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*Ascension Day 13th May
Pentecost 23rd May*

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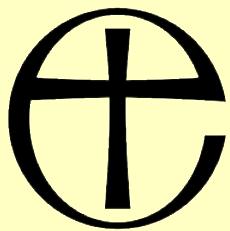
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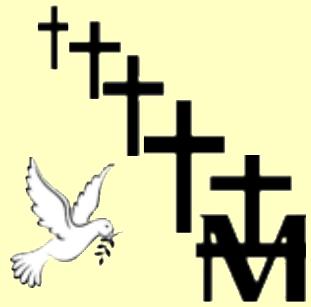
*When you are going through
difficulty and wonder where God
is, remember that the teacher is
always quiet during the test.*



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From the Vicar ...



"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Acts 2:1-4

The Christian calendar allows for many different themes through the year and Pentecost is the time that we remember when God sent His gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples after the Ascension of Jesus. It must have been a scary time for them after Jesus had ascended into heaven and before the Holy Spirit came. The disciples kept together in the upper room, knowing that their leader had left them again but this time they were promised something special, but when would it arrive?

Ten days after the Ascension, the gift from God arrives, like tongues of fire resting on each of them. How did the people in that room feel? There was probably a range of emotions from excitement through to fear. How could they internalise what was going on? At the end of it, they found themselves with abilities that they didn't realise that they had received.

The Holy Spirit had opened up a new world to them, and this new world brought heaven to earth. The Holy Spirit was God living in and amongst them and was the one who was inspiring them to do God's work. They could have said "no" and that they did not want to be part of this new world, but thankfully they didn't. They had no idea how the Holy Spirit would influence their lives but they knew that God's glory was their ultimate goal.

That same Holy Spirit inspires us in our lives too. We all have our own upper rooms where it feels like God has left us. The disciples were waiting for the gift from God but we do not have to wait for that gift as the Holy Spirit is with us. We do not always recognise the voice of the Holy Spirit in our lives, it is easy to ignore the call of God asking us to do something, especially when it might seem a difficult or impossible task. The disciples did not ignore the call of the Holy Spirit and from this they were able to start up the church.

Our job as Christians is to continue the work of the disciples. We never know where being inspired by the Holy Spirit would take us; at the root of it all is showing God's glory in the world.

One of my favourite flowers is the bluebell. Its beautiful blue flowers let us know that spring is really here. It will have taken a few years for the seeds to germinate before any plant begins to grow, it will have appeared as if the seeds would not germinate but with time and patience, we eventually see plants beginning to grow. This reminds me of the church, we, inspired by the Holy Spirit, sow seeds, helping others to be inspired by the Holy Spirit; often it is only years later that the person's faith begins to develop like the flowers of a bluebell.

May the Holy Spirit inspire you to inspire others this May.

Margaret

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place via Zoom
immediately after the morning service on

Sunday 23rd May

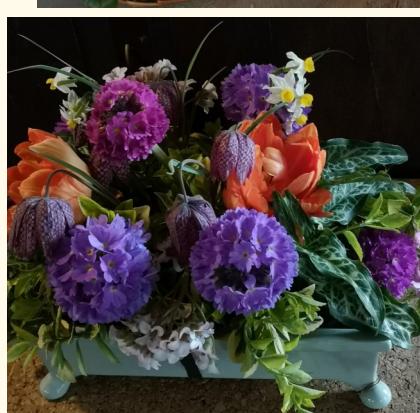
(Please note that the service on that day will begin at the revised time of 10am)

There are vacancies on the PCC so if you feel you would like to become more involved with your church, nomination forms can be obtained from Margaret.

If you are nominating anyone to become a PCC member, please obtain their permission.

**There is also a vacancy for a church warden at Easingwold —
please consider whether you would be able and willing to fill this post**

Easter Flowers at Raskelf Church



Thank you to Lynne Price for
submitting these beautiful
photographs



A PRAYER ON THE DEATH OF HRH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

10TH JUNE 1921 – 9TH APRIL 2021

God of our lives,
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,
for his love of our country,
and for his devotion to duty.

We entrust him now to your love and mercy,
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

A special service marking the death of His late Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, was held in the Parish Church on Saturday 24th April.

