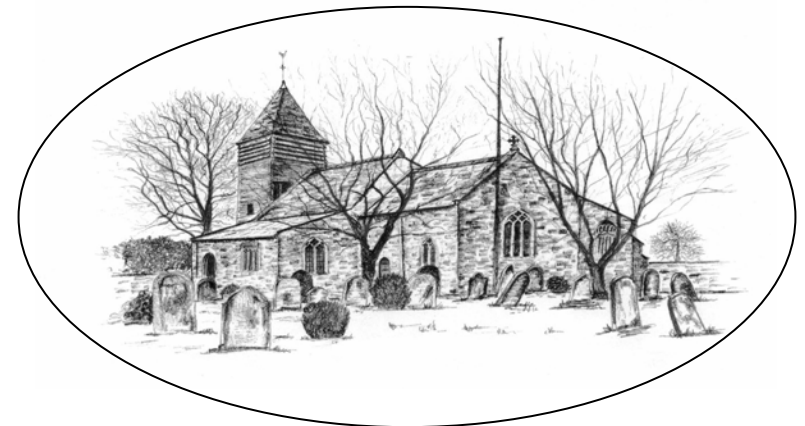


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*St John the Baptist & All Saints, Easingwold*



*St Mary the Virgin, Raskelf*

December 2013

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## DECEMBER

1st	10.30am	Isaiah	Ch. 2	Vv. 1-5	ADVENT SUNDAY
		Romans	Ch.13	Vv.11-14	
		Matthew	Ch.24	Vv.36-44	
	6.30pm	No Evensong: ADVENT CAROL SERVICE			
8th	10.30am	Isaiah	Ch.11	Vv. 1-10	ADVENT 2
		Romans	Ch.15	Vv. 4-13	
		Matthew	Ch. 3	Vv. 1-12	
	6.30pm	1 Kings	Ch.18	Vv.17-39	
		John	Ch. 1	Vv.19-28	
15th	10.30am	Isaiah	Ch.35	Vv. 1-10	ADVENT 3
		James	Ch. 5	Vv. 7-10	
		Matthew	Ch.11	Vv. 2-11	
22nd	10.30am	Isaiah	Ch.7	Vv.10-16	ADVENT 4
		Romans	Ch.1	Vv. 1-7	
		Matthew	Ch.1	Vv.18-25	
	6.30pm	Christmas Carol Service			
24th	11.30pm	Isaiah	Ch.52	Vv. 7-10	CHRISTMAS EVE
		Hebrews	Ch.1	Vv. 1-4	
		John	Ch.1	Vv. 1-14	
25th	10.30am	Isaiah	Ch.9	Vv. 2-7	CHRISTMAS DAY
		Titus	Ch.2	Vv.11-14	
		Luke	Ch.2	Vv. 1-14	
29th	10.30am	Isaiah	Ch.63	Vv. 7-9	CHRISTMAS 1
		Hebrews	Ch.2	Vv.110-18	
		Matthew	Ch.2	Vv.13-23	
	3.30pm	Phillipians	Ch.2	Vv. 1-11	
		Luke	Ch.2	Vv.41-52	

## Advent

The weeks of Advent lead up to Christmas. They're a time of preparation -obviously preparation for the festivities, but also preparation of ourselves for the coming of Christ



It's a season when our readings are dominated by three people. The first is the prophet Isaiah. He lived several hundred years before Jesus at a time of great hardship for the Jewish people. Many of them were in exile in Babylon, far from their homeland, and felt they had no hope for the future. But Isaiah spoke of hope, telling them that God would be faithful and would restore them to their promised land.

The second figure is John the Baptist -the one who *goes before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways*. He not only announces the coming of the Messiah, he also warns the people they have to be ready to receive him.

And finally there is Mary, the young woman from the hill town in the north, who by the message of an angel is told she is to be the mother of God's Son. As Advent draws to its close, she takes centre stage and we travel with her to Bethlehem and the birth of the Saviour.

