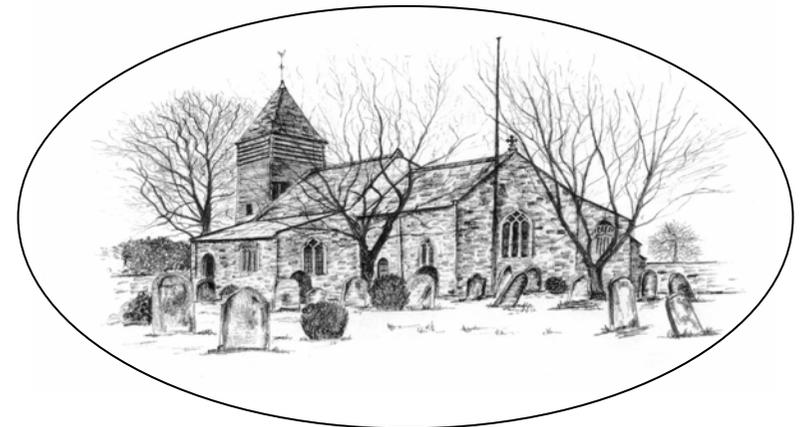


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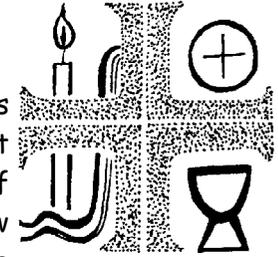
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BIBLE READINGS-AUGUST

4th	10.30am	Daniel	Ch.7	Vv.9-10,13-14	TRANSFIGURATION
		2 Peter	Ch.1	Vv.16-19	
		Luke	Ch.9	Vv.28-36	
	6.30pm	Exodus	Ch.34	Vv.29-35	
		2 Corinthians	Ch.3		
11th	10.30am	Revelation	Ch.11	Vv.19-12.6,10	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
		Galatians	Ch.4	Vv. 4-7	
		Luke	Ch.1	Vv.46-55	
	6.30pm	Song of Solomon	Ch.2	Vv. 1-7	
		Acts	Ch.1	Vv. 6-14	
18th	10.30am	Jeremiah	Ch.23	Vv.23-29	TRINITY 12
		Hebrews	Ch.11	Vv.29-12.2	
		Luke	Ch.12	Vv.49-56	
	6.30pm	2 Corinthians	Ch.8	Vv. 1-9	
		Matthew	Ch.20	Vv. 1-16	
25th	10.30am	Isaiah	Ch.58	Vv.9b-14	TRINITY 13
		Hebrews	Ch.12	Vv.18-29	
		Luke	Ch.13	Vv.10-17	
	6.30pm	2 Corinthians	Ch.9		
		Matthew	Ch.21	Vv.28-32	

Worship: Our Best to God



Being a Christian means lots of different things to different people. The teaching of Christ that we see in the Gospels touches on all aspects of life. It's not only about what we believe and how we behave; more fundamentally it's about who we are, about the Spirit of God at work in us and how we respond to that work.

And at the centre of this is worship. But what is worship all about? Some people see it as mainly about teaching. That has its place, but it's only part of the story. It can help us to understand more and can help inform our moral decisions. But we're called on *to love the Lord our God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your strength* as well as to *love our neighbours as ourselves*. Worship is part of our expression of that love for God.

It's perhaps more easy to say what worship isn't rather than what it is. It's absolutely not about entertainment, whether entertaining God or ourselves. Worship is the gateway that allows us to come closer to Him and to open ourselves up to Him. That's why silence and repetition can be so important. The familiar helps us to relax and to invite Him into the heart of our being. And He responds to the degree that we allow Him to. His total self-giving is symbolised in our taking of His body and blood into ourselves under the forms of bread and wine.

Worship is not a casual thing, though we can worship informally. It's not a frivolous thing, though we can be humorous and light hearted. It's not an easy thing, though we have all sorts of help to make it easier. Worship is the offering of our best to God because He gives only perfection to us.

John Harrison

Parish Profiles....

The Reverend Canon Barbara Wilkinson



Having lived and worked in Bradford Diocese for some 40 years (including 20 years as an ordained deacon and priest we moved to Easingwold when my husband retired recently as a hospital doctor caring for babies and sick children at the Airedale General Hospital. My priestly ministry has been a mixture of chaplaincy work at Airedale and parochial ministry in various villages along the Aire Valley.

I spent much of my time in the hospital listening to people who were going through a time of transition and crisis. Whenever there is a birth, a death, or a life changing trauma, we naturally question, in one way or another: "Who am I now that this has happened?" So a leg amputee might ask: Who am I that I can no longer walk unaided?" Such questions are asked in the hospital as the crisis unfolds; and continue to be asked in the parishes when the patients return home.

It has been both humbling and a privilege to be able to listen to the stories of courageous people, both in the parishes and on the wards, as they rise to the challenge of their new situation. To be able to offer people Hope and Peace through prayer and the sacraments, has been the most rewarding aspect of my ministry

As head of Chaplaincy Services, I worked with staff and volunteers of different faiths and backgrounds. Then as Rural Dean of South Craven Deanery, I was involved in making major changes to the Deanery Plan because of a big reduction in the number of stipendiary priests for the parishes. This was particularly challenging when trying to strengthen the Church's work in the more deprived parishes of a town like Keighley, where social deprivation and racial tensions were increasing.

