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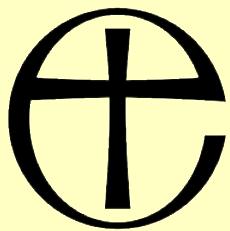
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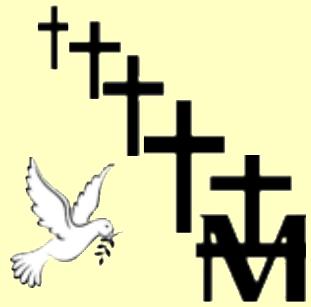
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## *From the Vicar ...*



Limitation on movement, not seeing families, church closures, shop closures, our lives feel so different and even empty. Not seeing families at Christmas was difficult for many even though there is a general acceptance for the rules that are imposed on us. Even though the church is physically closed at this point in time (apart from funerals) as a church we are still here. You are all in our prayers and we pay for any special circumstances that we have been told about. Charlotte, Chris and I are ringing up members of the congregation on a regular basis but please tell us if you know of a church member who is not being contacted.

As I write, vaccinations have started to take place in Easingwold, the medical staff and administration team behind the scenes will be feeling tired but they will continue to work to ensure that as a community we are able to get back to normality as soon as possible. When we think of healing, our minds are often turned to Jesus who healed the sick. There was the leper who Jesus not only cured but, in turn, let him be part of the community again. There was also Bartimaeus who had his sight restored, not only was his physical sight restored but also his spiritual sight enabling him to see Christ for who He is.

In present circumstances we can relate both to the leper and Bartimaeus. Whilst the leper had leprosy he had to distance himself from the community from which he came. His family and friends had to keep away; he thought that he would live the rest of his days without a hug or his family around him. Christ understood and worked to help his situation. Bartimaeus had his sight restored; he saw that Christ was at work in his life.

If Christ was here on earth now, what would He be doing? In our lives we sometimes need to hear these stories to remind us that Christ is there with us in our dark times. He understands our feelings and our illnesses. Christ is there in the hands of the medics as they work hard to heal and prevent illness. Christ is there in the kind words and actions of those around us who care about us even though we might not see them but rely on telephone calls or the computer to keep in touch.

This February we have the start of Lent; a time of thinking about Christ in our lives and giving something up to think about Him. Many of us in lockdown have time to give up for Him, giving time for prayer, reading of scripture and keeping in touch with others. In our dark times it is often difficult to remember that Christ is there. This February, by giving this time up for Christ, we can help others to know that Christ is there for them as well as being there for us.

Every blessing for the month of February,

*Margaret*

## **TIMES AND SEASONS**

The season of joyful celebration which began at Christmas and continued through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, ends only with the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas). The child who was manifested to the magi at his birth was recognized by Simeon and Anna when he came to be presented in the Temple according to the Law of Israel. He became both ‘a light to lighten the Gentiles’ and ‘the glory of God’s people Israel’. But the redemption he was to bring had to be won through suffering; the Incarnation was directed to the Passion; and Simeon’s final words move our attention away from the celebration of Christmas and towards the mysteries of Easter.

Lent may originally have followed Epiphany, just as Jesus’ sojourn in the wilderness followed immediately on his baptism, but it soon became firmly attached to Easter, as the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the Church’s fellowship for apostasy or serious faults. This history explains the characteristic notes of Lent – self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added.

*Now is the healing time decreed  
for sins of heart and word and deed,  
when we in humble fear record  
the wrong that we have done the Lord.*

(Latin, before 12th century)

(Source: [Church of England website, under Times and Seasons](#))

## **CHRISTIAN UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY**

Having spent a week towards the end of January considering, and praying about, Christian Unity I wonder whether you too have had any thoughts? These questions, adapted from the given material, are the ones that have stayed with me:

- ◆ What changes could your church make to empower God's people to discern God's guidance more clearly?
- ◆ What does the churches having a “presence” together in the community look like in our area?
- ◆ How can our churches be more child friendly spaces?
- ◆ Can the churches in our area be more compassionate within the community?
- ◆ What one act of kindness could the churches in our area take together to be a unified blessing in our wider community?
- ◆ How do our churches care for God's creation? What changes, large or small, could we make which would make that care more effective?
- ◆ What part of your tradition is vital and life-giving and what can you learn from what is vital and life-giving within other Christian traditions?
- ◆ What specific need in our community can you commit to pray for over the coming year?

