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Thursday February 25th Communion and Coffee in Parish Church 10.00am followed by AGM

From the Registers

Baptisms

None

Marriages

None

Funerals

January 7th	Enda Bland
January 13th	Margaret (Peggy) Brown
January 20th	James Mason

FEBRUARY

7th	10.30am	Exodus	Ch.34	Vv.29-15	
		2 Corinthians	Ch.3	Vv.12-4:2	
		Luke	Ch.9	Vv. 9-36 (37-43a)	
	3..30pm	Exodus	Ch.3	Vv. 1-6	
		John	Ch.12	Vv.27-36a	
10th	**7.30pm**	Isaiah	Ch.58	Vv. 1-12	**ASH WEDNESDAY**
		Matthew	Ch.6	Vv.1-6, 16-21	
14th	10.30am	Deuteronomy	Ch.26	Vv. 1-11	LENT 1
		Romans	Ch.10	Vv. 8b-13	
		Luke	Ch.4	Vv.— 1-13	
21st	10.30am	Genesis	Ch.15	Vv.1-12,17-18	LENT 2
		Philippians	Ch.3	Vv.17-4;.1	
		Luke	Ch.13	Vv.31-35	
	3.30pm	Genesis	Ch.17	Vv.1-7,15-16	
		Romans	Ch.11	Vv.13-24	
28th	10.30am	Isaiah	Ch.55	Vv. 1-9	LENT 3
		1 Corinthians	Ch.10	Vv. 1-13	
		Luke	Ch.13	Vv. 1-9	

Very occasionally a reading may be changed

From the Vicar

Easter is early this year and in turn Lent is too. This month we start with Ash Wednesday on 10th February 10th which is one of the more important days in the church's calendar. The Roman Catholic Church has it as one of the two days when abstinence and fasting are required, (the other day is Good Friday). We will be having two services that day, one at 9. 00 am and one at 7.30 pm. At both services there will be an opportunity to be "ashed", The ash symbolises our mortality, the ash is placed on the forehead with the words : *"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ."*

It is the start of a time of penitence and a time of self-reflection.

But why do we have this season of Lent?

Lent consists of 40 days in which we prepare ourselves for Easter where we celebrate His resurrection from the cross. 40 days remind us of the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness before he was tempted by the devil at the start of his ministry. 40 is also the number of days that Moses fasted before receiving the 10 Commandments and also in Genesis, the rain fell for 40 days. You may think that there are more than 40 days between Ash Wednesday and there are but Sundays are feast days and are not counted.

Many people give something up for Lent, often alcohol or chocolate but is this right? Giving up chocolate or alcohol is often done for personal benefits such as wanting to lose weight or to give the liver a chance to recover after that extra glass over Christmas but these are not the right reasons to give something up. If we are going to give something up then it should be done to make our relationship closer to God and not for personal benefit. Maybe it is worth taking something up instead such as a more disciplined prayer life or reading from the Bible more regularly.

The churches in Easingwold are having Lent courses that enables this to be done. The Methodists are running a discussion group on a Thursday evening at 7 pm. The Catholics are running a programme called Day by Day, (the exact timing of this have not been finalised at the time of writing). Here in Easingwold we are having something slightly different, we are having a series of reflective walks called "Journeying to the cross". We will start in the church for a short service, during the service there will be a lot of quiet and stillness and we will be thinking about Jesus' final walk to the cross. This will be followed by time to make your own way to a coffee shop, either a drive or a walk, the idea is that we go there in silence whilst thinking about what we have heard and how we can see God on our journey into Easingwold. These will be on Tuesdays at 10 am throughout Lent.

The early days of early February, before Lent starts is the opportunity to think of what we as individuals are going to do for Lent itself. Whatever we do, it is a time of preparation and self-reflection and an opportunity for us to become closer to God.

Every blessing for the month of February,

Margaret

LENT LUNCHES 2016
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Date	Hosts	Location
February 19th	Men of the Parish Church	Parish Rooms
February 26th	Easingwold & Raskelf MU Members	Parish Rooms

March 4th,11th & 19th Hosts will be Catholic Ladies, Methodist & Raskelf Churches
Appropriate dates & Locations will be in the March edition

YORK MYSTERY PLAYS

Tickets for the York Mystery Plays—the biggest event the cathedral has ever staged—are now on sale. The Performances begin on May 26th and run for five Weeks and, in keeping with tradition, a community Cast will form the heart of the production supporting One professional actor. Before Christmas it was announced that the community actors who will play Mary and Joseph are Ruby Barker and Mark Comer.

