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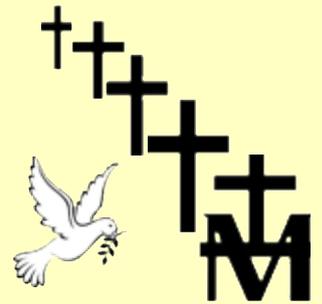
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From the Vicar ...



***When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?***

Psalm 8 vs 3-4

Over the last few months, our world has become a quieter place and nature appears to be thriving. The birds seem to have been singing far more loudly than normal and the stars in the sky are more vibrant. Is it that we are all quieter and noticing the world around us more, or is it that pollution levels are reduced and our world has taken a step back in time? This is coupled with the flowers and the birth of animals that makes the world feel fresh and new.

This psalm tells us that God has given us creation,

***You made them (mankind) rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:
all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,
the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.
LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!***

Psalm 8 vs 6-9

This psalm asks what is it about mankind that you care for them and made them rulers of the world? God has put his creation into our hands, and we have the responsibility of looking after it for Him. We are going through a particularly dry spell after a very wet early spring, we can't change the weather, but we can react to what He has given us. We rely on other people to do this such as the farmers to do this for us as they produce our crops for us. We look after our own gardens, our house plants and our animals, tending God's creation. We can appreciate God's creation around us whether it is the flowers in the garden, the birds in the trees or the beauty of the colour of the sky.

Some people are enjoying the peace of lockdown and others have struggled and are looking forward to the announcements each day to see if more freedom is allowed. We will get back to normality at some point but it may be a new normality. At present the church is still locked, but this may change over the coming weeks, only time will tell. In the meantime, we have God's creation all around us to enjoy, appreciate and care for.

Every blessing for the month of June

Margaret

VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY



Plans for the celebration and remembrance of VE day in Easingwold and Raskelf this year had to be severely cut back with parades and large gatherings impossible due to the Coronavirus lockdown. Friday 8th May marked the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day and many people in Easingwold had their own doorstep celebrations of bunting and picnics whilst waving to neighbours and chatting, from a distance!

A small ceremony took place at the war memorial in the morning led by Rev'd Margaret Young with a wreath laid by John Walker, and standard bearer Jim Cartwright from the Easingwold Branch of the Royal British Legion.

The two minute silence was observed at 11.00 am with the last post played by Rev'd David Senior. The ceremony was recorded on video camera.

On Sunday 10th May at 10.45 am there was a special VE Day service held using the Zoom video conferencing system to which we had around 70 people joining. The video of the wreath laying on the Friday was played with two minute silence again being observed.



Two further videos were played during the service with pictures of VE Day 1945 in the Market Place and other events in the years after for which we all have to be grateful to those who had given their lives for our freedom.

If you wish to view the videos please click on [Video1](#) and [Video2](#)

Tim Young



St John the Baptist Men's Group

Reflection from Rev'd John Hetherington

Yvonne and I have been duly watching the daily 'Coronavirus Briefings from Downing Street' to keep up-to-date with what is happening - the latest stats and figures knowledgeably brought to us by the Chief Medical Officer, Professor Chris Whitty, the Chief Scientific Adviser, Sir Patrick Vallance or some other distinguished and learned figure. But one of the things that I have noticed [and not for the first time in my life - by any means] is that prolonged exposure to information that by its very nature is both challenging and depressing, can so easily shape our minds to think in a negative, pessimistic, and somewhat gloomy way.

It is important that we are aware of what is going on around us, and I think we also have a Christian duty to be 'informed' about what is happening - both in our local community and also the wider world, but I do think we should be wary of an unhealthy balance when it comes to the 'worldly influence' on our thinking and the 'theological influence' on our thinking. We don't find direct answers in the Scriptures to questions that things like the 'Coronavirus' raise about God, our place in the world, or many others; but we do find in both the Scriptures and our faith journey, comfort and solace that can assist us on our journey through such times.

I came across an article by another Patrick, the Rev'd Patrick Butler, who is the Minister at 'Church on the Heath' in Fleet, Hampshire. Patrick is someone who has travelled the globe over the years, having spent some 15 years working in Paraguay before taking up his present post in 2013. The 'Church on the Heath' is an Ecumenical Partnership formed from Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and URC Churches, and therefore an extremely tolerant church when it comes to accommodating difference and divergence. He wrote an article about the Coronavirus back in late March, and it is a thoughtful reflection on a question his father asked him some 16 years ago when Patrick visited him in Moscow. I have included the link below in case you are interested in taking a look at it.