God is faithful and will save us, but we need to be ready for his coming. That's the message of Advent that we shall hear again during the coming weeks.

John Harrison

## Archbishop's Christmas message....

### When the going gets tough, the Body of Christ gets giving

I have often heard people say that 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going'. Well, the going is really tough for many people worried about jobs, mortgages, rising fuel costs and how are we going to afford Christmas this year? Yet all is not lost. What I have seen time and again in these difficult days, is that when the going gets tough, the Body of Christ in you gets giving.

I have been overcome by the generosity that I have seen in response to the Foodbanks that have been set up across the Diocese. Did you know that York Minster has donated half a tonne of food to the Middlesbrough Foodbank? In the village of Thirkleby, the local phone box was used as a collecting point for the Foodbank right up until the point when BT removed the phone box! Food is now collected outside the village hall.

In responding to the needs of others, we are allowing ourselves to emulate the very character of the God of justice, mercy and love. For God did not abandon a world in need, nor did He just send us a message or an email. Instead He turned up in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, to bring forgiveness for all past sins, gave new life in the present and hope for the future. Now when the going gets tough, we know that we have God the Holy Spirit with us - and Christ who promised never to



abandon us. His presence will see us through and help us to respond to a world that so desperately needs to know that generosity of God.

I know that the going is still tough. As we look forward to Christmas I pray that those who worry that they don't have enough will be able to receive the gift of the generosity of others. I pray too that those of us who do have enough will be able to demonstrate the amazing grace of God through our generosity with all that we have.

Whoever we are and whatever our circumstances, we worship the God and Father of our Lord Jesus who has already given everything for us. How can we respond with anything less? As the Christmas carol says,

*'What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.  
Yet, what can I give him? Give my heart.'*

+Sentamu Eboracum

### Registers

#### **Baptisms**

20<sup>th</sup> Oct Dexter William Barnacle  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nov Daniel Joseph Ward

#### **Funerals**

22nd Nov Wilf Corner  
23rd Nov Brian North

#### ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1st & 15th

HOLY COMMUNION 9.10am

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11th

LITE BITE LUNCH, Old Black Bull, Raskelf 12 noon

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8th

FAMILY SERVICE 10.30am

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24th

CRIB SERVICE 3pm

CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST 10.00pm

### 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. All Christmas planning & activities; that all may think of others less fortunate than themselves
2. Those who will be alone this Christmas, the poor, the homeless and those who feel forgotten and unloved
3. Churches Together in Easingwold and District

December 11th



Mothers' Union

**ADVENT EVENING**

Led by Canon Barbara Wilkinson

7.30pm Parish Rooms



## Operation Christmas Child

Our boxes have started their journey to the Ukraine-79 of them. They have been delivered to the depot at Harrogate



Arriving, being checked through and then put into cartons for the next stage of their journey



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The **Christmas Nine Lessons and Carols** is at Easingwold on

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.30pm with the Town Band.

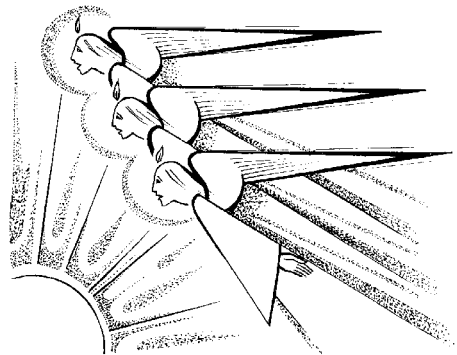
This will be followed by coffee and mince pies. **Raskelf Carols**

are on 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm followed by mulled wine & mince

pies. On **Christmas Eve** the **Raskelf Crib Service** is at 3pm and the **Christingle Service** at Easingwold is at **4.30pm**. **Christmas**

**services** are at 10pm (Raskelf) and 11.30pm (Easingwold) on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day at 8am and 10.30am at Easingwold.

