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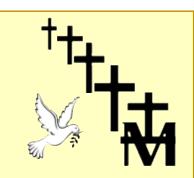
'No winter lasts forever;
no spring skips its turn.'

Hal Borland 1900-1978

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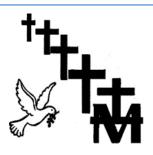
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From Laura Varney, Churchwarden



Dear Friends,

In Margaret's absence this month, it is my turn to grasp the pen. I would ask you all to join me as I pray for Margaret's continued recovery, I hope she will be back with us soon. In the meantime, many members of our parish have stepped in to cover for her in a variety of ways and we are very grateful to all of them.

High on this list is, of course, Lottie. We thank God for her and for all that she has done in our benefice during her time here. Her final Eucharist with us will be on 4th February at 10.30am. There will be no service at 9.00am in Easingwold on that day, neither will there be a service in Raskelf. We hope that all parishioners will join us at 10.30am to celebrate with Lottie and to send her off with all our love and good wishes.

On Wednesday 14th February we will celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Of all the events on the church's calendar, Lent arrives for me sooner than I expect and often before I'm ready. But that's the beauty of Lent. I don't have to be ready. Lent gives me time and space to reflect and to see things in a different way and, from a different angle.

Many of you will know that I have been seeing the world differently since the onset of the illness that has affected my vision. It has forced me to rely heavily on others. Heavier than I ever did before and, if I'm very honest, I am not always comfortable with that. Accepting help is more difficult than offering it.

In Lent we have the opportunity to seek God's help; to ask for His mercy and forgiveness. With His help we can spring clean our lives. He will renew us and restore us, if we allow Him to.

This year, let's take the opportunity that Lent offers to prepare for the celebrations of Easter; to renew our commitment to God; to offer help to others; and with grace to accept that help when it is offered to us.

Laura

A farewell to you all

My last service at St John the Baptist and All Saints Church will be at 10.30am on Sunday 4^{th} February

I am delighted to be appointed as the Vicar of Brafferton with Pilmoor, Myton and Thormanby. It is going to be a new and exciting challenge. I am very much looking forward to this development of my ministry. It is going to be wonderful to meet the new church family and I will relish the opportunity of building new relationships as we explore what it means to Live Christ's Story in the benefice.

This is a time of mixed emotions as I say my goodbyes to all of you; including those I have visited regularly with Home Communion and as I tell the children I visit in the Nursery schools, that it is the last time I will be with them. The children have been so welcoming and love visitors. I will greatly miss being in the midst of the Easingwold and Raskelf Parish family and working alongside Margaret, to whom I am especially grateful as my training incumbent and for the huge amount of help she has given me.

Thank you all for your kindness, you have all been so generous and encouraging these past seven years since I was first ordained as Deacon.

Rev'd Lottie

"GROUP OF EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN"

The Group of Extraordinary Women is an informal group which meets in the Parish Church, Easingwold and which looks to see how it can enhance the community.

It is an opportunity to meet and have a chat, to make friends and to learn new skills or pass the skills that you have on to others for the good of the community.

Normally 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 7.00-9.00pm

As the 2nd Wednesday is Ash Wednesday there will not be a meeting that evening. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 28th February



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH—2.15PM AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

This ecumenical service has been put together by the Christian women of Palestine

The service shares stories from three Palestinian women, and as we hear their stories we pray for families worldwide

The retiring collection will be donated to various charities worldwide.



YOU and ME

.....bringing people together

The Talent Afternoon. It seems a long time since the You and Me Group staged this excellent afternoon when the various talents of our congregation were on display. Some decorated the church with flowers, art work, quilting, embroidered pictures and woodwork; others made cakes and served teas; others took part in the Talent Show which, compered by one of our number, entertained all comers with readings, poetry, sketches, songs and organ recitals. It was a wonderful occasion which brought people together and certainly celebrated a wide diversity of talents.

Chris and Ian

Good News

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Sara Beaumont has agreed to be our Parish Administrator and will have a church email so she can receive queries about funerals, baptisms and other church matters, as well as coping with the photocopier.

More information about how to contact Sara will follow in next month's magazine.



Christians Together

United in prayer for the Community of Easingwold

Saturday 10th February

at The New Inn (Morning Coffee—Afternoon Tea) on Long Street from 8.45am for coffee/tea—prayer begins at 9.00am until 9.45am Please contact Rev'd Lottie Cranfield on 07807 941528 if you have any questions or would like to find out more information about Christians Together.

"In unity God will grow his church"

Christians Together Men's Breakfast

It has been decided to suspend the Men's Breakfast for the time being and concentrate our efforts on the recently opened Men's Shed which meets in the Portacabin at the football ground every Monday between 10am and 2pm. All men welcome.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the men who have attended and also thank both Sue and Lottie for their assistance in publicising the Breakfasts.

We may reinstate the Men's Breakfast in the future depending upon demand.

For further details about the Men's Shed, please contact me, **David Brown**, at **david@dkbassociates.co.uk** or on **07789 900 939**.



YOU and ME

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.....bringing people together

On Tuesday 12th December a small but convivial group met in church to engage in Christmas crafts. We made glitter cones, Christmas cards, Christmas table centres and learnt different ways of folding napkins.

The table centres were the highlight of the afternoon and incorporated the glitter cones. Some clever and striking arrangements were made accompanied by tea and mince pies.

On the afternoon of Saturday January 27th the film Fisherman's Friends was shown. This is a heart-warming true story of a group of Cornish fishermen who found fame in the world of folk music. I believe their successors still perform today in Port Isaac in the summer. It is a film to which you can relate on many levels and identify with some of the circumstances that the group members find themselves experiencing on their way to success.

Forthcoming events:

Friday 23rd February

Beetle Drive to be held in church from 6pm to 8pm.

Tuesday 19th March
Lunch at Thirsk Garden Centre. Details to follow.

ALL ARE WELCOME and DO NOT FORGET TO BRING A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOUR WITH YOU

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SERVICES AND EVENTS: FEBRUARY 2024

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The Vicar's day off is Monday



Children are welcome at all our services

Services at Easingwold Parish Church

Sunday and Wednesday 9.00am—Holy Communion Sunday 10.30am—Holy Communion

(This service is also accessible on Zoom on 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month)

Sunday 4th February

There will be no 9.00am service

The service at 10.30am will be Lottie's final Eucharist at Easingwold

Sunday 11th February

Family Service at 4.30pm

Wednesday 14th February—Ash Wednesday

9.00am Holy Communion

7.30pm Holy Communion

The Group of Extraordinary Women will not meet on this evening.

Please note that the services schedule may vary depending upon clergy availability Announcements will be made or, if in doubt, check with the Churchwardens.



Mothers' Union



Thursday 15th February at 10am

Holy Communion followed by Coffee and AGM in the Parish Church

All welcome

Open The Book at Easingwold Primary School





1st & 22nd February; 7th & 21st March

Open the Book (OtB) offers primary school children an opportunity to hear key Bible stories told by a team of Christians from local churches, who present the stories during assemblies or acts of collective worship. Each presentation takes around 10–15 minutes and can be incorporated into a wider school assembly, or can be stand-alone.

For further information please contact
Andrew Neville-Smith at a.nevillesmith@btinternet.com

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Sunday 4th February: No Holy Communion at 9.30am
Lottie's final Eucharist will be at Easingwold at 10.30am
Wednesday 7th February:
Lite Bite Lunch at the Old Black Bull at 12 noon
Sunday 18th February: Holy Communion at 9.30am



CHILDREN ALWAYS WELCOME

RASKELF

Blast from the Past, as printed in the March 1952 edition of the "Easingwold with Raskelfe Parishes Magazine and Crayke Parish News"

Raskelfe: Electric lighting of church.

In the first days of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II our ancient Parish Church was electrically lighted. The Church was full on Sunday evening, the 24th February (Quinquagesia) when before Evensong, the Church lit by candlelight, the Archdeacon of York, the Venerable G. F. Townley, M.A., with the Vicar, proceeded to the Sanctuary. The Archdeacon having said the Prayers of Dedication, the lighting was switched on. We then saw our Church in more of its simple beauty and how well the old iron-work of the oil lamp fixtures had been adapted to serve their new purpose. During the singing of the office Hymn "Give light, O Lord ..." the candle light was extinguished, but not all, for two were left burning on the Altar in their new Candle Sticks, these lovely additions to our Church ornaments being the gift of an anonymous donor to the enrichment of our House of Worship. They, too were Dedicated by the Archdeacon. So we have much for which to be grateful, the legacy from which the cost of the electric installation will be paid and the liberality of the parishioner who has given the candle sticks. The Archdeacon preaching from the text Genesis 1, verse 3, said that light was the first recorded creative work of God and what a boon and blessing light was to man. He then went on to speak of light in a spiritual sense and said that if the reign in which our Church was electrically lit was to be the great and prosperous reign of our new Queen as we wished it to be, the enlightenment needed would come as we all walked in the light of God.

BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday 6th February from 10am to 11.15am

You are most welcome to join us at 11 Whiteoak Avenue for this time of discussion concluding with prayer.

Contact Chris Peel (01347 823548) if you would like further information.

Readings

Evening Prayer in Easingwold is on the 1st Sunday in the month at 4pm

4th February 2nd Sunday before Lent

Proverbs 8.1, 22-31 Genesis 2.4b-end Colossians 1.15-20 Luke 8.22-35

John 1.1-14

11th February Sunday before Lent

2 Kings 2.1-12 1 Kings 19.1-16 2 Corinthians 4.3-6 2 Peter 1.16-21

Mark 9.2-9

14th February Ash Wednesday (at 7.30pm)

Joel 2.1-2, 12-17

2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10 Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

18th February Lent 1

Genesis 9.8-17 Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7

1 Peter 3.18.22 Luke 13.31-35

Mark 1.9-15

25th February Lent 2

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16 Genesis 12.1-9

Romans 4.13-end Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Mark 8.31-38

From the Registers

Baptisms

14th January: Mallory Wilson (Easingwold) 28th January: Freddie Walshaw (Raskelf)

Funerals

1 December: Eric Dod 11th December: Malcolm Boden 12th December: Victor Hickman 13th December: Margaret Taylor



10th January: Geoffrey Pearce 11th January: Ethel Boxshall 18th January: Peter Stojkovic 24th January: Joan Mary Green

Soly Communion

at Springhill Court, Manor Road, Easingwold Tuesday 13th February at 3pm

All are welcome

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer is at the heart of what the church offers to the community, and the prayer orner in St John the Baptist and All Saints' is used regularly. It is a space where you are able to write the names of people you would like to have remembered in the book there. At St John the Baptist and All Saints', we join with you in your prayers for family, friends and all for whom you care. 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/them.

If you would like prayers, please contact Rev'd Lottie Cranfield on 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

Children's Church Services at Easingwold



LITTLE SEEDS

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Thursdays during term time at 3.45pm
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for 10+ year olds postponed until further notice

CHORAL EVENSONG AT EASINGWOLD PARISH CHURCH EASINGWOLD DEANERY ECUMENICAL CHOIR

The next Choral Evensongs at Easingwold will be on

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH AT 4PM (PALM SUNDAY)
SUNDAY 19TH MAY AT 4PM (PENTECOST)

Please contact Peter Smith at petersmith41@btinternet.com to confirm if you are available to sing .

Christian Meditation

Most Fridays at 2.30 pm to 3.15 pm at the Galtres Centre Function Room (upstairs)

It includes periods of music and silent meditation



In today's culture this is an opportunity of being together in a reflective mood including silence. After a brief period of spoken reflection we experience some reflective music. We then enter a period of silent meditation for about 20-25 minutes. Some people use a 4-beat mantra such as "Ma-ra-na-tha" (or Come Lord Jesus), said twice, (not out loud!) breathing in and then when breathing out.

After this, another period of music precedes a final prayer. It doesn't suit everyone but it is something worth trying. Sometimes we have a few comments, even laughter, afterwards!

In today's busy-ness people often find this simple and yet cathartic. Even children in school use silence as a restful experience!

Perhaps, give it a try? Join us, you are most welcome.

Contact Marko Jakic 01347 469049



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- Click on <u>easingwoldwithraskelfpcc</u> 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.

Widows' Group

Many of us will face the enormity of losing our husbands, often after many years of marriage, and although we know that it is inevitable, the force of it can be soul destroying and leave us feeling lonely and uncertain about our futures.

A small group of us gather to chat about the enormous changes in our lives since our bereavement and we feel that it is a worthwhile opportunity to be able to share our experiences.

Our next meeting will be held after the 10.30 service on Sunday 11th February in the choir/bell vestry at the back of the church and a warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to attend.

Nancy Kilburn



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Easingwold District Community Care Association

- The services that we can offer to our clients are befriending and telephone befriending plus sitting which covers those who have either a confirmed or possible diagnosis of Dementia.
- We continue to offer help with collecting shopping and prescriptions.
- Our Meals on Wheels service continues to offer a tasty, hot nutritious meal 5 days per week.
- ♦ Hub Club for people with Dementia Tuesdays or Fridays in Easingwold Football Club. Contact EDCCA for more details.
- ♦ EDCCA Charity Boutique on Long Street open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 09.30 to 4pm and Saturday mornings 09.30 to 12.30. Donations welcome.
- Our crossword club meets weekly here on a Monday morning in the Police House. They are a small, select group but welcome new members.
- We have a wheelchair hire service, for those who may require one.
- The Easingwold Foodbank now comes under the EDCCA umbrella and can be reached on the main EDCCA telephone number 01347 822875, this serves Easingwold and the surrounding areas.

Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 09.30 am to 12.30 pm and we can be contacted by telephone on 01347 822875 or by email info@edcca.org.uk

CHURCH SERVICES

1st Sunday: Easingwold 9.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns
4.00 pm Evening Prayer/Evensong
Raskelf 9.30 am Holy Communion with hymns
2nd Sunday: Easingwold 9.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns (also on Zoom)

4.30 pm Family Service **3rd Sunday**: Easingwold 9.00 am Holy Communion

> 10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns Raskelf 9.30 am Holy Communion with hymns

4th Sunday: Easingwold 9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns (also on Zoom)

5th Sunday: Easingwold 9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns

Weekdays in Easingwold:

Wednesday 9.00 am Holy Communion

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7.00-9.00pm—Women's Group in the Parish Church

3rd Thursday 10.00 am Mothers' Union Holy Communion

Thursday 3.45 pm in church—Little Seeds for 4-9 year olds (term time)

Friday 3.45 pm at the Vicarage —Ignite for 10 years + Suspended until further notice

A VERSE TO PONDER

When we entered the new year, I had my usual annual sort out of "stuff" and I came across my autograph book from the early 1960s.

Back then, I used to go to the Primitive Methodist Chapel, attending the weekly scripture classes run by the Minister's wife, Elizabeth Crewe.

This is the verse which Elizabeth wrote on 12th November 1963. I hope that I took inspiration from it. It may already be familiar to some of you.

"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."
(John Wesley)

Sue Thorn

PCC TREASURER VACANCY

The PCC is looking for someone to take on the role of Treasurer.

Initially this would involve working alongside Kamal Antoun (caretaker treasurer) for the next few months, and then fully take over the role.

The new treasurer will be supported by Kamal, Peter Simpson and Laura Varney during the transitional period and thereafter. If you are interested, please contact

vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org or treasurer@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org

IT'S GOOD TO SMILE

Love and Marriage

After a quarrel, a wife said to her husband, "You know I was a fool when I married you."

He replied, "Yes dear, but I was in love and didn't notice."

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Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married and she didn't have to hear how well his mother cooked.

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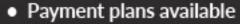
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