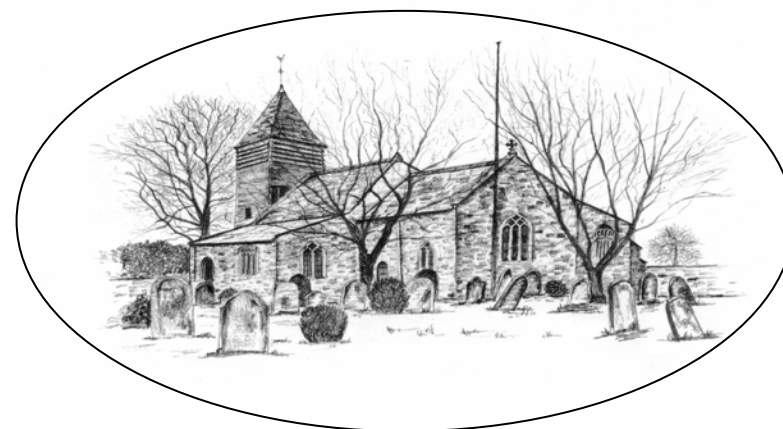


EASINGWOLD with RASKELF
PARISH NEWS



St John the Baptist & All Saints, Easingwold



St Mary the Virgin, Raskelf

May 2013

20p



BIBLE READINGS-MAY

5th	10.30am	Acts	Ch.16	Vv. 9-15	EASTER 5
		Revelation	Ch.21	Vv.10,22-22.5	
		John	Ch.14	Vv.23-29	
	6.30pm	Zephaniah	Ch.3	Vv.14-20	
9th	7.30pm	Daniel	Ch.7	Vv. 9-14	ASCENSION DAY
		Acts	Ch.1	Vv. 1-11	
		Luke	Ch.24	Vv.44-53	
12th	10.30am	Acts	Ch.16	Vv.16-34	1st after ASCENSION
		Revelation	Ch.22	Vv.12-14,16-17,20-21	
		John	Ch.17	Vv.20-26	
	6.30pm	Ephesians	Ch.4	Vv. 7-16	
		Luke	Ch.24	Vv.44-53	
19th	10.30am	Acts	Ch.2	Vv. 1-21	PENTECOST
		Romans	Ch.8	Vv.14-17	
		John	Ch.14	Vv. 8-17	
	6.30pm	2 Corinthians	Ch.3	Vv. 4-18	
		John	Ch.16	Vv.4b-15	
26th	10.30am	Proverbs	Ch.8	Vv.1-4,22-31	TRINITY SUNDAY
		Romans	Ch.5	Vv. 1-5	
		John	Ch.16	Vv.12-15	
	6.30pm	Exodus	Ch.3	Vv. 1-15	
		John	Ch.3	Vv. 1-17	

Spring



Each year we have an important decision to make -when do we start to cut the grass. The answer can vary quite a lot. Sometimes, after a mild winter, the first lawn mower can be heard as early as January, but we try to ignore such people and tell ourselves we can leave it a little while longer. This year we've got away with a much later date because

of the cold weather. The first day of spring may officially be the 21st of March, but it certainly didn't feel like it, with snow still on the ground and sharp overnight frosts.

If the weather is unpredictable, then life in general is much more so. Who knows what tomorrow may bring? So when the New Testament talks about God being the same yesterday, today and for ever, it doesn't mean that for Christians nothing will change. Throughout our life's journey we constantly change -we grow and mature -and the same is true of our journey of faith. Our relationship with God is a two way process and even if God remains constant we certainly don't. Perhaps it would be better to understand the Bible text as meaning that no matter what happens to us, God can be trusted and relied upon, that even when we are unfaithful, he is not. We can never be quite sure when spring will begin, but we can be sure it will come. God will always be there for us, even when we try to keep him at a distance.

John Harrison

In aid UNICEF Syria Crisis Appeal

WHIT-SUNDAY LUNCH: MAY 19th

Choice of cold meat and salads & selection puddings

Soft drinks & tea/coffee for £10.00

12noon—2.00pm in parish Rooms

Over 1.3 million people have fled the horrific violence in Syria, half of them children—and every day thousands more terrified boys and girls pour over the border to join them. These children have experienced fear and abuse that no child should have to go through. It's wrong that even one child should suffer like this. UNICEF is working round the clock to provide children with clean water, food, medical care and warm clothing. But our resources are at breaking point and we need extra funding to continue essential work with families.

Innocent families need our help urgently

Mothers' Union



Mothers' Union cards will be available for sale after the 10.30am service on the last Sunday of the month. This month's **MU meeting** is on Wednesday May 8th and the speaker is Canon Robert Law on "Tales of the Unexpected". The **MU Communion** is at 10am on Thursday

18th this month (change of date due to **MU Quiet Day** at Sutton on the Forest on Thursday 23rd from 10am to 3pm). We will also be hosting a visit from Northallerton MU on Tuesday 28th, meeting in church from

WELCOME PACKS

Has anyone new recently moved near to you? Could you put a Welcome Pack through their door inviting them to come to church or even call and introduce yourself.

These packs contain leaflets about the Parish, Methodist and Community churches, as well as a street plan of Easingwold and a leaflet with lots of detailed local information—just the thing somebody new to the area would find useful.

Copies of the Welcome Pack are available at the back of the church, or contact Michael Wansborough (01347-822166) if you need more.

