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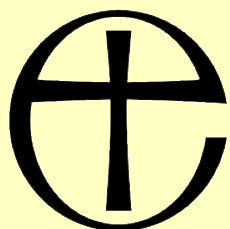


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WITH RASKELF**

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From the Vicar



This month we celebrate an event that most of us have never experienced before, the Coronation of a new Monarch. King Charles III lived a full life and had many experiences before becoming king, I hope that this will make him a leader who is able to heal divisions that exist within society.

Many years ago he said that he would be defender of faiths when he became king; we have a Hindu Prime Minister, a Muslim First Minister of Scotland (the first Muslim leader of Western Europe in recent times) with whom he will need to work while being Head of the Church of England.

We are living in a world that is becoming more secular. The secular world is using Christian values but taking God out of it. I am very at ease with people from other faiths, I have worked professionally with many people of different faiths when I worked in the Ophthalmology Departments in the mill towns of Lancashire. It was lovely to share in some of their celebrations such as Diwali, when they would bring in festival foods for us to try. They would join in with eating chocolate and sending Christmas cards at Christmas time. It was a very diverse group of people but joining in each other's celebrations helped unite the department against any racial prejudices that we came across in the patients.

As Christians, we have recently celebrated the most important Christian festival of Easter. Christ died and rose again for us, but Jesus is also a highly regarded prophet in the Muslim faith. If Charles can lead this nation, with its many different nationalities, cultures and religions, helping his subjects feel that they are British then that would be great.

I remember the riots in Oldham, I was working there at the time, Bangladeshi against Pakistani, and both groups against the white population. I was never threatened or ever felt threatened. I would ask my patients about how they were surviving Ramadan and most were surprised that I was aware of it. I was invited to numerous Eid parties because of my interest in them but had to decline as they were patients. I hope and pray that Charles takes his Christian duties seriously, and I hope that his understanding and acceptance of other faiths means that future riots are less likely to happen.

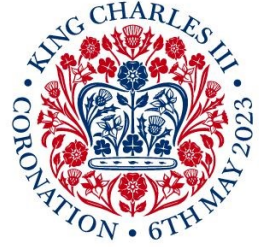
The Jews were surprised when Jesus told parables of the Good Samaritan. According to the Jewish people, the Samaritans did not understand God in the way that they ought to, yet these people were seen as the caring and forgiving bunch. In the last century Christians were responsible for the Holocaust, what would our God think of that? Do we need to look at ourselves and see if we are like the Jews who don't want anything to do with the Samaritans or are we accepting of other people and their faiths?

Our brains are designed to believe in a greater being, so in many ways I struggle far more with atheists than I do with those of a different faith. We have a portion of the brain that has developed to believe, in the same way that we have feet that have developed to walk but we don't deny our feet, why should people deny their faith? But they do!

Only time will tell if Charles is a good leader. The Christian faith was central to his mother's realm, and he has been brought up as a Christian, so I do hope that he lives and expresses his faith in an appropriate manner so that people come to understand God's glory through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. At the same time, I hope and pray that he helps those of other faiths feel British and valued, the majority believe in the same God as us.

May God bless us and King Charles III

Margaret



Sunday 7th May—10.30am

A SPECIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT
EASINGWOLD PARISH CHURCH
TO CELEBRATE THE CORONATION OF
HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III
EVERYONE WELCOME

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

SUNDAY 21ST MAY

To follow the morning Eucharist which will be held at the earlier time of 10 am.

Both church wardens finish their term of duty this year and so the churches are in need of people to fulfil the role. Please speak with either the vicar or the current wardens if you feel you could take on this valuable role within the church.

PCC TREASURER VACANCY

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the PCC is now looking for someone to take on the role of Treasurer. Initially this would involve working alongside Kamal Antoun (caretaker treasurer) for the next few months and then fully take over the role.

The new treasurer will be supported by Kamal, Peter Simpson and Laura Varney during the transitional period and thereafter. If you are interested, please contact

vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org or **treasurer@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org**

EASINGWOLD CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Could you assist with the flower rota?
There is a notice by the church door—please help.



EASINGWOLD CHORAL EVENSONG

SUNDAY 11TH JUNE AT 6.30PM

Rehearsals 9th June at 7.30pm and 11th June at 5.30pm

(Please note change of date as previously advertised in the April Parish Magazine)

If you would like to sing with the Deanery Ecumenical Choir, please contact
Peter Smith at petersmith41@btinternet for further details.



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MUSIC of YOUR CHOICE

An interesting and entertaining evening of music was held on Thursday 30th March, enhanced by wine and nibbles!

The range of music chosen was extensive and varied. It included all types of music from Bach, Smetana, Rachmaninoff and Strauss, to Queen and Whitney Houston, not forgetting the Harry Lyme theme and Kermit the frog singing 'It's good to be green'.

It was fascinating to hear why each piece had been chosen and to share the memories each evoked.

There was also live music played on the piano and organ: not forgetting some original verse read by one guest and an extremely funny poem about ten different types of hospital visitor which struck a chord with everyone.

Thank you to all those who participated and shared their stories.

Future events planned include a walk with refreshments at Sutton Bank in May. More details to be announced.

