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## *From the Vicar ...*



Many of you may have seen me out walking our dog. He is a four year old Border Collie. As with the majority of Collies, he is highly intelligent and highly strung. When the doorbell rings it is as if a switch has been flicked and this otherwise docile dog turns into a frantic house defender. Post gets its own unique post mark as it comes through the door and the doorbell is accompanied by loud barking. If someone is invited in, they get an enthusiastic welcome and once they have sat down, Barney thinks that they have come to entertain him and bring a soggy ball for them to play with.

There is a lot that I can learn from Barney, patience is one of them. Barney has needed to be put in the same situation over and over again until he is no longer frightened. He was frightened of so many things when we got him: traffic, dogs on leads and unknown men. I have been so grateful to many people in Easingwold, from total strangers to people I know, to whom I have given dog treats for them to give to Barney.

This made me think of people coming into church. It is so easy for us church goers to go into a church and feel at ease, but how many people have walked into a Synagogue or a Mosque to experience a service? How would you feel? Uptight? As if people are watching you? Wishing that you were elsewhere as everyone seems to know what they are doing?

It is probably how some people fear that they will feel coming to a service in church for the first time. Why sit and then stand? Why is there silence? All obvious to those who attend frequently but would we know when to sit and stand in a Mosque or a Synagogue?

It is only after someone has been to church services quite a few times that they begin to feel some familiarity. If something strange happens, they will probably be wondering what is going to happen next? Or will they be expected to say or do anything? There may be fear, just as there was in Barney when he first went into the Market Place.

We can learn a lot from dogs about ourselves, my patience has certainly been tested over the past few months. I am fortunate that there are other dog owners who have helped me train Barney so that he does not see other dogs on leads as a threat. Barney initially would be scared and react badly and it was only after repeatedly seeing the same dogs on the lead again and again and again that his confidence has built up.

I hope that when people come into church, they do not take as long as Barney has taken to relax into the new environment.

For some people, finding God is difficult and even scary, but God is there for us all and all that is needed is a little confidence to come into His house.

Every blessing for a wonderful August

*Margaret*

## ORDINATION OF REV'D CHARLOTTE CRANFIELD

Saturday 3rd July saw our own Charlotte (Lottie) Cranfield ordained as a Priest at Easingwold Parish Church! The church was as packed as it was possible to be under strict COVID restrictions, with family and friends who had come to support her.

The service and ordination were conducted by the Right Rev'd Dr John Thomson, Bishop of Selby, with the Venerable Sam Rushton, Archdeacon of York, and Rev'd Margaret Young. The sermon was given by Rev'd Peter Watson, Rector at Brayton.

Lottie studied Theology and Ministry at York St John from 2012 and began training with the Yorkshire Ministry Course (now St Hild College) from 2014. She was ordained Deacon in 2016, becoming Assistant Curate at Easingwold, then licensed as Assistant Minister in 2020.

Lottie comments: "I have relished my ministry, growing greatly in confidence through the part I have in leading worship, building relationships, recognising people's gifts and encouraging them in their ministries and in relationships with members of the congregation and with people in the community. I bring these experiences of ministering among the people into my future ministry as a Priest."

As a Priest and Associate Minister, she will be able to carry out the full range of sacraments amongst the community and congregation, including presiding at Holy Communion.

After this very moving and joyful service, Lottie invited us out for refreshments! We wish her every success in her future ministry. And the Good News is, she is staying with us at Easingwold!! So the following day, at our 10.30 service, she preached the Sermon, presided over the Eucharist and gave the final Blessing!



Right Rev'd Bishop John, Rev'd Deacon Chris Peel, Rev'd Lottie Cranfield, Rev'd Peter Watson, Rev'd Margaret Young, Venerable Archdeacon Sam Rushton

# ORDINATION HEARTFELT THANKS



The first weekend in July turned out to be a very busy weekend not just because of the Knitted Bible exhibition, but also because I was ordained as Priest, here in Easingwold by the Bishop of Selby and I presided at the Eucharist for the first time.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all of you for your kindness, encouragement and support, and for all the gifts, cards and good wishes I have received. Thank you everyone.

Rev'd Lottie Cranfield

## KNITTED BIBLE TEAM THANKS

At St John and All Saints we have, for most of July, hosted the Knitted Bible. This is an amazing exhibition of over 30 Bible scenes created by the people of the Hartlepool United Reform Church.

Our thanks go to Lynne Price for having the brilliant idea and for booking this unique exhibition for us more than two years ago! Lynne has inspired our team as we set out the Bible scenes and with her artistic eye has enabled us to present to the community of Easingwold and beyond, such a fabulous visual experience.

Thank you also to Hazel Henebury for her part in setting up, but particularly in doing the unenviable task of producing risk assessments and the rota for our volunteers.