During her sermon, Margaret asked, “What are the things that Prince Philip will be remembered for?” with the top three being: The Queen’s husband and consort; The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award scheme and his quotes.

During her speech at their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1997 Her Majesty The Queen said: *“He has, quite simply, been my strength and stay all these years, and I, and his whole family, and this and many other countries, owe him a debt greater than he would ever claim, or we shall ever know.”*

Margaret reflected on her own involvement with The DoE’s Award scheme during its 25th anniversary in 1981 when she took part in a camping/ orienteering expedition.

Whilst not exactly enjoying the camping, the volunteering, physical and skills sections inspired her which is exactly what the DoE’s Award scheme strives to achieve.

Noted for his many quotes, some of which were not favourably received, one which we could all think about is one that he gave to the BBC in honour of his 90th birthday:

“All these other creatures have an equal right to exist here. We have no prior rights to the Earth than anybody else, and if they’re here, let’s give them a chance to survive.”

He was a man of great faith and would have known that these words were echoing words from Genesis 1:26-27:

26 Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’

27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

His views may have seemed revolutionary at times but Philip had great insight into the land. He knew that we are custodians of this planet.

Through his ideas, young people learned to get along with and help one another whilst on expedition, learning new skills together and volunteering to help others; Philip made adults think about the environment and the effect of humans on it; and he did this with a faith in God and it is from this faith that he helped to make God’s glory shine here on Earth.

Margaret’s final quote from the DoE: “It’s better to get out before you reach the sell-by date.” She applied this as she was speaking as he thought that sermons should only be eight minutes long... and, hopefully, her sermon did not exceed this timescale.

Your Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, may you rest in peace and rise in glory.

FOR YOUR DIARY!

'KNITTED BIBLE' SHOW!

A display of over 30 tableaux illustrating popular Bible stories is coming to Easingwold Parish Church from 2 – 7 July 2021!

These comprise knitted characters: Moses, Noah, Jacob etc in appropriate surroundings (similar to our Nativity scenario).



Photo courtesy of Hartlepool URC

The show will be open to the public and for organised school trips.

Can you help with a little time for stewarding, supply Tombola prizes and/or cakes?

For more details, contact Lottie Cranfield or Lynne Price



Mothers' Union



WAVE OF PRAYER

30th April - 2nd May

Members of York Diocese join with members worldwide in prayer throughout the year. We are linked with other dioceses in the following countries: Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Nigeria, Ghana, Guyana and Suriname.

Once a year we join together during the period above and light a candle for each diocese and hear of their activities during the year. This year as last year we carry this out in our own homes.

A copy of the service will be distributed to members.

KATHLEEN LING

Kathleen has died peacefully in a home near her daughter.

Her funeral service is family only BUT there is to be a Thanksgiving Service for her life on

Friday 7th May at 12.15pm in church

If you would like to be present please contact
Deacon Chris (823548 or peel3gb@btinternet.com)
as numbers in church are restricted

SERVICES AND EVENTS: MAY 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 OPENING RESTRICTIONS
AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASCENSION DAY AND PENTECOST**

Morning services at Easingwold

Sunday and Wednesday 9am

Attendance limited to 20 people—booking essential

Sunday 10.30am

Attendance limited to 20 people—booking essential but this service will also be accessible on Zoom

**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

FAMILY SERVICE SUNDAY 9th MAY at 4.30pm

Attendance limited to 20 people but will be accessible on Zoom and Messenger

To book a place at any of the services or if you wish to join the service on Zoom and are not receiving the invite links, then please get in contact with Margaret by email (margareteyoung@btopenworld.com)

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 IN THE PARISH CHURCH**

(Contact Margaret for further details)

CHURCH OPENING RESTRICTIONS



Whilst some services can once again be held in church, attendance numbers are limited to 20 people so it is essential to book a place. See notice on previous page on how to book. Other restrictions that remain in place include no congregational hymns and if you wish to have a service sheet you will need to bring your own which will be available online. There will be a few for collection for those not online but you will be requested to take these home and bring them back on subsequent weeks.