From the Registers

Baptisms

2nd April Emma Helen Teresa Snowdon

21st April Riley Luke Elsworth

Funerals

2nd April Norman Goodin

3rd April Mildred Whiteley

9th April Mary Shaw

15th April Agnes Bell

17th April Marie Toase

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

WEDNESDAY MAY 1st

LITE BITE LUNCH, Old Black Bull, Raskelf 12 noon

SUNDAY MAY 5th (no Service May 12th)

COMMUNION 9.10am

SUNDAY MAY 19th (PENTECOST)

FAMILY COMMUNION 10.30am

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 to join the chain, know more about it or have someone you want to be prayed for, please contact the Vicar or Chris Peel. Please include in your prayers this month:



1. All who live in the town centre.
2. The Galtres Centre-staff, volunteers and all activities
3. The shops, businesses & all who work in the town centre serving the whole community.
4. The Green and all surrounding farms in Raskelf.

Happy birthday Laurence Sterne!

Laurence Sterne was born in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on 24 November 1713, making this year the 300th anniversary of his birth and a cause for celebration.

But what is there about this man that we should celebrate? His reputation is certainly chequered and somewhat controversial. The *Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman* is one of the most brilliant, extraordinary, comical, poetic, philosophical and entertaining novels in the history of English literature, so perhaps that's one good reason to hang out the bunting. But should a vicar be writing a novel that begins with a confession by the hero that the troubles and misfortunes of his life are a direct result of his parents' lack of concentration at the point of his conception?

His sermons, delivered in the churches of Sutton-on-the-Forest, Stillington, Coxwold, York Minster, St. Michael-le-Belfrey and in London and Paris are fascinating insights into the language of the 3-decker pulpit and the box-pew. The fact that he used a pseudonym to promote the sales of his sermons is perhaps questionable. When first offered on sale in London the sermons were advertised as being written by 'Mr Yorick', the fictional parson in *Tristram Shandy*. Should a vicar be promoting his sermons using a fictional identity? Is this proper?

On his grave-marker, transported from London and now in the porch of the church in Coxwold, it is recorded that

V^o Was a Vicar who smolt'd and drank frog.



'Sterne was the man, who, with gigantic stride / Mow'd down luxuriant follies far and wide.' The inscription goes on to tell us that, despite his intelligence and his understanding of human nature, he was 'Ridicul'd, abus'd / By fools insulted, and by prudes accus'd'.

Patrick Wildgust, Curator, Shandy Hall

- iShandy - York Theatre Royal (19 April - 11 May)
- 'Cocks & Bulls' Painting and Drawings by Tom Wood - Shandy Hall Gallery (28 April - 9 June)
- Studio Talk: Martin Rowson - York Theatre Royal (29 April)
- Portrait and Still-life Painting workshops with artist Tom Wood (during May)
- Benefice Service - St Michael's Church, Coxwold - Jesus College, Cambridge Choir (7 July)

Further details 01347 868465 or visit www.laurencesternetrust.org.uk

- **Childrens' Society**....Gill Wansborough is calling in all boxes half-yearly this time and asks that they should either be brought to church or taken to Tempo (behind the Post Office) when you can take a new one. If you would like to know how much you have collected, please put your name on the bottom.
- **Parish Annual Meetings** were held on April 17th at which reports were presented about the activities and finances of the church during 2012. Diane Gallon and Alan Summerscales were re-elected as churchwardens, Laura Varney was elected to fill the vacancy on Deanery Synod and Doreen Hayes, Juliette Jennings and Michael Wansborough were elected to the PCC.
- **Fairtrade & Friendship** coffee morning will be held at the Methodist church on May 31st with a well stocked stall of foodstuffs all sourced from Fairtrade suppliers and a gift stall manned by the Boot Shop.
- **The Stroke Club** meets on May 15th for a demonstration on summer baskets given by Chris Brown of Brown's Nurseries . That's at Springhill Court from 2.00pm-4.00pm.
- **Jars of Change** raised £215.00 for *Water Aid* this year . Thanks to all who helped.

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

Bible reading notes are a good way to get started on reading the Bible. With only a short passage to read each day you do not need to put aside a lot of time and the commentaries will help you to understand the passage and apply it to your own life. BRF publishes three different series, for more details please contact Mrs Joan Green on 01347-821389

Our website: <http://www.visit-easingwold.com/easingwold-church>

SERVICES AND EVENTS

MAY 2013

ENQUIRIES about baptisms, weddings, etc. - please ring the Vicar or call at the Vicarage.

Sunday School meets during the 10.30am service in Easingwold church

Midday Prayers are said every Monday at 12 noon in Easingwold Church



Wed 1st 9.00am Communion
10.00am Communion at Park Close
12noon Raskelf Lunch at Old Black Bull

SUN 5th EASTER 6

8.00am Holy Communion
9.10am Holy Communion at Raskelf
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
2.00pm Baptism
6.30pm Evensong

Wed 8th 9.00am Communion
7.30pm Mothers' Union Parish Rooms

THUR 9th ASCENSION DAY

7.30pm SUNG EUCHARIST
followed by Open House at the Vicarage

Fri 10th 7.00pm Admission of Churchwardens
York Minster

SUN 12th SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

8.00am Holy Communion
No Service at Raskelf this week
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

2.00pm Baptism
6.30pm Evensong

Wed 15th 9.00am Communion
7.30pm PCC Parish Rooms

Sat 18th 2.30pm Wedding

SUN 19th PENTECOST

8.00am Holy Communion
9.10am Holy Communion at Raskelf
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
10.30am Family Communion at Raskelf
Whit Lunch Parish Rooms
6.30pm Evensong

Wed 22nd 9.00am Communion

SUN 26th TRINITY SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30pm Evensong

Thur 24th 10.00am MU Communion and Coffee

JUNE

SUN 2nd CORPUS CHRISTI

8.00am Holy Communion
9.10am Holy Communion at Raskelf
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30pm Evensong