To purchase tickets, visit the York Minster Mystery Plays website at *www.yorkminster.org/mysteryplays2016* or call 01904-623568

THE CROSS OF CHRIST Good Friday March 25th @ 7.00pm
Easingwold Deanery Ecumenical Choir/all singers in the deanery are welcome
Rehearsal dates@ Easingwold Parish Church
Thursday February 5th 7.30—9.00pm
Friday March 18th 7.30– 9.OOpm
Friday March 25th **3.30—5.00pm (**please note revised time)
If you are interested in joining the choir for this special service of meditation
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ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3rd
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SUNDAYS FEBRUARY 7th & 21st
COMMUNION 9.10am
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14th
FAMILY SERVICE 10.30am
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21st
Celtic Service 3.30pm

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 in the Cleypenny area, including Oulston Road and Thornlands
2. The Millfield Surgery—all who work and visit there
3. The Council Offices—those working in and outreaching from them; the essential work of Social Services and all carers in our area
4. All who live in Church End, Raskelf

REFLECTIVE LENT WALKS: Journeying to the Cross
Short Service and Meditation in the Parish Church
10.00am every Tuesday during Lent starting February 16th
Followed by walk led by the Vicar: Revd Margaret Young
ALL WELCOME

Reverend Tony Hart

Recently we heard the sad news that Tony was suffering from severe Alzheimers and had to leave his home in Morpeth where he went to live when he retired in 2001. His niece, of whom he was very fond, has moved him to a home near Bradford close to where she lives so that she can visit frequently and easily. Apparently he only knows who she is from time to time. Your prayers are asked for him in what must be a desolate time in his life.

Some will have known him well, whereas others may have just known of him in passing. His niece suggests anyone who knew Tony well and wants to write to him should perhaps do this on the back of a photograph of themselves, which might just jolt his memory. His address is: Ash Meadows, Westering House, Moor Bottom, Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire BD19 6AD. She has told us of how fondly he spoke of his time in Easingwold and looked back on it with great affection.

Tony came to us in 1992 from Durham where he had been a Residentiary Canon at the Cathedral and left at the end of April 2001 to live in a small house he had bought in Morpeth, Northumberland. He had always been very interested in the wooden tower at Raskelf and was aware that the only other example of a woden tower was to be found somewhere in Essex. A few years ago he found this picture of it *Greenstead Church, Ongar* in the papers of his stepmother after she died (she hd lived in Essex). Tony felt it important to share this with us and sent the picture to Easingwold!

FOCUS

- **Message from the Vicar….**Tim and I would like to thank you for all the Christmas cards and presents that we received. We are so grateful that the people of Easingwold and Raskelf have made us feel so welcome

- **Women's World Day of Prayer...**is on Friday March 4th. The service is at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church starting at 2.15pm. The preacher will be the Revd Vivien Firth, Supernumerary Methodist Minister on the York Circuit. This year the theme is *Receive children, Receive me* (reflects St Mark's Gospel vv.13-16) prepared by the Christian women in Cuba. The WWDP is a global ecumenical movement organised and led by Christian women who call the faithful together on the lst Friday each year to observe a common day o prayer.
- **Sudan Church Association...**over the last nine years £100,000 has been raised from the sale of postcards. This project originated in the Diocese of Bradford. As the MU is involved in the Diocese of Ibba in South Sudan all the branches in the York Diocese contribute. Virtually all postcards have some value to collectors, old or new, used or unused, the stamps should not be removed. Your help in supporting this ongoing project would be appreciated as the number of cards donated is decreasing. If you have any cards tucked away, perhaps you could donate them, and or save the ones you receive this year. There is a box on the MU stall in church.
- **Shoebox Appeal...**a big thank-you to everyone who was involved with the recent appeal—(box fillers knitters, Church Mice etc.). Our contribution for Christmas 2015 was 151 boxes and this has grown steadily year on year. The majority of our boxes went to the Ukraine but a small number went to neighbouring Romania. It is amazing that more than 80,000 shoeboxes were despatched to children in 13 different countries from the North East & Yorkshire alone in the recent appeal. We must try to maintain this momentum! Many thanks GFC
- **United Churches Breakfast time Prayers...**next meeting is in the Parish Rooms on Saturday February 13th. Coffee & Pastries from 9.00am Prayers from 9.15am finishing at 10.30am. *We are being called together in fellowship and agreement*
- **Ebor Lectures...**The theme of this year's series, which started in September is *Global Security and the United Nations* and aims to examine the contributions of the United Nations to global security. The speaker will be Colonel Bob Stewart DSO, MP who will speak at York St John University on Wednesday February 17th . There is no harge for entry but to book a ticket please go to this website: www.yorksj.ac.uk/eborlectures.
- **Hambleton Foodshare...**the number to ring is **0772 44 44 750** The telephone is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week—calls will not be answered but you can leave a message and someone will always call you back to discuss your needs.

