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# From the Vicar



What do we know about the Queen? Probably a lot more than we used to after all that has been in the news recently. She was our Queen, Supreme Governor of the Church of England and Defender of the Faith. Those of you in the Forces, and me as a priest, will have sworn allegiance to her.

But there is also a very human side to her: mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, cousin - the list goes on. She loved her family dearly. We can get bogged down with her titles and how long that she lived but whenever I take a funeral I ask the family to think of occasions where the person's personality has shown through and so to commemorate the Queen I decided to think along the same lines.

The Queen was a well-loved lady who also loved. She loved her family, she loved her animals, she loved her friends but also she loved her country.

So, how will we remember the Queen?

**Her Smile:** The Queen had a lovely smile with a twinkle in her eye. She had the art of smiling when perhaps she didn't want to and still make it look genuine. Her life wasn't always easy, she had the bad times as well as the good. She faced harsh criticism and was not always happy with what was going on in her family, yet she was still able to smile in public.

Her Hats: For formal occasions, she wore beautiful hats that matched her outfits but she was also just as comfortable casually dressed whilst walking the dogs or riding her horse, controversially wearing a headscarf and not a riding hat. Her love of animals was very apparent and I think that she learned from the animals. They treated her like they would have any other human being. They were her companions. This is something that many of us can relate to. So her hats, lovely as they are, were a sign of her being on duty but her scarf was more indicative of what she loved doing.

**Her Handbag:** Another symbol of the Queen. Who knows what was in it? A secret? A bit like the Queen in many ways. We see what is on show but there is part of her that is hidden away.

Her Sense of Humour: As she got older, we learnt more about the Queen too. She had a sense of humour. The London Olympics provided the first example with 007 where she supposedly parachuted her way into the stadium. At her Platinum Jubilee she had tea with Paddington Bear. The video showed how warm she could be, she didn't just do paperwork, and go on walkabouts. She knew about life, she read books, she would have read to her children and grandchildren and maybe to her great grandchildren. She would very likely have read Paddington Bear and, as we discovered, her handbag contained an emergency marmalade sandwich!

Her Faith: We have slowly found out more about her, and one thing that she talked about more over the years was her faith. Her title was Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England. She talked more of her belief in God and how it affected her life. The Queen made it very clear that God was a huge influence in her life. In her life she put the country first and she did this through her faith in God.

She knew that she wasn't perfect, no one is but her faith guided her life, helped her in her decisions. Her faith would let her know that when she made a mistake, she was forgiven. For the Queen, going to church was important. It was an opportunity to give herself time to be with her maker, who died for her and who has forgiven her for the things that she had done wrong.

People have commented to me that they won't come to church because they feel they are not good enough. Church is exactly the place that they should be. It is for people to say sorry for what they have done wrong. The Queen was human, she will have made mistakes but through her faith she knew that she would be accountable to God for what she has done and be forgiven through the love of Christ.

Every blessing for October,

Margaret

# Statement by the Archbishop of York on the death of Her Majesty The Queen

I join with many throughout our country and beyond as we mourn the death of Her Majesty The Queen. Throughout her long reign, and in all the confusions and challenges of a changing world, Her Majesty has been a constant, faithful presence.

In 2014, Her Majesty remarked, "Christ's example has taught me to seek, to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none." The Queen's gift to engage with everyone whom she met and the ability to make them feel at ease was a remarkable skill and one which showed a deep connection to the people she served and a desire to live out Jesus' teaching. On the occasions I had the pleasure of meeting Her Majesty, I can testify to the warmth and joy she brought to every occasion. But most of all, it was the resolute reality of her faith that struck me powerfully.



In Her Majesty's first Christmas broadcast, ahead of her Coronation she asked the nation, whatever their religion, to pray that God would give her wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promise she would be making and to faithfully serve God and us all the days of her life.

That is most definitely a prayer that has been answered. Her service to our nation and Commonwealth has been exemplified by her devotion to her duty, which has always been offered with joy. Underpinning this has been her deep faith in God and in her we have witnessed God's faithfulness at work.

Her Majesty leaves a remarkable legacy which not only lives on in this country, but stretches across the Commonwealth and the rest of the world. Her desire to bring people together and use her role to build up communities and wider society has been a cornerstone of her reign.

Do join me in praying for members of the Royal Family over the coming weeks as the God who sustained Her Majesty throughout her life, guides them and brings them comfort. Above all, we pray also for our new King in the responsibilities that now rest upon him.

