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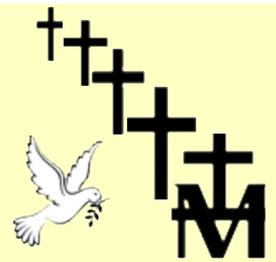




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From the Vicar . . .



Ascension Day will soon be upon us. It is one of the major Christian Festivals which tradition has it that we attend church. This puts it in the same bracket as Easter and Christmas. It is the day that Jesus leaves earth to be with His heavenly Father.

We hear the story of the Ascension through Luke and his writings in Acts but John also gives us insights into the Ascension. There are three references. Jesus says, (John 3:13) "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven." Also, "What if you (the disciples) were to see the Son of Man ascending where He was before?" (John 6:62); and to Mary Magdalene after His resurrection, "Do not hold me, for I not yet ascended to my Father..." (John 20:17).

At the Ascension, Jesus took His place at the right hand of God in Heaven as we state in the Creed. This marks the beginning of Christ's heavenly rule. Many artists have used the Ascension as a theme for their works. Copyright prohibits me from adding certain pictures to this text but many of the images are of white blonde men. This was very unlikely to be the case. We don't know what Christ looked like at the Ascension, modern day artists have tried to address the balance and we are more likely to see authentic looking people in Biblical pictures. I wonder how we as a nation have been affected by what we see.

Michelangelo's "The Last Supper" depicts Christ in Italian dress eating Italian food and only with male companions, this was unlikely to be the case. He would have worn Middle Eastern clothing and eaten Middle Eastern food and there is no reason why there weren't women and children with Him for His last meal.

In Acts we are told that Jesus was taken up to heaven and the clouds hid Him from sight. We are not told how He was taken up to heaven but again there has been artistic interpretation that He ascended on a cloud.

Sometimes in order to see Christ we have to ignore the pictures and the films with their own artistic interpretation. We need to look at the Bible to see what our own interpretation is. Our ideas will probably be just as accurate as famous paintings that we know. We know that Christ ascended into heaven and He promised a special gift to those who were left on earth.

We may not know exact details of how Jesus ascended, and it doesn't matter that we don't have this information. What is important is that Jesus came, died and rose again for us. This Ascension is a time to celebrate the end of Christ's physical body here on earth and to get ready for the wonderful gift that He is going to send.

Every blessing this Ascension,

Margaret

'Heaven and Earth'

by
Ian David Hole

*(Written when his mother passed away,
Sung to the tune of: 'In Heavenly Love Abiding')*



*When heaven and earth are separate
And life is not complete;
When the sands of time keep shifting
And death we have to meet;
Take courage from the knowledge
There is no death at all;
For God is always with you
And he will conquer all.*

*When words of love have left you
And sorrow takes control;
When sympathy means nothing
And life has lost its goal;
Remember Christ our Saviour
When death he had to face;
Forgave those who despised him,
and rose to God with grace.*

PALM SUNDAY WALK (WITH DONKEYS)!

To commemorate Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered Jerusalem at the start of Holy Week, the Churches Together in Easingwold & District (CTED) organised a short event in the afternoon. We were joined by Pete and Maggie Snowden, who very kindly brought along donkeys Thomas and Bess to add an air of authenticity to our procession!



We assembled at Easingwold Parish Church where we were welcomed by Rev'd Margaret Young. We heard the Gospel story from St Matthew of how Jesus predicted his death, read by Sue Thorn, before singing the hymn: "Ride on, Ride on in Majesty". We then followed the donkeys down to the Galtres Centre, where Janet Crane from the Community Church read the account of the procession into Jerusalem from St Matthew's Gospel, which was followed by the hymn "Thou didst leave Thy Throne".

We continued to the Methodist Chapel, where Brian Taylor read from St. John's Gospel about Jesus praying for Himself, before we sang the hymn "Hosanna in the Highest". We finished at the Catholic Church with prayers led by Mary Melling, and the hymn "All Glory, Laud and Honour", followed by a Blessing by Rev'd Margaret. All the hymns were accompanied by Margaret on her piccolo.



We were luckily blessed with fine weather, though there was a very cold wind, so we were very grateful for the warming tea and biscuits provided by the Catholic ladies! Meanwhile Thomas and Bess enjoyed a snack of the Priory garden grass!

Michael Wansborough

MEN IN SHEDS



Easingwold District Community Care Association (EDCCA), has launched a new Community Initiative in Easingwold for local residents and the surrounding areas. It is called **Men in Sheds** and will be joining nearly 500 established groups located across the UK who are part of the rapidly expanding **Men in Sheds** concept. In 2013 there were only five, so the question is what is this all about and why is it so popular?

After retirement or when personal circumstances change it is common to feel a little at a loss and to miss workmates, friendships, relationships and banter. **Men in Sheds** is all about providing a community space for groups of predominately older men, who would like to re-build social connections. Its aim is to give you the opportunity to enjoy the company of others, talking, sharing, creating and doing something practical. The whole idea is to have a reason to bring people together.