All are welcome. We look forward to you joining us.

Lottie and Hazel





Christians Together Men's Breakfast

(formerly St John the Baptist Men's Group)

At our April meeting Richard Orr shared his journey with Christ which was both enlightening and entertaining.

The next men's breakfast meeting is to be held at **10am on Saturday 13th May** 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: MAY 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 7th May: Holy Communion at 10.30am

A special service to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III

Evening Prayer at 4.00pm

Sunday 14th May —Family Service at 4.30pm

Thursday 18th May—Ascension Day Service at 7.30pm

**Sunday 21st May—Holy Communion at revised time of 10am
to be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Tuesday 23rd May—Café Church at 7.00pm



Mothers' Union

Thursday 18th May 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**

IGNITE

**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

“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

May dates: 4th and 18th

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Wednesday 3rd May:

Lite Bite Lunch at the Old Black Bull at 12 noon

Sunday 21st May: Holy Communion at 9.30am

CHILDREN ALWAYS WELCOME



Sunday 7th May: No service at Raskelf

A special service to commemorate the

Coronation of King Charles III

will be held at Easingwold Parish Church at 10.30am

Everyone welcome

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

7th May

Acts 7:55-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

5th Sunday of Easter

Evening Prayer

Zechariah 4:1-10
Revelations 21:1-14

14th May

Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

6th Sunday of Easter

Zechariah 8:1-13
Revelations 21:22-22:5

18th May

Daniel 7:9-14
Acts 1:1-11
Luke 24:44-53

Ascension Day

21st May

Acts 1:6-14
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

7th Sunday of Easter

2 Samuel 23:1-5
Ephesians 1:15-23

28th May

Numbers 11:24-30
Acts 2:1-21
John 7:37-39

Pentecost

Joel 2:21-32
Acts 2:14-21

BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday 9th May 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

20th April: Joan Muir

27th April: Michael King



Christians Together

United in prayer for the Community of Easingwold

Saturday 13th May

**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 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

Open The Book at Easingwold Primary School

Forthcoming dates to be announced



Open the Book (OtB) offers primary school children an opportunity to hear key Bible stories told by a team of Christians from local churches, who present the stories during assemblies or acts of collective worship. Each presentation takes around 10–15 minutes and can be incorporated into a wider school assembly, or can be stand-alone.

For further information please contact

Andrew Neville-Smith at a.nevillesmith@btinternet.com

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- ♦ Click on www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/easingwoldwithraskelfpcc to go to the easyfundraising.org.uk website to create an account by clicking on the red Join Us button.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ 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.

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](#)

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

PARISH PASSES FOR YORK MINSTER

Any member of the Parish may obtain a digital pass from the PCC Secretary. It is valid for one person for one visit only. Visiting and closure times are on the York Minster website:
<http://www.yorkminster.org> or by telephoning 01904 557275

EDCCA

Easingwold District Community Care Association



The services that we can offer to our clients are:

- ◇ Befriending/telephone befriending plus a Carers' sitting service which offers respite for carers for a couple of hours as needed.
- ◇ Help with shopping and a prescription collection/delivery on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- ◇ Meals on Wheels service offering tasty, hot nutritious meals 5 days per week (Monday to Friday) for the cost of £7.50.
- ◇ Car Scheme – for people without access to transport for medical or social appointments. 48 hours notice required. Charged at 55p per mile.
- ◇ Minibus Trips – partnered with Morse Coaches – to various destinations - details of trips are advertised on our website and in the Easingwold Advertiser
- ◇ Knit and Natter group at Springhill court, 1.30pm to 3.30pm on the first Monday of the month.
- ◇ Hub Club for people living with Dementia – Tuesdays and Fridays in Easingwold Football Club. Contact EDCCA for more details.
- ◇ Not Just Me... - a group for people and their carers or family experiencing mental ill health. This group is run by qualified Mental Health First Aiders. Call us for details
- ◇ EDCCA Charity Boutique on Long Street – open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am to 4pm and Saturday mornings 9.30am to 12.30pm. Donations are very welcome.
- ◇ Crossword club meets weekly on Monday mornings in the Police House. It is a small, select group but new members are most welcome.
- ◇ Wheelchair hire service, for those who may require one. A small weekly charge is payable.
- ◇ EDCCA runs the Easingwold Foodbank and can be reached on the main EDCCA telephone number 01347 822875 or the direct line 0772 44 44 750 which is regularly monitored.
- ◇ Food share stalls are held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays mornings from 9am outside Cozie - in partnership with the Co-op.
- ◇ From April we will have a Boccia and Kurling session at Tholthorpe village hall from 2pm to 3.30pm, £3 per session includes refreshments.
- ◇ Poppets starting in April - for 1- to 3-year-olds in Easingwold Town Band Room. £2 per child.
- ◇ Citizens Advice - an advisor is at the Police House on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month
- ◇ Citizens Advice Minibus – is in Easingwold every month – check with EDCCA for dates

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At a wedding, the Reverend William A Spooner was heard to proclaim,
"It is kistomary to cuss the bride."
And on another occasion he pronounced that, "The Lord is a shoving leopard."

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