The Queen was not shy in speaking of her faith and the hope and strength she found in Jesus Christ. At the heart of the good news of God is that through the death and resurrection of his son Jesus, the promise of new and eternal life is offered to us all. This belief, this hope, sustained our Queen and as she rejoices in that promise fulfilled so we too can draw comfort and hope from it. Many of us will struggle to imagine the life of our nation without the Queen. Her constancy and faithfulness has been deeply reassuring in a world that has changed so much. We give thanks for the Queen's example, devotion achievements. She found and huge stability, perseverance and confidence in Jesus Christ who was the source of her hope and peace. May that also be true for each of us and for our nation; and may our dearly departed Queen rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Most Reverend Stephen Cottrell Archbishop of York God of love,
We thank you for the life of The Queen,
for her service to our nation,
and for her faith in you.
Be close to all of us who mourn,
that we may we find comfort and hope
in your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



A Prayer for the new Monarch,

HM King Charles III

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.

Bless his reign and the life of our nation.

Help us to work together

so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness

flourish among us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Source: Church of England, Facebook

# COMMEMORATION SERVICE

A special commemoration service marking the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was held at our Parish Church on Sunday 18th September.

The service began with organist Peter Smith playing chorale preludes by J. S. Bach and Elgar's "Nimrod" from "Enigma Variations". Hymns sung were: "As pants the hart for cooling streams", "The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want", "Immortal, invisible, God only wise" and "O God, our help in ages past".





The reading, delivered by David Kenworthy QPM DL Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, was from Revelation 21.1-7. Rev'd Lottie led the congregation in prayer beginning with the Lord's Prayer and further prayers read by Benjamin Lynam, a student of Outwood Academy, Easingwold.

Rev'd Margaret gave an enlightening sermon (much of it included in her letter at the beginning of this issue), talking about the Queen's love of her family, her animals, her country and, most importantly, her faith in God.

The service concluded with the National Anthem.

Photograph of the Vicar by Michael Wansborough

# Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal 2022



If you can fill a shoebox this year, please collect your box from the Parish Church porch and return it to the church from 16<sup>th</sup> October.

If you are not able to fill a box this time, please will you consider giving a small donation to help with costs. Deacon Chris Peel will be pleased to receive such in an envelope marked Shoeboxes.

Deacon Chris Peel (Tel: 01347 823548)

## **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

# St John the Baptist Men's Group

At our September meeting I shared about the benefits of being a Christian. Anyone is welcome to join us for a bit of breakfast and time of fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on

Friday 7th October at 10.00 am in 'Morning Coffee Afternoon Tea' on Long Street in Easingwold

We meet in the restaurant area [turn right 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 at <a href="mailto:david@dkbassociates.co.uk">david@dkbassociates.co.uk</a> or on 07789 900 939.

# SERVICES AND EVENTS: OCTOBER 2022

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 9.00 am—Holy Communion Sunday 10.30 am—Holy Communion

(This service is also accessible on Zoom on 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month)

Sunday 9th October: Family Service at 4.30 pm Sunday 16th October: Café Church at 6.30 pm



# **Mothers' Union**

Thursday 20th October at 10am Communion and Coffee in the Parish Church All welcome



Thank you to everyone for the fundraising for the Mother's Union caravan at Filey

# **WOMEN'S GROUP**

A very informal group looking at ways to help one another and the community

Meeting in the Parish Church, Easingwold

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month 7.00-9.00pm

October dates: 6th and 20th

# Children's Church Services at Easingwold

# \*\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*\* LITTLE SEEDS

for 4 to 9 year olds Thursdays at 3.45 pm in the Parish Church

### **IGNITE**

for 10+ year olds Fridays at 3.45 pm at the Vicarage



### FAMILY SERVICE

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month 4.30 pm at the Parish Church



Craft — Singing — Drama—Bible Stories — Prayers

Please ring Vicar Margaret on 01347 821394 for more details or just turn up

# ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Sunday 2nd October: Holy Communion at 10.30 am Wednesday 5th October:

Lite Bite Lunch at the Old Black Bull at 12 noon

Wednesday 12th October: Harvest Festival at 7 pm

Sunday 16th October: Holy Communion at 10.30 am



### CHILDREN ALWAYS WELCOME



# Raskelf Harvest Festival

Wednesday 12th October Service at 7 pm followed by refreshments in church Donations for RABI

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF ORGAN RECITAL

Our thanks are extended to John Dunford for a wonderful and varied programme of organ music, performed on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September in St. Mary's Church. Over 80 people enjoyed the music and the interesting history John gave us about the instrument.

After the recital we enjoyed tea and cakes. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated and supported the event and to all who baked and donated cakes and gave their time to make the event a success.

