to join the chain, know more about it or have someone you want to be prayed for, please contact the Vicar or Chris Peel. Please include in your prayers this month:



1. All who live and work in the area of the old Claypenny Hospital, including Oulston Road, Thornlands, Crayke Road and Applegarth
2. The Millfield Surgery-all who work and all who visit there
3. Springhill Court-all who live there and those who work there
4. Those who live at Church End-between the church and the cross roads in Raskelf

Anniversaries and events in 2014

There are three major anniversaries and events happening in 2014, which give churches an opportunity to reach out to people.

2014 sees the 1350th anniversary of the Synod of Whitby, when the Kingdom of Northumbria decided to celebrate Easter and according to the customs of Rome, rather than the customs practised by Iona. This decision marked a vital turning point in the development of the church in England, and its anniversary is a chance to share the news of the vitality of the church in the North East today.

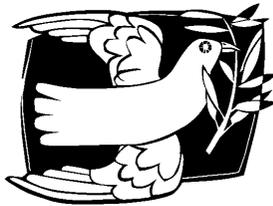
The Tour de France comes to Yorkshire on 5 and 6 July, and the eyes of the world will be on our region. The tour is one of the largest sporting events in the world watched on TV by ninety million people. Nine helicopters will be filming from the air, picking out some of our most beautiful churches and villages. Churches on the route can open up for refreshments, hold Tour themed events and use this remarkable event as a chance for evangelism.

July also sees the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. Almost every parish in the UK saw men killed in the war, and many churches have memorials to mark their deaths. The anniversary of the War gives churches an opportunity to remember these fallen soldiers and give thanks to God for their sacrifice.



- **York Minster**.. new arrangements have been introduced for visiting the Minster. New cards which are available *to borrow* from the PCC secretary, Sue Thorn on 01347-823235
- **Lent Lunches**...begin on Friday March 14th and the first one will be hosted by the parish church. The remaining four will be provided by the Mothers' Union, Raskelf church, as well as the Methodist and R.C. churches. The sequence will be outlined in next month's magazine
- **Unusual prophets**...sometimes in the bible readings we come across perhaps unfamiliar names. This month we have *Amos*, who lived in the 8th century BC in a village in Judah but God sent him North to Israel where he gave God's message of justice and judgement against oppression and greed. He warned the people of exile if they did not repent. And *Haggai* whose his message was given in 520BC was concerned that the people had built houses for themselves & were living in comfort while God's temple was still in ruins. He urged them to rebuild it
- **Bishop Martin Wallace**...lately Bishop of Selby with responsibility for the Archdeaconry of York resigned at the end of November 2013. We are assured the process has begun to appoint new Bishops of Selby as well as Whitby.
- **Coming soon**...Stamford Bridge Singers to sing Evensong on Sunday March 2nd at 6.30pm. The music will include the introit `O Sing joyfully` by Batten and the anthem `How lovely are the Messengers` by Mendelssohn. Conductor is Michael Wiles accompanied by Geoffrey Coffin. Everyone welcome.
- And ***The Cross of Christ***, a Service of Devotion for choir and congregation on Palm Sunday, April 13th at 6.30pm. The Easingwold Deanery Ecumenical Choir will lead the singing and anyone wishing to take part should contact Alfred Boddison (821668) as soon as possible as copies of the music may have to be ordered. More details re rehearsals and practice next month.

SERVICES AND EVENTS
FEBRUARY 2014



ENQUIRIES about baptisms, weddings, etc. - please ring the Vicar or call at the Vicarage.

Sunday School meets during the 10.30am service in Easingwold church

SUN 2nd CANDLEMAS

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.10am Holy Communion at Raskelf
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 3.30pm Evensong

Wed 5th 9.00am Communion
 12noon Raskelf Lunch at the Old Black Bull

SUN 9th FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 10.30am Family Service at Raskelf
 3.30pm Evensong

Wed 12th 9.00am Communion
 Sat 15th from 10am MU Coffee Morning Parish Rooms
 Memorial Service

SUN 16th THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.10am Holy Communion at Raskelf
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 3.30pm Evensong

Wed 19th 9.00am Communion

SUN 23rd SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 3.30pm Evensong

Wed 26th 9.00am Communion
 Thur 27th 10.00am Mothers' Union Communion

MARCH

SUN 2nd SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.10am Holy Communion at Raskelf
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 6.30pm Sung Evensong
 with the Stamford Bridge Singers

WED 5th ASH WEDNESDAY

9.00am Communion
 10.00am Communion at Park Close
 12noon Raskelf Lunch at the Old Black Bull
 7.30pm **SUNG EUCHARIST**
 Fri 7th 2.15pm Women's World Day of Prayer
 Methodist Church

Lent Lunches begin on Friday March 14th

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