With best wishes for a healthy, considerate and prayerful 2021,

Deacon Chris Peel



# Mothers' Union



## 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



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

(A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT)

BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

Women of the Republic of Vanuatu (located in the South Pacific Ocean) have prepared this year's service. The black and white sandy beaches, coral reefs with coloured fishes, lovely birds, fruits and nuts in the forest, all make the islands a pristine environment but they are vulnerable to frequent tropical storms, earthquakes, cyclones, tsunamis and active volcanoes. Women, men and children of all ages are called to 'Build on a strong foundation' and live in unity, love and peace in the context of ethnic and cultural diversity like Vanuatu and so many other places around the world.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world; their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. The international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa, and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world – through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 39 hours later. For further information and resources, see the WDP website: [wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk)

Due to the restrictions imposed upon us during the pandemic, we will not be able to meet on 5<sup>th</sup> March but if you would like a copy of the service sheet, please telephone Margaret Summerscales on 01347 822084 and one can be delivered to you.

Money raised at the service usually goes to a variety of charities. The website only suggests giving by text so, at the time of writing, it is unclear how else donations can be made. Hopefully more information will be available in next month's magazine.

Margaret Summerscales

## THE YOUNGER GENERATION

Over the years we've all had a good moan about the younger generation, those lazy, thoughtless, selfish teenagers who somehow feel that society owes them something. Privileged university students who spend most of their university years wasting time on excessive partying and abusing alcohol and drugs. If they can't do that [as is the case at present] then it's clearly somebody else's fault that their 'University Experience' has been curtailed, spoilt, ruined, and it's time somebody did something about it. They define themselves as the 'Robbed Generation', those who haven't been given a fair chance, those who have had their lives ruined by bad Government decisions.

But perhaps that's always been the case, and it was probably what the older generation thought of us when we were passing through our teenage years. To quote from an article entitled 'The Conduct of Young People' which appeared in the Hull Daily Mail in 1925 (with my apologies for the slightly 'sexist' way in which the passage was written):

**"We defy anyone who goes about with his eyes open to defy that there is, as never before, an attitude on the part of young folk which is best described as grossly thoughtless, rude, and utterly selfish."**

Over the years that I've been in the ordained ministry I've always tried to focus on what is positive about the up-and-coming generation, and I've also tried to encourage the teenagers that I've met to get out there and do their best to change the world for the good.

My daughter Debbie works in Leeds, and over the years she's been responsible for helping 'Start-Up' companies - especially in the digital and technology sector - and is now unofficially known as 'Miss Digital Leeds' due to her citywide work in that sector.

Debbie forwarded me an email she received from a young 17-year-old student who'd approached her about the 'Leeds Digital Festival' that she hosts each year in the city. After reading the email I asked the young student, through Debbie, if I could share her story with people in Easingwold through the Parish Magazine. The young lady, Alishba, readily agreed. This is what she said in the email to my daughter:

*"I'm a 17-year-old machine learning and blockchain developer who was recently named a 'Young Innovator' to watch at CES Global."*

*At the age of 14 I co-founded Honestblocks, a blockchain platform to track medication and put an end to counterfeit medication in the supply chain systems for 2 million people in rural India. This platform was eventually integrated into IBM Blockchain.*

*Currently, I'm working on building cheaper prosthetics that will cost around \$700 as opposed to \$10,000, and I am doing this through 3D printing, robotics and deep learning techniques. This work is supported by Hanson Robotics and SJSU and we will be distributing these prosthetics to over 5,000 patients globally.*

*I've spoken on global stages such as 'Global Blockchain Revolution', 'TEDXUW' and 'Trufflecon' about everything from Blockchain to Robotics to Artificial Intelligence.*

*I love the work you do every year with the 'Leeds Digital Festival'. I would really like to explore any potential for me to get involved as a speaker or a panellist this year to share more about the important problems I'm tackling and to share some of my insights!"*

She concludes by adding the link to her personal website <http://alishbaimran.com> to find out more about her. The website is certainly worth visiting if you really want to know what the younger generation is capable of.