Thanks go to Michael Wansborough for his sterling work in promoting and advertising the event, producing the eye-catching posters and the piece for the Easingwold Advertiser.

Lastly but by no means least, we would like to thank the whole team of volunteers who have enabled us to open up the church to all the visitors.



Rev'd Lottie Cranfield

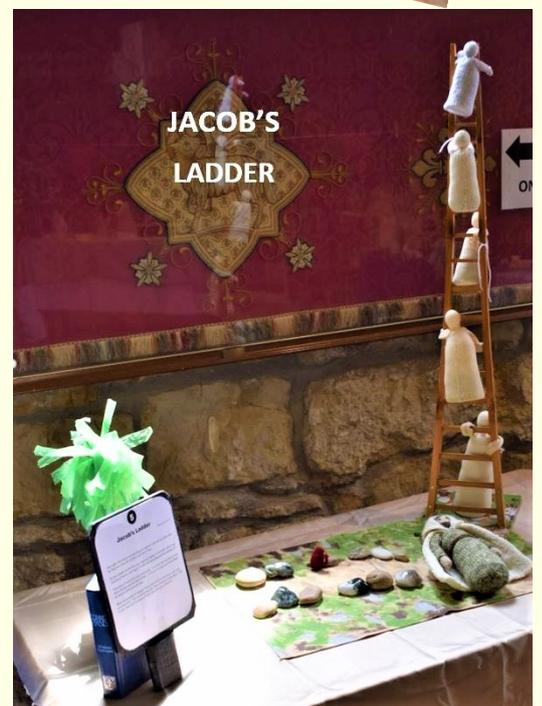
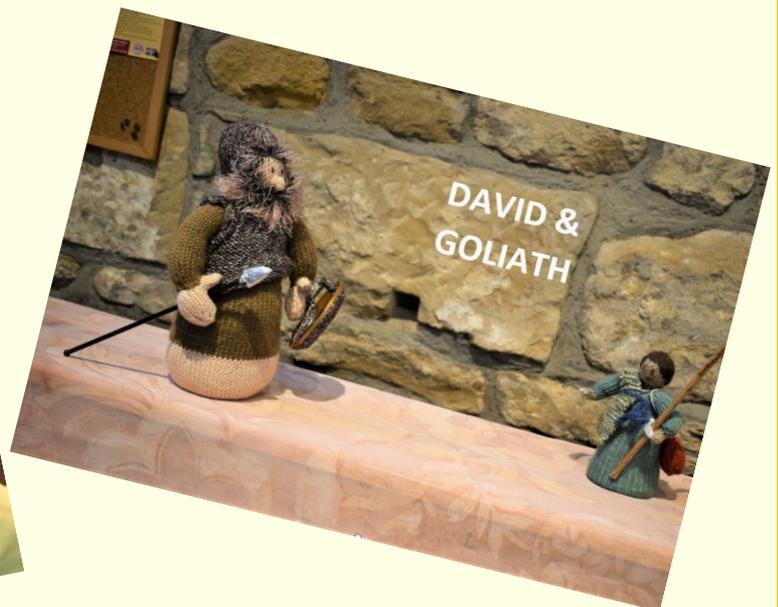
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# KNITTED BIBLE DISPLAY!

As mentioned in Lottie's "thanks" on the previous page, the month of July saw a superb exhibition at Easingwold Parish Church of Knitted Bible scenes developed by the Hartlepool United Reformed Church, to whom we are very grateful for their loan; these comprise tableaux using knitted figures, with appropriate settings, of well-known episodes from the Bible. There were 34 in total, telling the scripture story from the Creation through to the Resurrection. The pieces were laid out in historical order, in a one-way system, with COVID-secure measures in operation. Each was supplied with an explanatory board. Among our visitors were the pupils from Easingwold Community Primary School.

There was also a Quiz competition (to see who had been paying attention!), and a Bookmark as a souvenir.



## *SERVICES AND EVENTS: AUGUST 2021*

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The Vicar's day off is Monday

Children are welcome at all our services



*Please see notice on the following page regarding revised church opening restrictions*

### **Morning Services at Easingwold Sunday and Wednesday 9am**

**Sunday 10.30am**

**This service will also be accessible on Zoom**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Evening Prayer at 4.00pm**

**Raskelf: 1st Sunday in the month at 4.00pm**

PRIVATE PRAYER at Easingwold suspended until further notice

**FAMILY SERVICE SUNDAY 8th AUGUST at 4.30pm**

This service will be accessible on Zoom and Messenger

**MOTHERS' UNION COMMUNION IN CHURCH**

**THURSDAY 19th AUGUST at 10.00am**

***(Not Zoomed)***

*If you wish to join a service on Zoom and are not receiving the invite links,  
then please get in contact with Margaret by email*

You are also welcome to join the group via Zoom for

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(Contact Margaret for further details)