Men in Sheds activities are decided by the group. Some groups are involved in D.I.Y, making, mending and repairing all sorts of items, big and small. Other groups enjoy gardening and managing an allotment where they can grow fruit and vegetables. In Easingwold you can do both.

EDCCA has raised the funds to provide two different facilities for you to use, at no cost to yourself:

- ◇ They have acquired an allotment at Stillington Road and are in the process of building a large shed on the site.
- ◇ With huge thanks to the management team at Easingwold's Youth Centre COZIE, you can also use the facilities of this building during the day as the young people usually would not be at the Centre until late afternoon.

Some men will have skills they can share and some will learn new skills through being involved. Fundamentally it is about enjoying your day with likeminded people and sharing experiences.

Men in Sheds Easingwold gives you the opportunity to meet up with others, put the kettle on and get involved in a whole range of gardening related projects at the allotment and the shed or use your DIY and practical skills at COZIE.

Whatever the activity, **Men in Sheds** is not just about the allotment and the building. It is about the relationships and companionship that develops between the groups.

To find out more and decide if you would like to get involved do please contact us:

Helen Lambert at EDCCA - 01347 822875 or email info@edcca.org.uk

Alan Hake at COZIE - 07535 242372





SERVICES AND EVENTS:

May 2019

To contact the 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

Wed 1st	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	12 noon	Lite Bite Lunch at The Old Black Bull, Raskelf
Thurs 2nd	7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice
Fri 3rd	3.00 pm	Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre
	3.45 pm	Ignite for primary school-age children in Parish Church Rooms

Sunday 5th

Third Sunday of Easter

8.00 am	Holy Communion
9.10 am	Raskelf Eucharist
10.30 am	Parish Church with Church Mice
6.30 pm	Evensong

Mon 6th	4.00 pm	No choir practice
	6.00 pm	No JAM at the Cozie Centre (Jesus and Me)
Tues 7th	10.00 am	Bible conversation at 11 Whiteoak Avenue—All welcome
	3.00 pm	Springhill Court Holy Communion
Wed 8th	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Thurs 9th	7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice
Fri 10th	3.00 pm	Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre
	3.45 pm	Ignite for primary school-age children in Parish Church Rooms

Sunday 12th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am No Raskelf Family Service
10.30 am Parish Eucharist with Church Mice

Mon 13th 4.00 pm Choir practice
6.00 pm JAM at the Cozie Centre (Jesus and Me)

Wed 15th 9.00 am Holy Communion

Thurs 16th 7.30 pm Bell ringing practice

Fri 17th 3.00 pm Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre
3.45 pm Ignite for Primary School-age children in Parish Church Rooms
7.30 pm Jubilate concert

Sunday 19th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00 am No Holy Communion
9.10 am Raskelf Eucharist
10.30 am Parish Eucharist with Church Mice
6.30 pm Evensong

Mon 20th 4.00 pm Choir practice
6.00 pm JAM at the Cozie Centre (Jesus and Me)

Wed 22nd 9.00 am Holy Communion

Thurs 23rd 7.30 pm Bell ringing practice

Fri 24th 3.00 pm Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre
3.45 pm Ignite for Primary School-age children in Parish Church Rooms

Sat 25th 1.00 pm Wedding: Howcroft & Johanson

Sunday 26th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Eucharist

Mon 27th 4.00 pm No choir practice
6.00 pm No JAM at the Cozie Centre (Jesus and Me)

Wed 29th 9.00 am Holy Communion

Thurs 30th 10.00 am Mothers' Union Communion and Coffee—All welcome
7.30 pm Ascension Day Service

Readings

5th May Acts 9: 1-6 Revelation 5: 11-14 John 21: 1-19	3rd Sunday of Easter	Evensong Isaiah 38: 9-20 John 11: 27-44
12th May Acts 9: 36-43 Revelation 7: 9-17 John 10: 22-30	4th Sunday of Easter	Evensong @ Methodists
19th May Acts 11: 1-18 Revelation 21: 1-16 John 13: 31-35	5th Sunday of Easter	Evensong Daniel 6: 6-23 Mark 15: 46; 16: 8
26th May Acts 16: 9-15 John 5: 1-9	6th Sunday of Easter	No Evensong
30th May Acts 1: 1-11 Luke 24: 44-end	Ascension Day	

From the Registers

Baptisms — None

Weddings— None

Funerals

24th April—Christine Pearce (Crematorium, Bishopthorpe)



The Church
Mice



Children are very welcome on any Sunday

You are invited to our Sunday School for ages 3-11,
which continues on **May 5th, 12th and 19th**
at St John the Baptist & All Saints Church, Church Hill, Easingwold
Many activities – Learning through the Bible



ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Wednesday 1st May	12 noon	Lite Bite Lunch, Old Black Bull
Sunday 5th May	9.10am	Eucharist
Sunday 12th May		NO SERVICE
Sunday 19th May	9:10am	Eucharist

Open The Book at Easingwold Primary School

9th and 23rd May

6th and 20th June



Mothers' Union Communion and Coffee

Thursday 30th May 10am
at the Parish Church

All welcome



Please note, the date has change to the fifth Thursday because of the trip to Iona

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 prayers for yourself or another, in church or on our confidential Prayer Circle, please contact Deacon Lottie Cranfield on 824399.