Now in retirement I find myself in a gentle kind of transition, asking myself "who am I, now that I am retired, yet still a priest?" Whatever the answer turns out to be, I look forward to discovering it among new friends, here in Easingwold.

Barbara Wilkinson

Registers

Baptisms

21st July Lacey Jade Smith
Elsie Sophia Hale

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7th
LITE BITE LUNCH, Old Black Bull, Raskelf 12 noon
SUNDAYS AUGUST 4th & 18th
COMMUNION 9.10am
SUNDAY AUGUST 11th
FAMILY SERVICE 10.30am
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1st
COMMUNION 9.10am

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. The Lions—giving thanks for their support to so many local people and those in need.
2. Community Care and their volunteers
3. Communities at 26A Long Street, Conroy Close & Copperclay; United Response (Boot Shop) and Gateway Club
4. St Mary's Church, Raskelf and its outreach into the community

Archbishop's Prayer for the Royal baby 22 July 1913

God our Creator,
who knows each of us by name
and loves us from all eternity;
we give you thanks for new life and human love.
Bless William and Catherine
as they welcome their son into the world.
Give them patience and Wisdom
to cherish and love him as he grows
Surround the family with the light of hope and the warmth of your love
today and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen



On July 14th Sarah Bullock was welcomed at the Minster as the new Archdeacon of York. Sarah grew up in the Manchester area and returned there after studying at Durham University. She worked as a teacher and Diocesan Youth Officer before being ordained 20 years ago. She has been a Parish Priest in Mosside as well as being an adviser on vocations and on women's ministry, an area (rural) dean and a Canon of Manchester Cathedral. The new Archdeacon will be living at Huntington on the outskirts of York.



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

- **The Right Reverend Martin Wallace**...Suffragan Bishop of Selby is retiring this autumn. Everyone is invited to his farewell event at York Minster on Sunday October 27th at 6pm. It's being billed as not so much a Service, more a party. Perhaps the Bishop will give us his famous Elvis impression!
- **The Dean of York**...Very Reverend Vivienne Faull is one of the leading women priests in the Church of England and one of those invited to join the House of Lords during the period of renewed discussion on the ordination of women to the episcopate. She is coming to talk to the Deanery on October 24th at 7.30pm. Venue will be announced soon.
- **Supporting Others**...we have been supporting the work of the Children's Society for many years. Last month they published a report for which nearly 50,000 were interviewed that said "*the happiness of children in the UK is in decline with 15% of young teenagers reporting low well-being. Teenagers of 14 and 15 are said to have the lowest self-satisfaction.*" The half-yearly total for the oxes this year was £343.44. We also raised £778 for Syrian children through UNICRF.
- **Advance notice**...the Riding Lights Theatre Company is coming to Easingwold again this year. The performance will be at the Galtres on December 14th
- **Church near you**...if you are going on holiday and want to find a church close to where you are staying, go to: www.achurchnearyou.com put in the place and a small map & details should appear. And alternatively, if you have someone coming to stay who would like more information about our churches, please contact Michael Wansborough (822166) for a welcome pack
- **Fairtrade & Friendship** coffee morning will be held at the Methodist church on Friday August 30th with a well stocked stall of foodstuffs all sourced from Fairtrade suppliers and a gift stall manned by the Boot Shop.
- **Stroke Club**...is taking a summer break and there will be no meeting in August. The next one is on Wednesday September 18th
Our website: <http://www.visit-easingwold.com/easingwold-church>

SERVICES AND EVENTS
AUGUST 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

SUN 4th TRANSFIGURATION

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

Wed 7th 9.00am Communion
10.00am Communion at Park Close
12noon Raskelf Lunch at the Old Black Bull

SUN 11th BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

Wed 15th 9.00am Communion

SUN 18th TRINITY 12

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

Wed 21st 9.00am Communion
Thur 22nd 10.00am Mothers' Union Communion

SUN 25th TRINITY 13

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30pm Evensong

Wed 29th 9.00am Communion

September

SUN 1st TRINITY 14

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

Wed 4th 9.00am Communion
10.00am Communion at Park Close
12noon Raskelf Lunch at the Old Black Bull

Advance notice of events this Autumn

Sunday September 8th Byland Abbey Open Air Service 3.00pm

Sunday September 22nd Deanery Confirmation at Strensall

Garrison Church with Archbishop Sentamu

no 10.30am service at Easingwold this week

Saturday September 28th start of Harvest Weekend

Joint Harvest Supper (at Methodist Church)

Sunday September 29th separate Anglican & Methodist services 10.30am

Joint Songs of Praise (at St John's) 6.30pm

Friday October 11th Raskelf Harvest 7.30pm

Thursday October 24th Open Deanery Meeting—meet the Dean of York Minster (Very Reverend Vivienne Faull) 7.30pm

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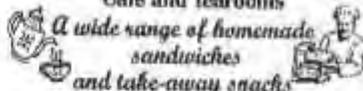
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