# CHURCH OPENING RESTRICTIONS



Regarding the national easing of many COVID restrictions as of Monday 19th July, please be informed that there will be little change in our two churches. This is due to the fact that the COVID rate in the Hambleton area is rising faster than in most places so we are taking things slowly. The following is an outline of changes along with existing restrictions that will remain in place effective from Sunday 25th July:

- ◆ The main change will be that, at Easingwold, there will be increased seating capacity and the balcony can be used so, initially, **there will be no requirement to pre-book a place at services**
- ◆ Masks will still be required to be worn, alcohol gel to be used (on entry and before receiving Holy Communion) and seating will continue to be spaced out
- ◆ Anyone attending church services will be asked to sign in with the “Track and Trace” app or leave their details at the door on entry
- ◆ Service sheets, which were previously held at home, need not be brought to church as new copies will be available
- ◆ Hymns may be sung but masks must be kept on
- ◆ There will be an opportunity to receive Holy Communion at the altar rail, if preferred
- ◆ Both Easingwold and Raskelf churches will remain closed during the week for the time being

***The above regulations may change at short notice but details will be made available as and when they are known.***



## Mothers' Union

Thursday 19th August at 10am

Communion in the Parish Church

*(This service will not be Zoomed)*



## Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal 2021

Yes, can you believe it, the time of year is approaching when we start thinking about filling shoeboxes for those in need around the world. Boxes will be available from September and their collection is early November.



If you could help Deacon Chris Peel (☎ 01347 823548) with this venture she would be delighted to hear from you. It can be a smaller or larger commitment according to your time available.

## *Readings*

Evening Prayer in Easingwold is on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month at 4pm

### **1st August**

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

### **Trinity 9**

### **Evening Prayer**

Job 28

Hebrews 11:17-31

### **8th August**

2 Samuel 8:5-9, 15, 31-33

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

### **Trinity 10**

Job 39:1-40:4

Hebrews 12:1-17

### **15th August**

Revelations 11:19-12:6

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 1:46-55

### **The Blessed Virgin Mary**

### **Evening Prayer**

Song of Solomon 2:1-7

Acts 1:6-14

### **22nd August**

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

### **Trinity 12**

Exodus 4:27-5:1

Hebrews 13:16-21

### **29th August**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### **Trinity 13**

Exodus 12:21-27

Matthew 4:23-5:20



## *From the Registers*

### *Baptisms*

20<sup>th</sup> June: George Brown (amendment to notice in July issue)

11<sup>th</sup> July: Leyton Woodhouse

25<sup>th</sup> July: Rosie Raper

### *Marriage*

24<sup>th</sup> July: David Stead and Rachel Hawkhead

### *Funerals*

22<sup>nd</sup> June: Jean North

2<sup>nd</sup> July: Joyce Salton

2<sup>nd</sup> July: Henry Dean

20<sup>th</sup> July: Reginald (Rex) Hill

### *Ordination to Priest*

3<sup>rd</sup> July: Rev'd Charlotte Cranfield

# ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

The reinstated monthly services continue on

**Sunday 1st August at 4.00pm (not Zoomed)**



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If you would like to join the Easingwold services by Zoom, please contact Margaret by email to receive the invite links for access.

## 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 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/them. If you would like prayer, please contact Reverend Lottie Cranfield 07807 941528.



Please include in your prayers this month:

- ◆ All who live and work to either side of Thirsk Road, Raskelf Road, Alne Road
- ◆ Easingwold County Primary School – staff, pupils and parents; the Live Wires out of school club
- ◆ The Parish Church; its worship and outreach; the Dialysis Unit in Tanpit Lane
- ◆ The farming communities around Raskelf and Easingwold



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- ◆ 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.

## **E.D.C.C.A**

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During the Covid crisis our staff have been working from home but can be contacted on  
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In the autumn we are hoping to restart the J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) Youth Club on Monday evenings (probably from 5pm-7pm) in the Cozie building situated near the Galtres Centre.

We have been quite successful over the years in involving the youngsters in activities and establishing a positive relationship with them. We have a short informal religious input with them halfway through the session but the emphasis is very much about the youngsters having fun and getting to know us.

In the past we often had the help of two American students who were attached to Tollerton church so staffing was less of an issue. This is not available now for various reasons and so we desperately need other helpers.

We understand that it is difficult to commit to every week but we intend to try and get a group of us together so that you may only have to help once a month.

***If you would be interested in helping with young people from the ages of 11-15 please have a word with myself or Rev'd Lottie Cranfield in church or phone me,  
Alan Hake 07535 242372.***

## **JUNIOR ANGLICAN EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE (JAEC) LIVING IN MERCY AND GRACE (31ST AUG—2ND SEP)**

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## **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](https://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*

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"I know just what you mean," said the vicar, "It's like that in my job too."

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