<https://churchontheheath.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Patricks-email-200326.pdf>

Perhaps reading the Book of Job might be as beneficial to us during these times as watching the daily Coronavirus briefing, or perhaps even more so as we continue to journey through the doubt and uncertainty that lies ahead.

It's hard to say when we'll all meet again, but in the meantime I hope and pray that the occasional email to members of the Men's Group may help us to feel that we still have a link, until we do meet up again in person. If you have concerns or worries about neighbours, family, friends, loved ones, and would like me to offer prayers for them, then please do let me know and I will include them each day when I undertake Morning Prayer.

Till we meet again please take care of yourselves, and your loved ones, and 'Stay Alert'.

Blessings

John

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

A new date for the APCM will be set when we know more about when we can all meet again; the latest that it can happen is 31st October.

CALLING ALL OUR 'ONLINE' READERS

Since we entered this unprecedented period called "lockdown", we have been unable to produce printed copies of our monthly parish magazine. However, the editorial team have still been working to hopefully keep those readers who have access to the Internet fully informed through the online version as to what we, as a Church, are still able to do using the wonders of modern technology.

It came as quite a surprise during a conversation regarding the production of the online version that the church website gets around 2000 visits per month and that our UK visitors only represent about 20% of that number which means we have many people from all over the world looking at our website and potentially reading our monthly magazine.

It would be wonderful to discover how far and wide our readers are. Why not send an email to magazine@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org and tell us whereabouts in the world you are and if you have a personal connection with Easingwold, Raskelf and the surrounding area.

Coronavirus liturgy and prayer resources can be found on the Church of England webpage: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources> from which the following prayers are taken:

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Up to date information can be found on the church website:

<https://www.easingwoldraskelfanglican.org/>

and if you do have a Facebook account, then you could follow the link at the top of the webpage.

If you know of anyone who does not have any access to the Internet but you think they need any assistance, for example, help with shopping, the church is supporting EDCCA (see their notice later in the magazine). If you need a priest, please contact Margaret at the Vicarage on 01347 821394.

Also, please be particularly vigilant during these difficult times. If you are forced into isolation, be extra cautious if you receive any form of unsolicited contact (in person, by phone, text, email or post) even if the contact or the offered service seems to relate to a recent or an existing concern. You should simply refuse to be engaged in any discussion or arrangement and seek advice from someone you trust.

SERVICES AND EVENTS: JUNE 2020

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



***ALL CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS ARE CURRENTLY
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
PLEASE SEE THE CHURCH WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION***

Meanwhile, you are invited to join Margaret for
Sunday morning services at 10.30 am

using Zoom

(Further details about Zoom are on the next page)

The **FAMILY SERVICE** will be held via Zoom and Messenger on
SUNDAY 14th JUNE at 4.30pm

and you are also welcome to join the group for
MORNING PRAYER each TUESDAY

**IGNITE GROUP FOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
FRIDAY AFTERNOONS AT 4pm**

The **IGNITE GROUP** which normally meets on Friday afternoons in the
Parish Church Rooms is also being continued by using Zoom
(Contact Margaret for further details)

**Also, how about meeting up with friends for morning coffee or
afternoon tea (provide your own refreshments).**

This can also be arranged using Zoom.

Please contact Margaret if you would like to participate.

ZOOM

We are now using Zoom so that we can provide an online Sunday service for you. Many of you are already using it and it has been lovely to see you on a Sunday morning.

If you haven't taken the plunge yet and are worried that it will be difficult or that you will be bombarded with emails then don't worry. Tim and I will happily guide you through the process to setup Zoom and give you a practice session so that you can log on for a Sunday morning service.

All that you need to do is download the Zoom app onto your computer, tablet or smart phone. This can be done by going onto your search engine and typing in "Zoom meeting PC". If your computer uses Windows then click on "Download for Windows Zoom".

You will then be given the option to download from the App Store, if using an Apple device; or download from Google Play, if using an Android device. Click on the appropriate one for your computer/phone.

You will then be asked to install "Zoom Cloud Meeting" (the Zoom icon is a blue background with a white video camera)



You will need to create an account. It will ask you to enter your date of birth (this is only to confirm that you are over 18) followed by your email address and then choose a password. You will receive an email confirming your details and it will ask you to activate your account.