*Full details elsewhere in this magazine.*



- **Bishop of Selby**...hundreds of people packed York Minster to say farewell to the Rt.Revd. Martin Wallace, who expressed his appreciation for the cheque that was given to him' which included a donation from our PCC. That is not the last we will see of Bishop Martin. Diocesan Synod has passed a motion that he should become an Assistant Bishop to continue his ministry in the Diocese in an assistant capacity. He and his wife will live in Bridlington.
- **Advent Lunch**..Sunday December 1st hosted by Home & Away Committee in the Parish Rooms straight after church. All tickets sold-any enquiries for "returns", contact Doreen Hayes at Tempo It is in aid of *Crisis at Christmas* (a national charity for single homeless people).
- **Preparing the church**...for Christmas. Come along and help decorate the church on Sunday afternoon December 22nd from 2.00pm and on Monday morning from 10-11.30am when people of all ages are invited to help make Christmas and take part in crfts
- **Fund Raising**...Christmas Bazaar raised £892 in all (£813 for Easingwold and £79 for Raskelf) and the Coffee Morning at Raskelf raised £476 for church funds.
- **Christmas Market**...on Saturday December 7th from 9.00am in the Market Place when the *Home and Away* Committee will have a home-made Savouries Stall in aid of the *Church Army's* work with the homeless. Suggestions: quiche, pizza, scones, sausage rolls etc. and please take them to the stall or ring Diane Gallon on 821294.
- **Easingwold Singers**.. will perform their Christmas Concert in Easingwold Church on Saturday December 7th at 7.30pm. The programme will include *Faure's Requiem* and Jean Racine's *Christmas Praise*. Tickets are £9.00 (students & children £4) available from choir members, Tempo or at the door..
- **United Response/Mencap**...are holding their Christmas Carol Service in the Parish Church on Thursday December 12th at 11.00am. Everyone is welcome.
- **Riding Lights**...Christmas Party is at the Galtres Centre on Saturday December 14th at 2.00pm
- **Stroke Club**...are having their Christmas Lunch at the George Hotel on Wednesday December 18th.

## SERVICES AND EVENTS

### DECEMBER 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 1<sup>st</sup> ADVENT SUNDAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.10am Holy Communion *at Raskelf*
- 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
- 12 noon *Advent Lunch*
- 2.00pm Baptism
- 6.30pm ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Communion
- 10.00am Communion at Park Close
- Sat 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Easingwold Singers Concert *in church*

#### SUN 8<sup>th</sup> ADVENT 2

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Family Service *at Raskelf*
- 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
- 3.30pm Evensong

- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Communion
- 12noon Raskelf Lunch *at the Old Black Bull*
- 7.30pm Mothers' Union Advent Evening *in the Parish Rooms*
- Thur 12<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Mencap/ United Response Carol Service
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 12noon Crib Service *in the Market Place*
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Riding Lights Theatre *Galtres Centre*

#### SUN 15<sup>th</sup> ADVENT 3

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.10am Holy Communion *at Raskelf*
- 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
- St John Ambulance Carol Service
- 3.00pm Springhill Court Carols

- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Raskelf Carol Service *with the Town Band*
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Communion
- Thur 19<sup>th</sup> 9.45 Primary School Carols
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 3.00pm Springhill Court Communion

#### SUN 22<sup>nd</sup> ADVENT 4

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
- 6.30pm CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE  
*with Easingwold Town Band*

#### TUES 24<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE

- 3.00pm Crib Service *at Raskelf*
- 4.30pm Christingle
- 10.00pm Christmas Eucharist *at Raskelf*
- 11.30pm Midnight Communion

#### WED 25<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY

- 8.00am Communion
- 10.30am Family Communion

#### SUN 29<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS 1

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

Normal Sunday Services on Jan 5<sup>th</sup> (Epiphany). Jan 12<sup>th</sup> -Joint Covenant Service at Methodist Ch (No 10.30am at Parish Church)

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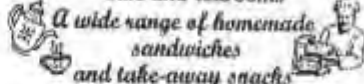
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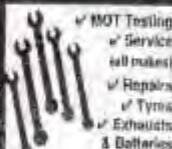
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