So, when we look at the next generation, let's not judge them all by the worst examples; instead let's put aside cynicism, open our eyes to see what amazing things they are achieving, and encourage them on their journey; because through doing so we may see a better world developing.

## **SERVICES AND EVENTS: FEBRUARY 2021**

To contact Revd Margaret Young, tel: 01347 821394  
or email: [vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org](mailto:vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org)  
The Vicar's day off is Monday  
Children are welcome at all our services



**PLEASE SEE NOTICE ON FOLLOWING PAGE  
REGARDING CHURCH CLOSURE**

**Morning services at Easingwold  
(Sunday and Wednesday 9am)  
*suspended until further notice***

**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 invite links, then please get in contact with Margaret by email ([margareteyoung@btopenworld.com](mailto:margareteyoung@btopenworld.com)).*

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Evening Prayer at 4.00pm  
*suspended until further notice***

**Monthly services at Raskelf  
*suspended until further notice***

**PRIVATE PRAYER** at Easingwold suspended until further notice

The **FAMILY SERVICE** will be held via Zoom and Messenger on  
**SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY 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 by Zoom  
(Contact Margaret for further details)

# CHURCH CLOSURE



Regrettably, for the safety and well-being of all concerned, on-site church services have once again been suspended following the latest guidelines surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. The Sunday morning service at 10.30 will continue on Zoom.

Both Easingwold and Raskelf church buildings are therefore locked and not accessible for public worship until further notice.

The Parish Church website and Facebook pages will be kept as up to date as possible. There will be prayers and thoughts added as time goes by.

It is hoped that the situation returns to normal quickly and that you remain safe and well.

*Margaret*

## 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](https://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](#)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the website. At the top left is a 'Support us at give.net' button with payment method icons. To its right are links to 'Find us on Facebook' and the 'Diocese of York Easingwold Deanery'. The 'THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND' logo is positioned next to the diocese link. A search bar and a 'Site Search' button are on the far right. The main header reads 'Easingwold with Raskelf Anglican Churches'. Below the header is a large photograph of St. John the Baptist Church in Easingwold. To the right of the photo is another smaller image of St. Mary's Church in Raskelf. At the bottom of the page is a navigation menu with links: Home, Parish Magazine, About Us, Life Events, Parish Room Hire, Diary, Young People, Contact Us, and Useful Links. A welcome message at the bottom states: 'Welcome to the Anglican Churches of St. John the Baptist and All Saints, Easingwold and St. Mary's Raskelf, North Yorkshire, England'.

## *Readings*

As the church is once again closed, there will be no evening prayer on 1st and 3rd Sundays  
but relevant readings for all Sundays are provided for your reference

### **7th February**

Proverbs 8:1,22-31  
Colossians 1:15-20  
John 1:1-14

### **2nd Sunday before Lent**

Genesis 2:4b-25  
Luke 8:22-35

### **14th February**

2 Kings 2:1-12  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

### **Sunday before Lent**

1 Kings 19:1-16  
2 Peter 1:16-21

### **17th February**

Joel 2:1-2,12-17  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

### **Ash Wednesday**

### **21st February**

Genesis 9:8-17  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 8:31-38

### **Lent 1**

Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7  
Luke 13:31-35

### **28th February**

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16  
Romans 4:13-3-end  
Mark 8:31-38

### **Lent 2**

Genesis 12:1-9  
Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16



## *From the Registers*

### **Funerals**

14<sup>th</sup> January— Jean Pickup

27<sup>th</sup> January— Jonathan Simpson

**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

In accordance with the current restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the PCC has agreed to close our churches for ordinary services until further notice.

