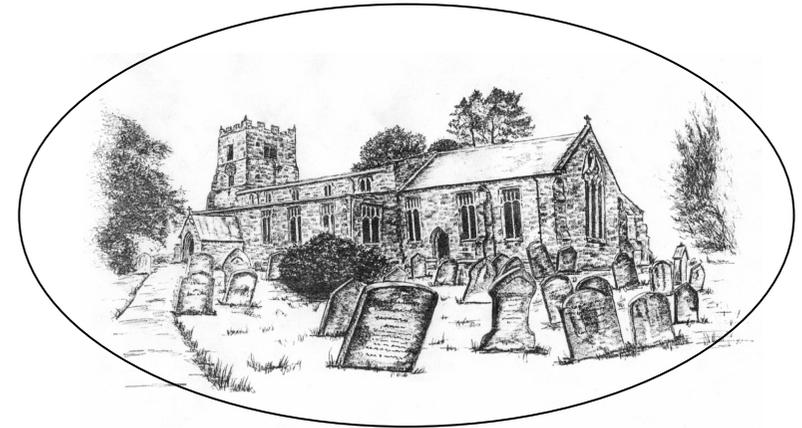
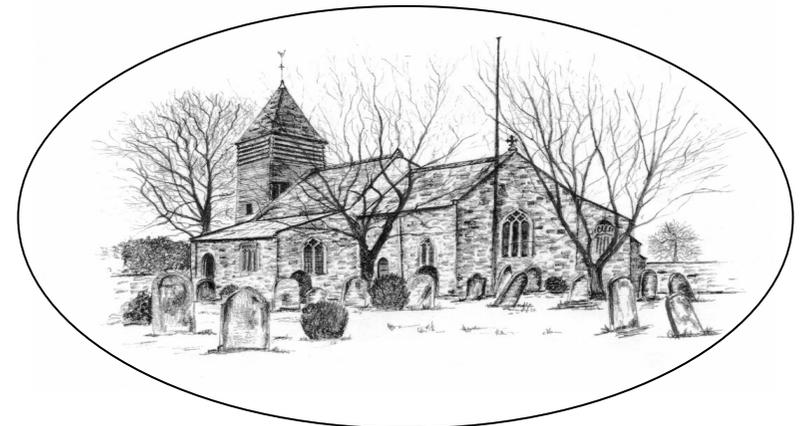


EASINGWOLD with RASKELF
PARISH NEWS



St John the Baptist & All Saints, Easingwold



St Mary the Virgin, Raskelf

September 2013



BIBLE READINGS-SEPTEMBER

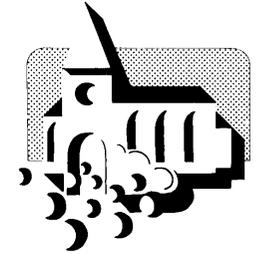
1st	10.30am	Ecclesiasticus	Ch.10	Vv.12-18	TRINITY 14
		Hebrews	Ch.13	Vv.1-8,15-16	
		Luke	Ch.14	Vv. 7-14	
	6.30pm	Isaiah	Ch.33	Vv.13-22	
		John	Ch.3	Vv.22-36	
8th	10.30am	Deuteronomy	Ch.30	Vv.15-20	TRINITY 15
		Philemon		Vv. 1-21	
		Luke	Ch.14	Vv.25-33	
	3.00pm	Service at Byland Abbey No Evensong in parish church			
15th	10.30am	Numbers	Ch.21	Vv. 4-9	HOLY CROSS DAY
		Philippians	Ch.2	Vv. 6-11	
		John	Ch.3	Vv.13-17	
		No Evensong			
22nd	10.30am	Deanery Service & Confirmation Strensall Garrison Church with Archbishop Sentamu			
	6.30pm	Ecclesiastes	Ch.5	Vv. 4-12	
		Matthew	Ch.19	Vv.16-end	
29th	10.30am	Harvest Eucharist			
	6.30pm	Harvest Songs of Praise Ecumenical Service at the Parish Church			

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

Sunday 22nd September

This month we have a special deanery service at Strensall Garrison Church -the only church in the area, apart from Easingwold itself, big enough to take the whole deanery. Parishes are cancelling their morning services to join in this special occasion led by our Archbishop. You may remember we had a similar event two years ago, which we hosted.



