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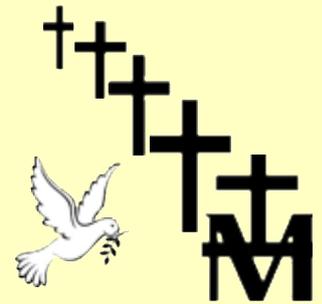
They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them



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From the Vicar ...



This time of year is set aside in the church's calendar to remember those whom we love but are no longer with us. The All Souls service can be painful if the losses are recent and there is always a wonderful attendance to remember those who have fallen in war. The nation becomes united as we remember them. Psalm 23 is often requested at funerals, either as a hymn or said, but why is it so popular?

Psalm 23

***"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long."***

NRSV

The psalmist David saw God as his shepherd. Here David was in the wilderness with his own sheep, he understood how shepherds cared for their sheep and what they would do to keep them safe. He knew each by name and they knew his voice. He would lead his sheep to water and to the good feeding grounds. These sheep were safe no matter what terrain they were going through, the shepherd's rod and staff helping to keep them out of danger. David saw that God treated him the same way.

We as Christians see Jesus as the Good Shepherd, Jesus himself used the analogy. David had such faith in the Lord that he knew that he would dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

There are various settings of words and music to this psalm. The most commonly used tune is Crimmond but others will be used over this time of Remembrance.

The main message that we receive is that Christ is there for us, even when the valley seems very bleak. There is a place waiting for us in the house of the Lord. This is echoed in John 14:1-6 which talks about a mansion with many rooms and one is prepared for each of us.

There is so much hope in these readings that there is wonder and joy, with no pain and suffering in the future. Our aim is to make earth as near to heaven for others as is possible by the way that we act. Sometimes this is easier for some than others!

God is with us in our good times and bad, our Good Shepherd cares for us and knows us by name and He prepares us a place for us to dwell with Him forevermore.

Every blessing for this Remembrancetide.

Margaret



ALL SOULS –TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

The Parish Church will be open between **4.30pm and 6.00pm** for private prayer and for anyone who wishes to light a candle in remembrance of their loved ones.

There is no requirement to book a place for this.

At **6.30pm** there will be an opportunity to light a candle and hear the names of loved ones read out at the All Souls Service. Unfortunately, because of COVID, the numbers of people allowed in church at services are still restricted so attendance will be on a first come first served basis.

Therefore booking a place is advised.

If you would like to attend, please contact the vicar on 01347 821394 so that seating can be arranged. Even if you cannot attend, the names of all those who have passed away from the last two years will be read out during the service and a candle will be lit in their remembrance.

Remembrance Tree - Arrangements have also been made with the funeral directors, Chapman Medd and J G Fielder and Son, to mark this time of Remembrance. The Town Council are allowing ribbons to be tied to the tree outside of the Curious Coffee Shop from Monday 25th October until Tuesday 9th November. The yellow ribbons can be collected from either

Chapman Medd in the Market Place or J G Fielder and Son in Chapel Street from **Monday 25th to Friday 30th October and Monday 1st to Friday 5th November**, during office hours.

Grateful thanks to both Chapman Medd and J G Fielder and Son for sponsoring this event



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This year, Remembrance Day falls on **Sunday 14th November**.

A Eucharistic Service will be at **9.00am** followed by the Remembrance Day Service at 10.45am

UNFORTUNATELY, AS NUMBERS ALLOWED IN CHURCH ARE STILL RESTRICTED DUE TO THE COVID SITUATION, ANYONE WHO WISHES TO ATTEND THE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE WILL BE REQUIRED TO BOOK A PLACE.

ARMISTICE DAY

There will be a service in the Market Place on Thursday 11th November beginning at 10.30am.

A minute's silence will be incorporated into the service at 11.00am.



Café Church

There was an innovation at Easingwold Parish Church recently with the first of a monthly series of Café Church services. These are relaxed affairs, with a constant supply of refreshments, designed to provide a very informal setting in which to explore aspects of faith.

The event was led by Rev'd Margaret Young, assisted by Rev'd Lottie Cranfield, with the theme of: "Is God calling you to follow Him?"

Margaret read a verse from Matthew's Gospel and then lit the Easter candle as a reminder that God is always with us. She read the biblical verse about the calling of Samuel.

We heard the song: "God is calling me ", and Lottie read from Luke's Gospel about the calling of Zacchaeus.

Margaret gave her testimony about how she felt that God was calling her, a feeling she can't explain, likening it to falling in love; this led to some interesting discussions.

Then came a practical exercise, for which we were all issued with a piece of string! We tied a knot in the string for each reason which was stopping us from following the call of God, like work, family, or being too scared of the commitment etc. Then, in the 'Knots Prayer', we asked for God's help to untie all our 'nots' – the 'have nots', 'can nots', 'do nots', 'could nots', 'am nots'!

We offered each other a sign of Peace, by just a wave of the hand in these COVID- restricted times!, before sharing the gifts of God in the refreshments, preceded by a sharing prayer. This was followed by a prayer of thanks and the Lord's Prayer.