Once you have done this, you will be asked to enter your email and passwords to log onto Zoom. Your computer may ask if you want it to remember your password and, if no one else uses your computer, I would suggest clicking "yes".

Zoom will ask if it can use your camera or audio, so you will need to click on Yes/OK for it to work properly.

To keep things secure, each meeting has an ID code and a password. I will send these out a day or two before each Sunday. You will need to enter these numbers when requested.

Tim and I are happy to help you and have a practice session with you. Telephone me on 821394 if you need any help.

I know that other organisations are using Zoom because it allows you to see many people at once and I know of quite a few families who are using it for family quizzes, so I hope that if you do decide to use it, you will find it helpful in other situations.

Margaret and Tim Young

Readings

No Evensong services are currently planned but relevant readings are provided for your reference.

7th June

Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-31
2 Corinthians 13: 11-13
Matthew 28: 16-20

Trinity Sunday

No Evensong

Isaiah 6: 1-8
John 16: 5-15

14th June

Genesis 18: 1-15
Romans 6: 1b-11
Matthew 9: 35—10: 8

Trinity 1

No Evensong

1 Samuel 21: 1-15
Luke 11: 14-28

21st June

Isaiah 40: 1-11
Acts 13: 14b-28
Luke 1: 57-66, 80

Birth of St John the Baptist

No Evensong

Malachi 4
Matthew 11: 2-19

28th June

Acts 12: 1-11
Matthew 16: 13-19

Apostles Peter and Paul

No Evensong

1 Samuel 28: 3-19
Luke 17: 20-37



From the Registers

Funerals:

5th May—Lilian Crow
6th May—Gwenneth Southall
12th May—Pamela Galtres
27th May—Andrew Foster

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

ALL CHURCH SERVICES INCLUDING
THE LITE BITE LUNCHES ARE
SUSPENDED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE



*Children are very welcome
to attend church on any Sunday*

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

Many activities - Learning through the Bible

Future dates will be announced as and when the current COVID-19 crisis ends

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 and work in the southern area of Easingwold including those in the new housing off York Rd.
- ◆ The Outwood Academy staff and pupils; activities taking place out of school hours. The online lessons being taught. The preparations being made for schools and businesses to open again
- ◆ St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic church family; the Community Church family
- ◆ Those living at The Green, Raskelf

A MESSAGE FROM THE HON TREASURER

With the church being closed our weekly income from 'cash on the plate' has fallen away to nothing, so heartfelt thanks are due to those who have arranged to contribute by standing order. For those who haven't yet been able to move forward, such an arrangement can be made with your bank online or by telephone or post, quoting our bank sort code 40-20-02 and account number 00322202. Once arranged, please let me know by calling (01347) 239178. This method is usually no more difficult than settling utility bills, and can be for annual, quarterly, or monthly payment.

Numbered envelopes have not been issued in this financial year because of the risks involved in collecting and counting cash. Please do not use last year's (or earlier) envelopes as changes were made to the numbering system, so your donation will not be shown against your name.

If you are saving weekly cash with the intention of donating when the church re-opens, please donate the total by cheque instead. Counting small change is time consuming, open to errors, and not without health risks in this time of virus transmission.

Have you considered updating the amount of your donations in recent years? Our contribution to Diocesan expenses increases annually, security measures to protect our lead roofs came to £11,000 this year, grounds maintenance is a major expense, and then there's the utility bills to pay. Suffice to say, we still have to pay out even though our income is restricted!

Once again, my thanks to our faithful supporters.

Bill Henebury

OASIS Café At the Methodist Church Chapel Street

On a recent walk one evening, I met a couple from another church (the Treasurer I think). It was nice to talk and catch up with news from another church family, almost like a mini outdoor CTED meeting! And just a little reminder of how all God's people in Easingwold are joined by the Spirit as we seek to be church outside of buildings.

So, though this space cannot invite you to Oasis, we send you our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you in this difficult time.

Rev'd Elizabeth Cushion

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.

EDCCA

(Easingwold and District Community Care)

Please note that during the COVID-19 crisis, our staff are working from home.

You can still contact us during working hours using the normal telephone numbers:

01347 822875; 01347 822598 (for the Car Scheme) or email at: info@edcca.org.uk

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.



Mothers' Union



**Communion and Coffee in the Parish Church
is suspended until further notice**

For more information about the Mothers' Union, visit

<https://www.mothersunion.org/>

The Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name.

Amen

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