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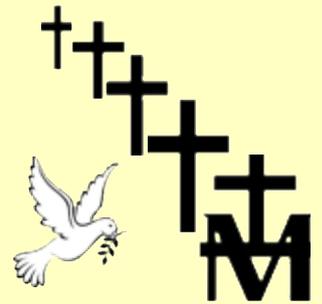
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“There is a time for everything and a reason for every activity under the heavens”.

Ecclesiastes 3.1

The first two months of this year have been a difficult time for us in the parish with the passing of John Kilburn, Brian Goodyear and Barbara Twigg. Let us thank God for their lives and for the good that they did and trust Him to be with their families and friends as they grieve.

March this year covers most of Lent, a time of reflection and a time to put ourselves before God with forty days of prayer, repentance, almsgiving and self-denial. It is a time to connect with Jesus and remember that He not only taught His disciples how to pray but that He also needed time to pray.

I am reminded of the words of a Catholic nun friend of mine who says, “Lent isn’t supposed to be easy”. It’s a time to remember how Christ took up His cross and died for us; it wasn’t something that He needed to do for Himself but He chose to do it for us. It’s a time to think about our relationship with Christ and think about what He did for us and what we would do for Him.

Fasting is common along with giving up of luxuries but it is not what you give up for Lent that is important, it is what you take up. Sometimes, everyday life makes it difficult to hear what God is saying to us; He may feel distant when we need His help. Sacrificing luxuries may just give us the time and space we need with God through prayer or reading of the Bible to hear Him more clearly. Being more disciplined in daily prayer, attending a church service other than your usual one or reading inspiring novels of Saints’ lives can be other ways.

Going back to Ecclesiastes chapter 3, verse 6 tells us that there is **“a time to search and a time to give up”**. Let us take time during this Lent to search for Jesus and to give up on everything that keeps us from Him.

Every blessing for March,

LENT COURSE 2023

**Beginning on Tuesday, 28th February 2023
at 2.30pm in Easingwold Parish Church, Church Hill**

with a showing of the film 'Rocketman'

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Books for the course cost £6.35 or on Kindle for £2.99



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH

2.15PM

AT EASINGWOLD PARISH CHURCH

The service has been prepared by the women of Taiwan

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Please keep England, Wales & Northern Ireland in your prayers

We encourage women to plan ecumenically for the World Day of Prayer, promoting prayerful living and worship for men, women and young people and helping raise awareness of the lives and concerns of others throughout the world, especially those who write the service.

For more information about the World Day of Prayer, visit <https://www.wwdp.org.uk>

EASINGWOLD CHORAL EVENSONG IN 2023

PALM SUNDAY - 2ND APRIL AT 4PM

A devotion for Holy Week using the music from the RSCM Cross of Christ
(rehearsals on 31st March at 7.30pm and 2nd April at 3pm)

SUNDAY 4TH JUNE AT 4PM

Choral Evensong (rehearsal 2nd June at 7.30pm)

Peter Smith is organising these events, please do get in touch with him if you would like to be involved so that he is able to share details of rehearsals and music with you.

Peter can be contacted at: petersmith41@btinternet.com

PARISH PASSES FOR YORK MINSTER

Any member of the Parish who wishes to use the scheme may obtain a digital pass from the PCC Secretary. The pass is valid for one person for one visit only and it is no longer necessary to make a reservation for a specific date or time.

Visiting and closure times are on the York Minster website: <http://www.yorkminster.org>
or by telephoning 01904 557275

Entry is by the fast track lane at the West Entrance.

***Parish passes are obtainable from the PCC Secretary
Email: hazelhenebury@aol.co.uk or phone 01347 239178***



Christians Together Men's Breakfast

(formerly St John the Baptist Men's Group)

At our February meeting Dr Phil Hasnip, who is a Research Fellow at the University of York, presented a sequel to his previous talk about Science and the Bible which was very thought provoking.

The next men's breakfast meeting is to be held at **10am on Saturday 11th March** after the Christians Together prayer meeting. The meeting is to be held in Morning Coffee Afternoon Tea, Long Street Easingwold. Anyone is welcome to join us for breakfast and a time of fellowship. We meet in the restaurant area [turn left when you come in through the front door and continue to the far area of the restaurant].

If you would like to join us then please just come along or, if you would like further details, please contact me, **David Brown**, at david@dkbassociates.co.uk or on **07789 900 939**.