Services will continue on Zoom.

Please contact Margaret to receive the invite links for access to the Zoomed services.



## 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 scheduled for:

10th February 2021 (if circumstances allow)

## 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 in the Claypenny area, Oulston Road, Thornlands, Crayke Road, Applegarth and Millfield
- ◆ The Millfield Surgery - all who work and visit there
- ◆ The Police Station and 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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Action Fraud has received several reports from members of the public who have been sent text messages claiming to be from the NHS, offering them the opportunity to sign up for coronavirus vaccinations.

The texts ask the recipient to click on a link which takes them to an online form where they are prompted to input personal and financial details. In some cases the online form has looked very similar to the real NHS website.

**How to protect yourself:** In the UK, coronavirus vaccinations will only be available via the National Health Services of England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a local GP surgery or pharmacy, to receive your vaccination.

**Remember, the vaccinations are free of charge and  
you will not be asked for a payment.**

**The NHS will never:**

- ⇒ ask for your bank account or card details
- ⇒ ask for your PIN or banking passwords
- ⇒ arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine
- ⇒ ask for documentation to prove your identity, such as a passport or utility bills

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk). Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number 7726, which is free of charge.

## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS

Financial scams are on the rise but there are some general things we should all do to avoid them. There are some general things we should all do to avoid scams:

- Treat all unexpected calls, emails and text messages with caution. Don't assume they're genuine, even if the person seems to know some basic information about you.
- Don't be pressured into acting quickly. A genuine bank or financial services firm won't mind waiting if you want time to think.
- Never give out your bank account or credit card details unless you are certain who you are dealing with.
- If you're buying a financial product such as a loan, insurance, investment or pension, only deal with a FCA-authorised firm – [check our Register](#) to see if the firm is registered. Always access the Register from our website, rather than through links in emails or on a firm's website (it might be part of the scam).
- Double-check the URL and contact details of a firm in case it's a 'clone firm' pretending to be a real firm, such as your bank or a genuine investment firm.

Check the [list of unauthorised firms and individuals we've received complaints about](#). If the firm isn't on our list, don't assume it's legitimate – it may not have been reported to us yet.

### CHECK YOUR BANK ACCOUNT AND CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS REGULARLY

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](http://www.fca.org.uk/consumers/protect-yourself-scams)



If you would like to raise money for Easingwold with Raskelf Anglican Churches without it costing you any extra money then please consider joining easyfundraising.

### How does it work?

- ◆ The easyfundraising organisation works with over 4300 retailers who have agreed to pass on a donation to a given good cause when a purchase is made via the easyfundraising website.
- ◆ There are no catches and it's 100% free!

### How do you join?

- ◆ Click on [easingwoldwithraskelfpcc](#) to go to the easyfundraising.org.uk website to create an account by clicking on the red Join Us button.
- ◆ 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](mailto: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](http://give.net) & 'Find a charity' number 1145021, then select '1 Charities' or go to [easingwoldraskelfanglican.org](http://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

*Children are very welcome to attend church on any Sunday*

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

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## IT'S GOOD TO SMILE

At Sunday School Tom had heard the story of how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week he didn't feel at all well ... "I have a pain in my side and I think I'm going to have a wife!"

ooOoo

As they were going back into church for the last hymn, a Sunday School teacher asked her group, "Do you think you could be really quiet?" One little girl asked, "Is that because people are sleeping?"

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## **WHO ARE WE?**

**Morning Coffee Afternoon Tea is a social enterprise partnership business.**

Our objectives are to offer work placements to young and needy people with a strong outworking of the Christian Faith within the community. We are committed to recycling a minimum of 55% of our profits back into community and charities supported by the enterprise.

Morning Coffee Afternoon Tea will give voluntary and paid work opportunities with accredited training in all aspects of retail business.

## **WHO BENEFITS?**

The community and individuals provided with opportunity for change.

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