Please include in your prayers this month:

1. All who live in Easingwold town centre
2. The Galtres Centre – staff, volunteers and all activities; those who litter pick; those responsible for the flower tubs and hanging baskets around the town
3. The shops, cafes, pubs, offices, library, dentists, undertakers in the town centre serving the whole community
4. Raskelf Gymkhana – all who work hard to make it a success

The following poem was submitted by

Bill Luke

It came from a USA Army Airforce newspaper (author unknown).

To quote Bill: "An inspirational piece from a half blind, half deaf 95 year old, past his sell by date waiting for God is no recommendation. Salesmen were past it at 35." He continues to say (in his covering note) "the thinking is that if you criticise, you may have to sell a better deal."

The name we swear by

It's cruel lad and something worse, to use God's name in idle curse.
It may be thoughtless on your part, but thoughtlessness can break a heart.
By thoughtless, not by cruel men, a life is marred, time and again.
In careless mood men seldom pause, to think what harm their words may cause.

I put it to you straight and plain, you're taking God's own name – in vain.
You say such jargon cuts no ice, then think this over – once or twice.
Whatever did Christ do or say, that you should treat Him in this way?
You use His name in dirty style, as if He were of men – most vile.

Was He a thief or profiteer? Dictator, Cad or Mutineer?
Did He stoop to some low game that broke a Mother's heart with shame?
Was He a black sheep ne'er do well who stole to live or lived to steal?
Did little children scream with fear when Christ the Nazarene drew near?

Did decent women drop the eye, when Christ the carpenter went by?
Did not His very foes admit His grace, sincerity and wit?
And John the Baptist said this too, "he was not fit to tie His shoe",
He lived the cleanest life of all, and dared to face its odds – alone!

Here, take this book and read right on through Matthew, Mark and Luke and John,
Is this the one whose name you dare besmirch each time you curse and swear?
The Christ the finest of the fine and yet, you treat him like a swine.
Come, let us make a solemn vow to cut it out right here and now!

Online Donations



Visitors to our website easingwoldraskelfanglican.org will now see the option to make donations to the Parish via the secure payments portal **give.net**. We have registered with Stewardship, an organisation that has been providing advice, guidance, inspiration and practical tools to churches, secular and Christian charities since 1906.

This is a new venture for us that could provide an additional stream of income. Donations between £1 and £1,000,000 can be made although the higher amount is perhaps a little too optimistic! Give.net will collect the donation, for a small fee of 3%, claim the Gift Aid automatically and transfer the monies to the church's bank account. The Church of England has been promoting a "digital conversion" with cashless donations being available in parishes. Some churches are now allowing contactless card payments due to the declining numbers of people carrying cash. One step at a time!

Tim Young

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 Smith, 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.

OASIS Café at the Methodist Church on Chapel Street Friday 31st May 2019

OASIS is a welcoming place to come and have a relaxed cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate with biscuits and you even get waitress service. Come singly or in a group, the more the merrier. Any profits made will go to the Bradford based charity Christians Against Poverty which is a national organisation specialising in debt counselling for people in financial difficulty, including those in need of bankruptcy or insolvency.

What happens to our rubbish?

The Deanery Care of Environment Group is offering another opportunity to visit

Allerton Waste Recovery Park near Boroughbridge.

The date for the visit will be Tuesday 14th May at 2pm.

5 places remaining.

Please contact Margaret Price 01347 811262 or email margaretprice1@aol.com

(Notice published in the Deanery News, 5th April so places may now be limited)

Notice to all laity in Easingwold Deanery

There is currently a vacancy in this deanery for one lay person to represent us at Diocesan Synod. This vacancy will be filled at our next deanery synod on 11th June.

Any member of an electoral roll within the deanery is eligible to stand for this vacancy. You will need to be proposed and seconded by lay deanery synod reps.

If you would like to know more,
please contact

the Revd Liz Hassall 01347 822809
email: revliz@trundlebug.com

or Mrs Margaret Price 01347 811262
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Eco Top Tips – In the utility room

- ◆ When using a washing machine ensure there is a full load and turn down the temperature. Heating the water to higher temperatures uses more energy.
- ◆ Electric tumble dryers use energy. If it's a nice day dry your clothes outside. In the winter most drying is done by the wind, so check the forecast for wind days and nights as you can hang washing overnight (as there is no dew in the winter).
- ◆ Irons use a lot of electricity to get hot – only iron clothes that really need it.
- ◆ Cut up old clothes or sheets that you were going to throw out, to use as cloths for cleaning jobs rather than buying new cleaning cloths.

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