BE PREPARED TO WEAR A FACE MASK

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**Ascension Day service
13th May at 7.30pm via Zoom**

**The service for Pentecost on
Sunday 23rd May will be at the revised time
of 10am to be followed by the APCM**

**OPEN THE BOOK AT
EASINGWOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

IS NOW BEING ZOOMED!!!



Forthcoming dates for your diaries:

12th & 26th May 16th & 30th June 14th July

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

Readings

As the church is currently closed, there will be no evening prayer on 1st and 3rd Sundays
but relevant readings for all Sundays are provided for your reference

2nd May

Acts 8:26-40
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Easter 5

Isaiah 60:1-14
Revelation 3:1-13

9th May

Acts 10:44-48
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

Easter 6

Song of Solomon 4:16-5:2; 8:6-7
Revelation 3:14-22

13th May

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Ascension Day

16th May

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

Easter 7

Isaiah 61
Luke 4:14-21

23rd May

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Pentecost

Ezekiel 36:22-28
Acts 2:22-38

30th May

Isaiah 6:1-8
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

Trinity Sunday

Ezekiel 1:4-10, 22-28a
Revelations 4:



From the Registers

Wedding:

10th April - Alastair Pocock and Samantha Verheule

Funerals:

8th April - Valerie Bland
21st April - Dr Ian McCahon
27th April - Marjorie Joy

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

In accordance with the current restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the church continues to be closed for ordinary services until further notice.

Some on-site services are now being held at Easingwold but with restricted attendance, therefore booking is essential.

Services from Easingwold are accessible on Zoom.

Please contact Margaret if you either wish to book a place at any of the services or to receive the invite links for access via Zoom.



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 Notes 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 the passage in the Bible ourselves.

Please contact Gina Smith, either in Church (when it reopens) 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 £14.25 a year for 365 daily readings – less than 5p a day.

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



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- ◆ 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.

EDCCA

(Easingwold and District Community Care)

Please note that during the COVID-19 crisis, our staff are working from home and can be contacted Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30am to 12.30pm using the normal telephone number: 01347 822875.

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

We offer a Meals on Wheels service (Mondays to Fridays) and also a telephone befriending service. Contact us on the above number for more information.

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.

Children of Light Festival Training



Faith in the Nexus Training - Connecting to and engaging with Children and Young People in your area 4th May 2021 <https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/schools-and-youth/children-of-light-festival/children-of-light-festival-events/faith-in-the-nexus-training-connecting-to-and-engaging-with-children-and-young-people-in-your-area/>

Faith in the Nexus Training - Children and Holiness 18th May 2021 <https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/schools-and-youth/children-of-light-festival/children-of-light-festival-events/faith-in-the-nexus-training-children-and-holiness/>

Faith in the Nexus Training - Schools Ministry 22nd June 2021 <https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/schools-and-youth/children-of-light-festival/children-of-light-festival-events/faith-in-the-nexus-training-schools-ministry/>

ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday 3rd July at 9.00am

Priesting of Charlotte Cranfield

We hope that restrictions are lifted for this service.



IGNITE AND THE FAMILY SERVICE

Both Ignite and the Family Service have continued on Zoom throughout the pandemic. It has been lovely to see the young people engaging in conversation about Christ. During the past year we have covered many different topics and carried out many activities with the children.

The themes have included the story of Job, the Ten Commandments and some of the characters in Genesis. The children have taken part in activities such as baking, making ancient parchment and secret writing, which has all been done on Zoom.

We have had two Easters in lockdown. For the first, we made an Easter garden from chocolate, which then had to be eaten. This year we concentrated on the Road to Emmaus and how we find Jesus in various locations but sometimes seems hidden and all that we have to do scratch the surface to see Him.

Thankfully, we can now meet the children face to face which is far easier for the younger ones. We are looking forward to an exciting summer term as we look at the Easter story in detail.

If you know of any children who would like to join us on a Friday afternoon or for the family service, please let me know so that I can send details.

We always try to end up at a tea shop for a hot chocolate at the end of term.

Margaret

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.



The Church Mice is a session for children aged 3-11 years and is normally held in the choir vestry at St John the Baptist & All Saints Church during Parish Eucharist

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OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES...

Two little girls were chatting,
“So, why don’t you come to the same
Sunday School as me?” said the first.
“Because I belong to a different
abomination,” replied the second.

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