How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity
(Psalm 133v1)

Christian Meditation

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

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 mantra such as "Maranatha" (Come Lord Jesus). This has 4 beats and fits a breathing in and out (said twice). Others, or no mantras, are used - but not spoken. 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

SERVICES AND EVENTS: MARCH 2023

To contact Rev'd Margaret Young, tel: 01347 821394
or email: vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org

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 5th March —Evening Prayer at 4.00pm

Sunday 12th March —Family Service at 4.30pm

Sunday 19th March— Mothering Sunday Service at 10.30am

Tuesday 28th March—Café Church at 7.00pm



Mothers' Union

Thursday 16th March at 10am

Communion followed by Coffee in the Parish Church

All welcome



Children's Church Services at Easingwold

LITTLE SEEDS

for 4 to 9 year olds

Thursdays at 3.45pm

in the Parish Church

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for 10+ year olds

Fridays at 3.45pm

at the Vicarage

Craft — Singing — Drama—Bible Stories — Prayers

Please ring Vicar Margaret on 01347 821394 for more details or just turn up

WOMEN'S GROUP

“GROUP OF EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN”

A very informal group looking at ways to help one another and the community
meeting in the Parish Church, Easingwold

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month 7.00-9.00pm

March dates: 2nd and 16th

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Wednesday 1st March:

Lite Bite Lunch at the Old Black Bull at 12 noon

Sunday 5th March: Holy Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 19th March: Holy Communion at 9.30am



CHILDREN ALWAYS WELCOME

ADVANCE NOTICE

EASTER SERVICE SUNDAY 9TH APRIL AT 10.30AM

EASTER EGG HUNT AND REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW AFTER THE SERVICE

CHURCH SERVICES

1st Sunday:	<i>Easingwold</i>	9.00 am Holy Communion
		10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns
		4.00 pm Evening Prayer/Evensong
	<i>Raskelf</i>	9.30 am Holy Communion with hymns
2nd Sunday:	<i>Easingwold</i>	9.00 am Holy Communion
		10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns
		4.30 pm Family Service
3rd Sunday:	<i>Easingwold</i>	9.00 am Holy Communion
		10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns
	<i>Raskelf</i>	9.30 am Holy Communion with hymns
4th Sunday:	<i>Easingwold</i>	9.00 am Holy Communion
		10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns
5th Sunday:	<i>Easingwold</i>	9.00 am Holy Communion
		10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns

Weekdays in Easingwold:

4th Tuesday	7.00 pm Café Church—for those exploring faith
Wednesday	9.00 am Holy Communion
1st & 3rd Thursdays	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 + (term time)



Readings

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

5th March

Genesis 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

Lent 2

Evening Prayer

Numbers 21:4-9
Luke 14:27-33

12th March

Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Lent 3

Joshua 1:1-9
Ephesians 6:10-20

19th March

1 Samuel 1:20-28
Luke 2:33-35

Lent 4—Mothering Sunday—Family Service

Micah 7
James 5

26th March

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Lent 5

Lamentations 3:19-33
Matthew 20:17-34

BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday 7th March 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.



From the Registers

Funerals

16th February: George Brian Goodyear

20th February: Roy Hill

22nd February: Anna Barbara Twigg

23rd February: George Anthony Mallender



Christians Together

United in prayer for the Community of Easingwold

Saturday 11th March

**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”

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer is at the heart of what the church offers to the community, and the prayer corner 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 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

Open The Book at Easingwold Primary School

Forthcoming dates:

2nd March: On the Road to Damascus – Module 1

16th March: Mistaken for Gods – Module 1

30th March: Prison Praise – Module 1



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

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKES IN TURKEY AND SYRIA

God of mercy,
We pray for the people of Türkiye and Syria
following the recent earthquakes.
We mourn the death and destruction.
and pray for those who have died and those who grieve.

Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

We hold in our hearts those who are injured,
and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods, and homes.

Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster.
Grant those affected courage and resilience,
as they rebuild their lives and communities.

Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

Inspire us to unite in solidarity,
acting swiftly and generously,
so that help may reach all who need it.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

Amen.

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/turkey-and-syria-earthquake-prayer>

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP NOTES

We are all encouraged to read the Bible to help us in our spiritual journey. Where do we start? It is quite daunting. This is where the Bible Reading Fellowship can help us. 'New Daylight' is a daily reading of a short section from the Bible with an explanation of the reading. This helps the reader to understand it, and it makes life easier for us because we don't have to find it in the Bible ourselves.

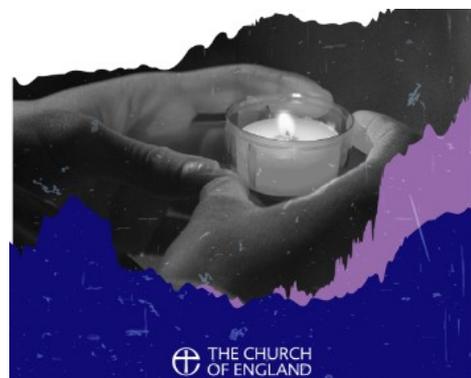
Please contact Gina, either in Church or by phone. (01347 823843). She can show you examples, and, if you decide you would like to try it, she will order it for you and deliver it. It only costs £13.80 a year for 365 daily readings – less than 4p a day.

Gina Smith - 01347 823843—BRF Co-ordinator

A Prayer for Ukraine

*God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk
and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.*

*Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell*



EDCCA



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.

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