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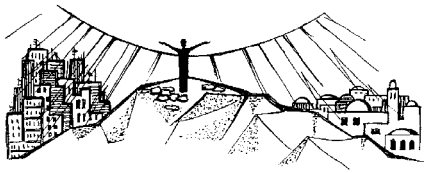

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February

Mon 1st	7.15pm	Choir Practice - All welcome
Wed 3rd	9.00am	Holy Communion
	12 noon	Lite Bite Lunch @ Old Black Bull, Raskelf
Thurs 4th	7.00pm	Church Mice Meeting @ Vicarage
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice

Sunday 7th Sunday before Lent

	8.00am	**Holy Communion**
	9.10am	**Raskelf Eucharist**
	10.30am	**PARISH EUCHARIST & Church Mice**
	3.30pm	**Evensong**
Mon 8th	7.15pm	Choir Practice - All welcome
Tues 9th	10.00am	Bible Conversations, 11 Whiteoak Ave. All welcome
	3.00pm	Springhill Court Holy Communion
Wed 10th	9.00am	Holy Communion: Service with Ashing
	10.00am	Open the Book @ Primary School
Thurs 11th	7.00pm	Lent Discussion Group @ Methodist Church
	7.30pm	Holy Communion: Service with Ashing
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Sat 13th	9.00am	United Churches Breakfast Time Prayers @ Parish Rooms

Sunday 14th Lent 1

	8.00am	**Holy Communion**
	10.30am	**Raskelf Family Service**
	10.30am	**PARISH EUCHARIST**
	3.30pm	**Evening Service @ Methodist Church**
Mon 15th	7.15pm	Choir Practice - All welcome
Tues 16th	10.00am	Lent Reflective Walk: Journeying to the Cross @ Parish Church
Wed 17th	9.00am	Holy Communion
Thurs 18th	7.00pm	Lent Discussion Group @ Methodist Church
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Fri 19th	12 noon	Lent Lunch hosted by men of the Parish Church @ Parish Rooms

Sunday 21st Lent 2

	8.00am	**Holy Communion**
	9.10am	**Raskelf Eucharist**
	10.30am	**PARISH EUCHARIST**
	3.30pm	**Raskelf Celtic Service**
Mon 22nd	7.15pm	Choir Practice - All welcome
Tues 23rd	10.00am	Lent Reflective Walk: Journeying to the Cross @ Parish Church
Wed 24th	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Open the Book @ Primary School
Thurs 25th	10.00am	Mothers' Union Communion & Coffee followed by AGM
	7.00pm	Lent Discussion Group @ Methodist Church
	7.30pm	Rehearsal: The Cross of Christ
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Fri 26th	12 noon	Lent Lunch hosted by Easingwold & Raskelf MU Members' @ Parish Rooms

Sunday 28th Lent 3

	8.00am	**Holy Communion**
	10.30am	**PARISH EUCHARIST & Church Mice**
	3.30pm	**Evening Service @ Methodist Church**
Mon 29th	7.15pm	Choir Practice - All welcome

March

Tues 1st	10.00am	Lent Reflective Walk: Journeying to the Cross @ Parish Church
Wed 2nd	9.00am	Holy Communion
	12 noon	Lite Bite Lunch @ Old Black Bull, Raskelf
Thurs 3th	7.00pm	Lent Discussion Group @ Methodist Church
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice

Sunday 6th Lent 4: Mothering Sunday

	8.00am	**Holy Communion**
	9.10am	**Raskelf Eucharist**
	10.30am	**PARISH EUCHARIST: Family Service**
	3.30pm	**Evensong**
Mon 7th	7.15pm	Choir Practice - All welcome
Tues 8th	10.00am	Lent Reflective Walk: Journeying to the Cross @ Parish Church
	10.00am	Bible Conversations, 11 Whiteoak Ave. All welcome
	3.00pm	Springhill Court Holy Communion
Wed 9th	9.00am	Holy Communion
Thurs 10th	7.00pm	Lent Discussion Group @ Methodist Church
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice