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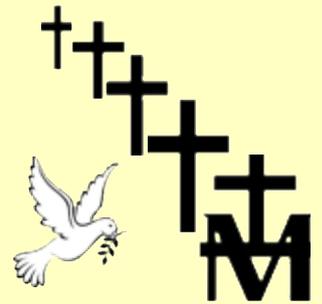
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From the Vicar ...



“After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone.”

Matthew 14:23

When I was looking through my letter from last year, I saw that I had used this Bible verse. I did not realise quite how much time that we would be alone over the year that followed. We've had time to pray, we've had time to be frustrated with God and we've had time to thank God for what we have. Lent is here again, a time for prayer and self-reflection. This Lent I am looking forward to the day when we can be together for worship and prayer rather than us all being apart.

Lent is a time to see the wonder of God in the world and hopefully pass this on to others. It is a time for giving up something to help us think about where God is in our lives. I have been thinking about the past year when we have had a fast of seeing our family and friends and where God has been in that. Sometimes God can feel very far away when we either cannot make plans to see our family, or even worse, have our plans scuppered, as happened to many people over Christmas.

Some people may ask where God has been over this past year and why did God let this happen? I think the story of Jesus in the wilderness helps us to remember that God understands our loneliness. (There are many other characters in the Bible who have coped with loneliness and this is the topic of our Lent course.) Forty days of no food and not seeing anyone, or very few people, meant that Jesus was very vulnerable when He was tempted by the devil. How much did He long for that piece of bread? If He had not resisted temptation then He would not have been ready to start His ministry. We too are tempted to see our family and friends. If we do not resist temptation then we too may not be ready to get back to some sort of normality as the virus will continue to spread easily.

God did not let this happen, viruses occur and mutate, it is part of nature which continually evolves. There are good things and bad things in nature and they are always competing with one another. There are good things and bad things which happen in our lives, all competing for our time, God helps us deal with them, and gives us comfort and support when we need it. The Devil tempted Jesus and Jesus overcame him. The scientists are overcoming the virus and helping us make antibodies by the use of vaccines - good is overcoming bad.

Part of our church life will never be the same again. On the plus side we have Zoom, this has been something that has helped keep us connected and allowed us to be together virtually for the services. It is not the perfect solution, but it is better than nothing. One thing that has been said to me is that participants have enjoyed seeing people's faces rather than the back of their heads, it just shows how vital human contact is in our lives.

Another positive note is that I have had some wonderful conversations with people over the past year. Some people have continually been very positive, and seeing the good in their particular situation. Others understandably, are struggling with the repetitive returns of lockdown.

We have no idea how long lockdown will last for, but I hope that during Lent we can think of some positive things that have come out of it. I am asking for ideas and thoughts that inspire you to see God at work so that other people can be inspired too. This may be a Bible verse, a picture or something that you have created yourself. God is there. This Lent, let us think about where we find God and then help others find God and see His glory too.

Every blessing for March

Margaret

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3.00pm session starts

4.00pm close with the Grace

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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 5TH MARCH

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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

Due to the restrictions imposed upon us during the pandemic, we will not be able to meet on 5th 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
Children's
Society**

Formerly known as The Church of England Children's Society, the CS, is a UK charity, allied to the Church of England. Its aims are to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people, and to create a positive shift in social attitudes towards them. We as a parish have supported it for many years both through direct donations, and through individual collection boxes which are held by parishioners and in which loose change can be collected.

During the present pandemic and resulting lockdown, vulnerable young people have suffered particularly by being trapped at home with abusive adults, cut off from essential mental health and peer support, or with families driven into poverty, struggling to afford basics like food and heating.

If you wish to support this very worthwhile cause, collection boxes are available from me, or you can donate either on line at childrenssociety.org.uk, or by calling the Society direct on 0300 303 7000.

Alternatively you can do so by post to:

The Children's Society
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I have donation and gift aid forms, and would be happy to forward cheques, payable to The Children's Society, on your behalf if that's easier.

Ian Peel 01347 823548

INSPIRING EACH OTHER



After a year of giving up on seeing family and friends, I am asking that people do something to help others spiritually. We are looking for a poem, or some prose, or a picture of something that you have made or something that inspires you. Maybe you can suggest a book to read and say why you found it helpful.

I would like to put some of these with inspirational ideas on the website or I may incorporate them into Good Friday's service. If you have anything, please could you email them to me at vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org as soon as you have it and no later than Palm Sunday.

Margaret

SERVICES AND EVENTS: MARCH 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



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).