This is an important reminder about the nature of the church. We are not isolated groups of people who happen to meet together from time to time in various old buildings. We are the living people of God. That's what the church is all about and this is an opportunity for us to gather round our Archbishop, our father in God in this Diocese of York, and express our union with each other. It is made even more special because we will also be welcoming new members by confirmation.

This is also a reminder of our links with the past. We have had a church and a parish priest in Easingwold for over a thousand years, but there have been Bishops and Archbishops in York for much longer -the earliest we know of attended a church council in France 1700 years ago -and the line of bishops goes back long before that -right to the time of the Apostles and of Christ himself. Nor should we forget that the church will stretch on into the future, through generations yet to be born. This is the great body in which we stand. We have our place and time, but the church herself stretches behind and in front of us and embraces all corners of the earth.

John Harrison

The best is yet to come!

We British are never happy unless we are moaning. Drivers going faster than us are maniacs, while those driving slower are idiots! The weather is always too hot, cold, wet or dry. We even moan about our birthdays – especially the big ones.

Actually, I rather enjoy mine. I still remember my 21st – just about (no details!). At my 40th, 150 people danced all night to 60's music. At 60, I smiled at my bus pass, rail card, B&Q card, theatre and cinema concessions, and OAP pub lunches. What's not to like?

Now, as I approach 65 and retirement next month I think: when I was 15 I used log tables for maths. Now I use log tables to sit and relax with a barbeque – much nicer! When you join me for my farewell party in the Minster on 27th October I hope you'll enjoy that too.

Jesus obviously loved life: he relished food and drink (labelled a glutton and drunkard), was the life and soul of parties (turning water into wine), played tricks (producing a coin from a fish's mouth), and told jokes (remember the camel and the eye of the needle).

His secret? "The Kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17). Previous generations were convinced the Kingdom of God was a political country governed by a ruler in the name of God and we had to inhabit

it. Jesus reversed all that. The loving rule of God is not something outside us – rather it inhabits us. That means whatever our circumstances "the Kingdom of God is here" (Mark 1), whether we are at the beginning, middle or even end of our time on earth.

OK, my body is not as agile as it once was and my brain is less trustworthy, but that is precisely why I can never understand those who cling on to this life at all costs. When the time comes heaven will be so much more amazing than I can possibly imagine, so why hang on here? I just don't get it!

In Nehemiah 6, God's people were in the Plain of Ono, scared stiff as they faced a huge challenge. The trouble is, too many Christians remain there today: "Oh no it won't work, Oh no I tried it before, Oh no it is too ambitious....." Our Generous Churches programme encourages first and foremost "Christ-likeness". Well, Jesus-people don't just adopt the surrounding negative culture. They are called to live positively at every level.

So how's this for my parting shot? Whatever our age or situation, always, always, always – the best is yet to come!

+Martin Selby

Registers

Baptisms

28th July Matilda Faith Atkinson
James Stephen Gibson

18th August Mason Stuart Raper

Funerals

6th August Marie Davies

20th August David Bond

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4th

LITE BITE LUNCH, Old Black Bull, Raskelf 12 noon

SUNDAYS SEPTEMBER 1st

(No Service on 15th)

COMMUNION 9.10am

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8th

FAMILY SERVICE 10.30am

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 local people in need
2. Community Care in all their sections 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

Mothers' Union Events

September 2013

Wednesday 11th Mothers' Union Meeting
7.30pm Parish Rooms

Saturday 14th MU Stall Easingwold Market Place
From 9.30am

Thursday 26th MU Communion 10.00am

October Sunday 13th MU led Parish Eucharist 10.30am



Back to Church Sunday



All you do is ask friend if they would like to come to a Service with you that morning. It's not about strangers; it's about people we already know. Sometimes people lose contact with church for all sorts of reasons. Perhaps they have moved here for example and never made contact with us. It can be a bit daunting to come to a new church for the first time. It helps to meet up with them beforehand so that you can come to the service and sit together. Who might you invite? Please pray for them and the event.

Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust Big Sponsor Day

used to be called *Strike and Ride*. Traditionally participants went around local churches on their cycles. There are now Different sponsored activities you can undertake—for example, sitting in church to welcome other participants or clearing some part of the churchyard. Half of the money raised goes to a church of your choice, the other half to YHCT. Why not sponsor someone; sponsorship



The annual ecumenical **Open Air Service** in the ruins of **Byland Abbey** is on Sunday September 8th at 3.00pm. It is the turn of the Community Church to invite a preacher and they have asked Ray Booth from Sheffield whose theme will be based on Psalm 133 "*Behold how good it is for brothers to dwell together in unity.*" The service is weather dependant and will take place in Coxwold Church if the heavens open!

- **Archbishop Sentamu**...will lead a special deanery confirmation service at the Garrison Church in Strensall on Sunday September 22nd at 10.30am. There will be no service at Easingwold on that day. Details in Vicar's letter on p.2
- **The Right Reverend Martin Wallace**...Suffragan Bishop of Selby is retiring this Autumn and writes his last Diocesan letter this month p.3. 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.
- **Harvest**...as in previous years we will be having a joint *Harvest Supper* and *Songs of Praise* with the Methodist Church. The supper (Saturday 28th 6.30pm for 7pm) in the Methodist hall and the Songs of Praise (Sunday 29th at 6.30pm) is at St John's. Once again we are using our harvest gifts to support Carecent, which provides breakfast for the homeless in York.
- **Christine Andrew**... was the independent examiner for the church's financial statements for a number of years and it is with deep sadness we record her death in a road traffic accident recently and send our sympathy to her partner and family.
- **Ebor Lectures**...the programme for 2013/14 has been launched with the theme *The Morality of Austerity* and the series of lectures held in York Minster and York St John University aims to promote public conversation and to contribute to the formation of personal decisions and collective policy-making in economic, political and social spheres. Admission is free but by ticket only and these can be obtained by going to the website: www.yorks.ac.uk/eborlectures. The first one is on Thursday September 5th at 7.00pm in York Minster when Dr Anthony Campolo, former faculty member of the University of Pennsylvania, will address the subject: *Am I my brother's keeper. Free enterprise, democracy and our moral obligation to the poor.*
- **Shoebbox Appeal**...will be getting going in the next few weeks. Please start looking out for small presents for children in need. Leaflets will soon be available in church.

SERVICES AND EVENTS
SEPTEMBER 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 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*

SUN 8th TRINITY 15

8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am Family Service *at Raskelf*
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 3.00pm Open Air Service at Byland
preacher Ray Booth
 please bring a folding chair to sit on
if wet in Coxwold Church

Tues 10th 3.00pm Springhill Court Communion
 Wed 11th 9.00am Communion
 7.30pm Mothers' Union *Parish Rooms*
 7.30pm Deanery Synod *Shipton*
 Sat 14th from 9.30am M.U. stall in Market Place

SUN 15th HOLY CROSS DAY

8.00am Holy Communion
No Raskelf Service this week
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
No Evensong this week

Wed 18th 9.00am Communion
 7.30pm PCC *Parish Rooms*

SUN 22nd TRINITY 17

8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am DEANERY CONFIRMATION EUCHARIST
at Strensall Garrison Church
with Archbishop Sentamu.
 No PARISH EUCHARIST at Easingwold this week
 6.30pm Evensong

Wed 25th 9.00am Communion
 Thur 26th 10.00am M.U. Communion
 Sat 28th Harvest weekend
 6.30pm for 7pm Harvest Supper *Methodist Church*

SUN 29th HARVEST

Back to Church Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am HARVEST EUCHARIST
 6.30pm Harvest Songs of Praise
Ecumenical Service at the Parish Church

October

Wed 2nd 9.00am Communion
 10.00am Communion at Park Close
 12noon Raskelf Lunch *at the Old Black Bull*

SUN 3rd DEDICATION FESTIVAL

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.10am Holy Communion *at Raskelf*
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
preacher Rt Revd Glyn Webster
Bishop of Beverley
 2.00pm Baptism
 6.30pm Evensong