Margaret gave a final Blessing, leaving us to discuss what had been a most interesting and stimulating session. We look forward very much to the next event! (see below)

M.W.

Have you asked yourself why people go to church?

Have you asked yourself why God is important to some people and whether He could be important to you?



Could God be calling you too to follow Him?

**Come and join our next Café Church on
21st November at 6.30 pm
at the Parish Church, Church Hill, Easingwold**



An informal setting (with refreshments) to hear why people believe in God and put Him at the centre of their lives and to ask questions to see if He can be at the centre of your life too.

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal 2021



A huge "Thank you" to all who have already handed in a shoebox; to those who are busy filling boxes; to those who have contributed gifts for the boxes; and to those who have donated money.

If anyone is still wanting a box to fill there are some available either in the Parish Church porch on Sundays or from 11 Whiteoak Avenue.

***ALL boxes must be handed in to 11 Whiteoak Avenue or church by
SUNDAY 7th NOVEMBER.***

Chris Peel will collect if needed (tel: 01347 823548)

Carecent

Carecent was originally a breakfast centre for all homeless, unemployed or socially excluded members of the community, operating from the Central Methodist Church in York. In the past we have supported the charity at Harvest time by providing goods suitable for breakfast. Due to the pandemic the service had to change to providing packed lunches and hot drinks from the church porch. In addition practical and social support has continued with vaccinations, podiatry, and food bank vouchers. It is intended to hold a takeaway Christmas lunch buffet.

Financial donations can be sent to

Carecent, Central Methodist Church, St Saviourgate, York YO1 8NQ

A "Thank You" letter has been received from Carecent for all gifts given so far.

St John the Baptist Men's Group

The Men's Group is to begin their meetings again, but on a changed date, in a different location and with a new format.

We will have our first post lockdown face-to-face meeting on Friday 5th of November between 10.00-11.45am at 'Morning Coffee Afternoon Tea' on Long Street.

The first meeting will give us a chance to catch up with each other after such a long time, to discuss some matters about the future direction of the group and also to share some fellowship together.

Brian, the Manager of 'Morning Coffee Afternoon Tea' is doing a special for members of the Men's Group and will serve a bacon bap with either tea or coffee for £5, so come along enjoy some fellowship and have your breakfast at the same time [or perhaps for some an early lunch].

Just turn up, or if you need further details please contact me, John Hetherington,
on easingwoldrev@gmail.com or 07709 827122.

Friday the 5th of November - what better day for the 'Guys' to begin meeting again!

SERVICES AND EVENTS: NOVEMBER 2021

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



Services at Easingwold

Holy Communion—Sunday and Wednesday 9.00 am

Holy Communion —Sunday 10.30 am

(This service also accessible on Zoom excluding the first Sunday in the month)

Tuesday 2nd November—All Souls Service at 6.30 pm

Sunday 7th November —Evening Prayer at 4.00 pm

Sunday 14th November—Remembrance Day

Holy Communion at 9.00 am

Remembrance Day Service at 10.45 am

Family Service at 4.30 pm

Sunday 21st November —Café Church at 6.30 pm

Thursday 4th and Thursday 18th November

Women's Group in the Parish Church (see notice on next page)

Fridays —IGNITE at 3.45 pm in the Vicarage

(Contact Vicar Margaret for further details)

Services at Raskelf

Sunday 7th and Sunday 21st November:

Holy Communion at 10.30 am

Sunday 14th November at 10.45 am - Remembrance Day Service

MOTHERS' UNION HOLY COMMUNION IN CHURCH

THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER at 10.00 am

(Not Zoomed)

You are also welcome to join the group via Zoom for

MORNING PRAYER each TUESDAY

CHURCH SERVICES FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2021



1st Sunday:	Easingwold	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Holy Communion
		4.00 pm	Evening Prayer/Evensong
2nd Sunday:	Raskelf	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	Easingwold	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Holy Communion
		4.30 pm	Family Service
3rd Sunday:	Raskelf		No Service
	Easingwold	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Holy Communion
		6.30 pm	Café Church — a relaxed informal service
4th Sunday:	Raskelf	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	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 th Sundays
5th Sunday:	Raskelf		No Service
	Easingwold	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Holy Communion
	Raskelf		No Service

Weekdays in Easingwold:

Wednesdays 9.00 am Holy Communion

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

3rd Thursday **only** 10.00 am Mothers' Union Holy Communion

Fridays 3.45 pm at the Vicarage—Ignite (for older primary and early secondary age groups)

Children's Church Services at Easingwold



IGNITE
for 7-13 year olds (approx)
Fridays at 3.45 pm
at the Vicarage

FAMILY SERVICE
2nd 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

*****NEW*****

WOMEN'S GROUP

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the
month 7.00-9.00pm

November dates:
4th and 18th

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

Meeting in the Parish Church

Readings

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

7th November

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

3rd Sunday before Advent

Evening Prayer

Isaiah 10:33-11:9
Matthew 10:1-22

14th November

Daniel 12:1-3
Mark 13:1-8

2nd Sunday before Advent

Daniel 3:13-30
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

21st November

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Revelations 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Christ the King