Our efforts raised an amazing total of £1040.00 for St Mary's restoration fund.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—RASKELF

Curry Night fundraiser – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm

(Offers of curry dishes to Judith Hawkhead 07722241339)

Carol Service – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

(If you would like to donate mince pies for after the Carol Service, please get in touch with Pat Allen 821139 or Lynne Price 824768)

# Readings

# Evening Prayer in Easingwold is on the 1st Sunday in the month at 4pm

2nd October **Trinity 16 Evensong** Nehemiah 5:1-13 Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 John 9 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

9th October **Trinity 17** 

Nehemiah 6:1-16 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c 2 Timothy 2:8-15 John 6:51-69

Luke 17:11-19

16th October **Trinity 18** 

Genesis 32:22-31 Nehemiah 8:9-18 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 John 16:1-11

Luke 18:1-8

23rd October **Bible Sunday** 

Isaiah 45:22-25 Ecclesiastes 11,12 Romans 15:1-6 2 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 4:16-24

30th October **All Saints** 

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Isaiah 65:17-25 Ephesians 1:11-23 Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Luke 6:20-31

From the Registers
Funerals

. Raskelf

10th September: Julie Nicholson

Easingwold

20th September: Jennifer Dalton 23rd September: Robert Turl



### BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

Bible Conversations have recommenced. The next one will be on 4th October at 4 Stonefield Garth the home of Nancy and John Kilburn. All are welcome to this gentle way of exploring the Bible.

We will start promptly at **10.00am** and finish with a time of prayer by 11.15am.

If you wish to know more, ask Deacon Chris (01347 823548) or just turn up.

# From Rev'd Lottie



Prayer is always important and is something we can all do daily. We pray for ourselves and our family, for the troubled world, for our church and community. Every month - the second Saturday - you have the opportunity to join with others from the churches in Easingwold to pray.

We meet at The New Inn (Morning Coffee—Afternoon Tea) on Long Street.

Arrive from 8.45am for coffee/tea.

Prayer begins at 9.00am for approximately 30 minutes.

We would love you to come and join us on Saturday 8th October from 8.45am

# **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 Reverend Lottie Cranfield on 07807 941528.

Please include in your prayers this month:

- Those unsung heroes in the area who raise money for a variety of charities during the year; the Shoebox appeal
- All who make music for our enjoyment; those who belong to the amateur dramatics
- All businesses situated along Long Street
- Raskelf village hall and its activities

# Open The Book at Easingwold Primary School

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.

Our team at Easingwold is looking for more volunteers to join them and present at the local primary school over one or two sessions per month during term time.

Forthcoming dates are 13<sup>th</sup> October, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December.

If you would like to become involved, please contact Andrew Neville-Smith at a.nevillesmith@btinternet.com

# CHURCH SERVICES

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday:	Easingwold	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Holy Communion
		4.00 pm	Evening Prayer/Evensong
	Raskelf	10.30 am	Holy Communion
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday:	Easingwold	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Holy Communion
		4.30 pm	Family Service
	Raskelf		No Service
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday:	Easingwold	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Holy Communion
		6.30 pm	Café Church —a relaxed informal service
	Raskelf	10.30 am	Holy Communion
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday:	Easingwold	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Holy Communion
		4.00 pm	May be a special service of
			Taize or Healing on this or 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays
_	Raskelf		No Service
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday:	Easingwold	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Holy Communion
	Raskelf		No Service

### Weekdays in Easingwold:

Wednesday 9.00 am Holy Communion

1st & 3rd Thursdays: 7.00-9.00pm—Women's Group in the Parish Church

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 10.00 am Mothers' Union Holy Communion

Thursday 3.45 pm in church—Little Seeds for 4 to 9 year olds

Friday 3.45 pm at the Vicarage —Ignite (for older primary and

early secondary age groups)

# PCC TREASURER VACANCY

# THE PCC IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO TAKE ON THE ROLE OF TREASURER

Initially this would involve working alongside the present Treasurer, Bill Henebury, for the next few months and then fully take over the role. Bill is currently supported by Kamal Antoun and Peter Simpson who are happy to continue in their roles during the transitional period and thereafter.

If you are interested, please contact vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org or Bill Henebury on 01347 239178

# POPPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

We are hoping to do something different this year which involves knitted poppies (or crocheted) or even made from felt or foam. We want to display them over the balcony in church and at the Memorial in the Market Place but we need

1000s of poppies. We will be very grateful for any that we get and it doesn't matter on the quality so the odd dropped stitch won't matter as it won't show. Poppies can be brought to church.

### **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 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

# **EDCCA**

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- We continue to offer help with collecting shopping and prescriptions.
- Our Meals on Wheels service continues to offer a tasty, hot nutritious meal 5 days per week.
- ♦ Hub Club for people with Dementia Tuesdays or Fridays in Easingwold Football Club. Contact EDCCA for more details.
- EDCCA Charity Boutique on Long Street open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
   09.30 to 4pm and Saturday mornings 09.30 to 12.30. Donations welcome.
- Our crossword club meets weekly here on a Monday morning in the Police House. They are a small, select group but welcome new members.
- We have a wheelchair hire service, for those who may require one.
- The Easingwold Foodbank now comes under the EDCCA umbrella and can be reached on the main EDCCA telephone number 01347 822875, this serves Easingwold and the surrounding areas.

Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 09.30 am to 12.30 pm and we can be contacted by telephone on 01347 822875

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