1st and 3rd 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 MARCH 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 – 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](https://www.facebook.com/easingwoldraskelfanglican)

The screenshot shows the website's header with the following elements:

- Support us at give.net with logos for VISA, MASTERCARD, and AMERICAN EXPRESS.
- Find us on Facebook.
- Diocese of York Easingwold Deanery logo.
- THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND logo.
- A search bar with the text "Site Search".

The main banner features two photographs of churches: St. John the Baptist on the left and All Saints on the right. Below the banner is a navigation menu with buttons for: Home, Parish Magazine, About Us, Life Events, Parish Room Hire, Diary, Young People, Contact Us, and Useful Links.

Below the navigation menu, the text reads: *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 March

Lent 3

Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Exodus 5:1-6:1
Matthew 10:16-22

14th March

Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2:1-10
2 Corinthians 1:3-7
John 19:25-27

Exodus 2:6-13
Romans 5:1-11

21st March

Lent 5—Passiontide begins

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Exodus 7:8-24
Romans 5:12-21

28th March

Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms

John 12:12-16 (read outside)
Romans 4:13-3-end

Isaiah 3:1-7
Micah 12:1-12

Liturgy of the Passion

Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47



From the Registers

Funeral

25th February—Wilf Davies

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

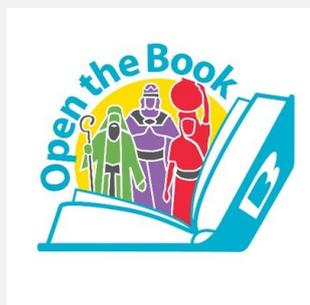
In accordance with the current restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the PCC has agreed to close our churches for ordinary services until further notice.

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

An Easter assembly is being planned for
16th or 17th March 2021 (if circumstances allow)
Details to be confirmed

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 within the area bounded by Uppleby, Spring Street & Crabmill Lane
- ◆ Those who use the cricket ground, tennis courts, bowling green & Memorial Park
- ◆ Those who work at, or visit, the Health Centre; district nurses and chiropodists; all those struggling with dementia and those who care for them
- ◆ Those in Raskelf who live in Westmoor Lane & its associated roads

WILF DAVIES

1926-2021

Born in Sunderland, Wilf trained to be a teacher at St John's College but six months before the course ended, he was called up for National Service in the RAF. He later became a remedial gymnast involved with air crew crash victims and polio patients. When demobbed, he returned to St John's for six months to complete his training and then joined Carnegie College of Physical Education where he met Maureen at a dance. In 1954 he joined the staff at the newly opened Easingwold Grammar/Modern School. Within a few months, he and Maureen were married and they set up home in Easingwold.

After twelve years, they moved away from Easingwold whilst Wilf enjoyed a Sabbatical for an Advanced Study in Physical Education at Leeds University followed by a year at Edge Hill College of Education and then to Gipsy College of Education Kingston on Thames. On returning to Easingwold in 1981, Wilf and Maureen soon became involved with the church, Meals on Wheels, St Monica's Hospital, raising funds for the purchase of the Galtres Centre, and enjoying the friendship of so many people.

Peter Glossop, a family friend, remembers that whenever one met Wilf and Maureen, you were struck always by their unshakeable bond of love, their care and concern for each other and their enjoyment of each other's company. Wilf took pride in being a son of the North East and was a great raconteur; never short of something to say and was always interesting to listen to. He took an interest in the world around him, whether natural, political, social or religious and he invariably had an opinion to share on these subjects. In Wilf you had a man of firm principles and beliefs, and sharp intellect. He was a true friend who will live long in the memory of those who were privileged to know him.

Ian Peel on behalf the U3A recalls Wilf always enjoying the events held in the Parish Rooms – especially the food which he really appreciated. Allan and Joan Green have very happy memories of 17 years of holidays with Wilf and Maureen in the Lake District.

Gerald Edmondson Jones remembers their first meeting when this “tall gentleman, who led the congregational singing of the hymns and psalms in a wonderfully rich and rounded musical voice” introduced himself after the service so beginning a friendship lasting 40 years.

About 30 years ago, Wilf was one of the leading lights who persuaded the Further Education people that, instead of a new night class, the elderly retired men in Easingwold would quite like to learn cookery. So began the Friday cookery mornings in the old Askham Bryan building behind the school, long since demolished and replaced by housing.

Gerald speaks on behalf of many when he says that it is with great sadness that Coronavirus prevented us from paying our respects and bidding Wilf a final farewell in church.

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.

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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.

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(Easingwold and District Community Care)

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

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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.



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"Two women called at my door and asked what bread I ate," said one woman to another. "When I said white, they gave me a lecture on the benefits of eating brown bread... I think they were both Hovis Witnesses!"

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ENLIGHTENING EPITAPHS

When we see RIP on a headstone, don't think "Rest in Peace", think "Rejoicing in Paradise"

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