Daniel 5
John 6:1-15

28th November

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

Advent Sunday

Joel 3:9-21
Revelations 14:13-15:4



Mothers' Union Holy Communion



Thursday 18th November, 10 am at the Parish Church

All welcome



From the Registers

Baptisms

3rd October: Scarlett Harvey

Funerals

6th October: Maureen Minton

7th October: Eta Mary Watson

18th October: Alan Hull

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

**Wednesday 3rd November —Lite Bite Lunch at the
Old Black Bull at 12 noon**

Sunday 7th November —Holy Communion at 10.30 am

Sunday 14th November—Remembrance Day Service at 10.45 am

Sunday 21st November —Holy Communion at 10.30 am



**Remembrance Day Service
at St Mary's Church
Raskelf**

**Sunday 14th November
10.45 am**

**Open The Book at
Easingwold Primary School**

will continue on

**16th and 30th November
14th December**



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:

- ◆ Town, District and County Councillors, their meetings and decision-making; their arranged activities
- ◆ The elderly living in the Park Close, Paradise Fields, Croft Close and St. Monica's Garth area
- ◆ Youth work in Easingwold and Raskelf; all the uniformed organisations.
- ◆ Raskelf monthly Lite Bite Lunch, and the villagers' outreach and fund-raising activities for the church



RASKELF HARVEST THANKSGIVING AND SUPPER

Raskelf harvest celebrations were held in October with a service at St Mary's church, led by Rev'd Margaret Young. Introducing the service, Margaret commented that through hymns, readings and prayers, we raise the song of harvest home. But, at the same time, we remember those who struggle to put food on the table, who go hungry when the harvest fails, or who suffer from extreme and unseasonal weather due to climate change.

This was followed by the traditional hymn: "Come, ye Thankful People, Come."

The service was structured around seven main themes: Soil; Seed; Growth; Abundance; Offering; Sharing and Feast. Readers introduced each topic, giving an appropriate biblical reading and prayers; these were interspersed with hymns, which included "Let us with a Gladsome Mind", "For the Beauty of the Earth", and the John Rutter song "Look at the World", performed by John Dunford.

For her Talk, Margaret started from the well-known poem by John Betjeman: "The Diary of a Church Mouse", in which a poor mouse laments that throughout most of the year he finds a very scant diet in the church. But at Harvest Festival time, when the Harvest gifts are in the church, it attracts other rodents, who share his food then, but don't appear at other times!

A collection taken for the work of The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) raised £225.

After the traditional "We Plough the Fields and Scatter", and The Lord's Prayer, Margaret gave a Blessing to conclude a most enjoyable and original service.

The congregation was then joined by friends at the Village Hall for a Harvest Supper celebration, including an enormous array of Tombola prizes; some of these had been held over from the 'Knitted Bible' displays at Easingwold Parish Church in July, when it had been impossible to use them due to COVID restrictions.

A superb feast was enjoyed, served up by the Raskelf ladies. Grateful thanks go to Pat Allen, Lynne Price and their willing band of helpers who organised the catering for the occasion. This opportunity for a social event was greatly appreciated after such a long period of limitations due to the lockdown and COVID! Sale of supper tickets raised over £300 for the church restoration fund.

EDCCA

Easingwold District Community Care Association



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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- ◇ The services that we can offer to our clients are befriending and telephone befriending plus sitting which covers those who have either a confirmed or possible diagnosis of Dementia.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ Our crossword club meets weekly here 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.

Our team of dedicated volunteers are here to help

St Leonard's Hospice Shop

Back in the spring of 2019 my wife and I started working as volunteers in the St Leonard's Hospice Shop when it opened in Easingwold. We had responded to a request for volunteers to help out in the new shop and undertake various roles from sorting out donations, processing and labelling items for the shop floor, steam pressing garments for display, working on the till, and generally undertaking whatever other roles were required.

Since beginning this work we have met a wonderful group of volunteers and made many good friends. Working under the guiding hand of Managers, Sheila and Vicki, it is deeply satisfying to know that we are raising much needed funds that go to help the running of St Leonard's Hospice in York as it cares for and supports terminally ill patients and their families.

In the next few weeks we will all be meeting up to share in our Christmas 'Do' and have a wonderful evening together sharing food and wine, and also looking back on the wonderful work that we have undertaken together.

The work is extremely rewarding, and if you would like to join the volunteer staff we are always on the lookout for more helpers. You can find out more by calling into the shop in Chapel Street and speaking to Sheila or Vicki, or alternatively you can always contact me on email. easingwoldrev@gmail.com or tel. 07709 827122.

Rev'd John Hetherington



Very many thanks to all who so kindly contributed to the September collection in aid of the Children's Society (formerly the Church of England Children's Society).

A total of £236 has been forwarded to this very worthwhile cause which supports disadvantaged children – particularly necessary as families struggle in these challenging times!

For those who would like to join the scheme I have more boxes available for loose change, and cheques or cash are also most welcome!

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