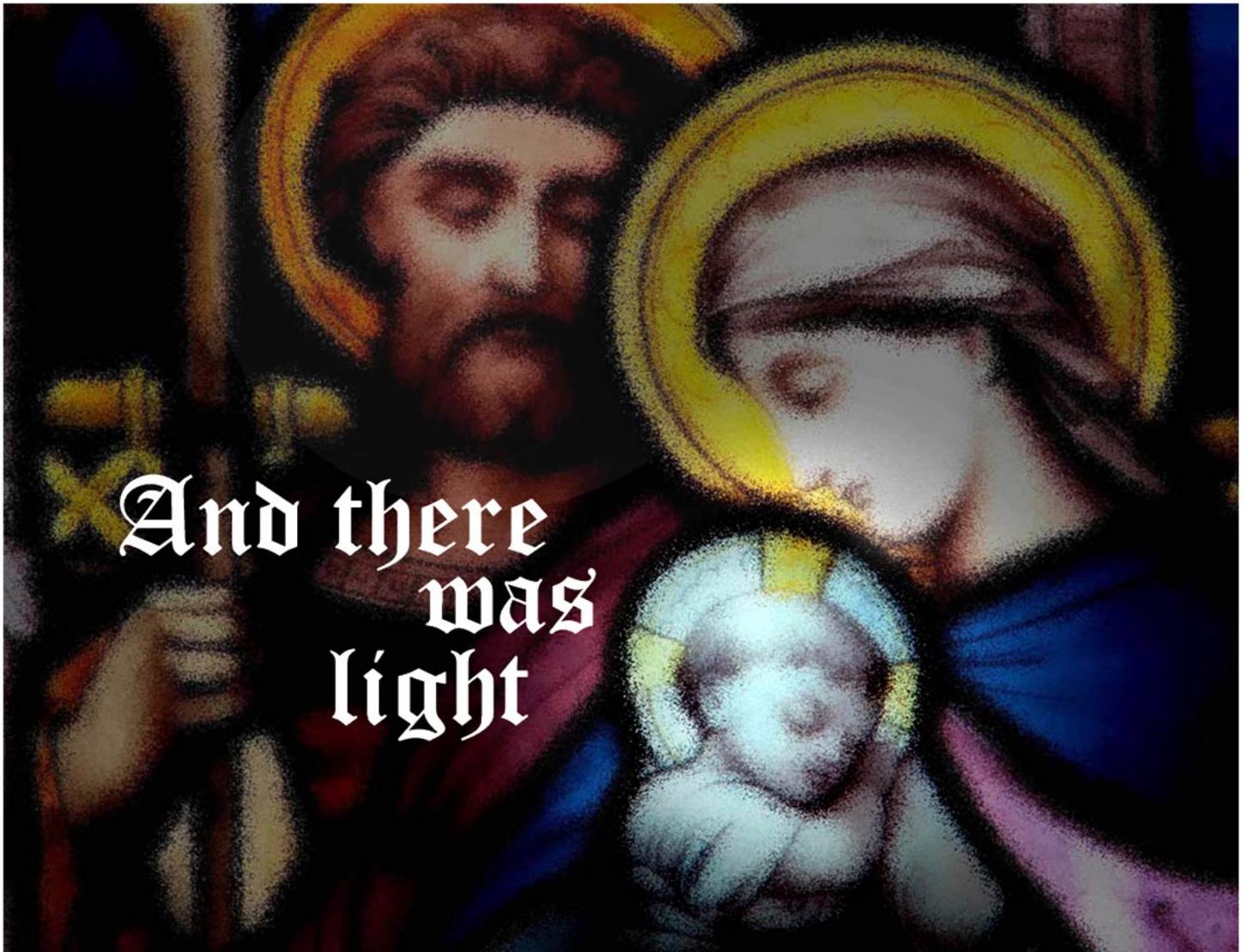


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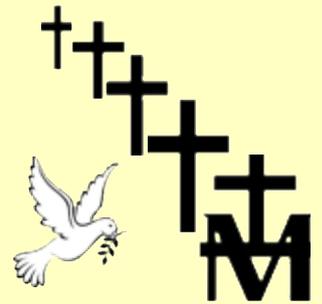




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From the Vicar ...



***“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful
Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.”***

Isaiah 9:6

This message of hope was written by Isaiah 750 years before Christ was born. Israel was in turmoil but this message was not just for the people of Israel, it is for us too. The Prince of Peace would come as a baby and be a real human being, a tiny defenceless, helpless baby sent by God.

It was not the people of the time who would see Jesus, it would happen centuries in the future. They did not know when it would happen, likewise we do not know when the Second Coming will take place with Christ's return. It was something that the people had to prepare for, generations of people working as a community to pass the message on. They had to work as a “we” society rather than an “I” society to pass the message on.

How good are we at working together as a community passing on the message of hope? It's lovely for the children to have Father Christmas and presents at Christmas but often The Nativity Story is only told to young children. This puts the Nativity story at the same level as Father Christmas as something not to be believed in as you grow up.

Society is pushing religion into the background. Parents of some children are refusing to let them even come into church because it is a religious place. How can we ensure that the message of God is passed on to the next generation?

We can only try and work as individuals and as a community to use this Advent and Christmas time to start conversations as to why we have Christmas. We have a God who came down from heaven, to share in our happiness and to share in our sadness, to take away our sins and to give us life everlasting. It's exciting to celebrate His birth but we also need to celebrate His life, His death and His resurrection throughout the year.

This Advent we can look forward to the celebration of His first coming but we must remember His second coming, it may not be our generation that sees Him but we need to make sure that future generations are prepared for Jesus' return.

Every blessing for Advent and Christmas

Margaret



CHURCH DECORATION

*We hope to decorate the church for Christmas on
Wednesday 22nd December from 10.00am*

The theme will be “The Animals in the Manger”, and we will be encouraging people to take a sheet of paper (in early December) and to draw, colour or paint an animal. Different sizes will be possible.

If you would like to contribute by doing a flower arrangement, that would also be warmly welcomed. You will need to supply your own flowers but you can claim for what you spend from church funds.

On the day, the Christmas tree will be decorated so we will need helpers for that, and for putting out the window sill candles. We will also be preparing the Christingles.

A notice will be on the pillar notice board in December for you to offer your help.

Thank you.

Chris Peel



*The Parish Magazine Editorial Team would like to
thank all of our contributors for their input to the
magazine and the Distribution Team for
preparing and circulating the issues during what
has been yet another difficult year.*

*Thanks also go to Margaret, Lottie, Chris and to all who have
supported them in keeping the Ministry going for all of us.*

*We wish all of our readers a very happy and peaceful Christmas.
Let us pray that 2022 brings a less challenging time for everyone.*

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 coming year and then fully take over the role. Bill is currently supported by Kamal Antoun who is happy to continue in his support role during the transitional period and thereafter, as required.

If you are interested, please contact either Rev'd Margaret Young at

vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org

or Bill Henebury on 01347 239178

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HELPING THE SACRISTY TEAM?



It would involve one Saturday a month for 30 minutes to set out the items on the altar for the 9.00am Sunday morning service.

Occasionally it may mean washing up after a service if you happened to be present.

If you are interested, please speak to Chris Peel.

We are also looking for help with tidying up after the Wednesday service.

This year we are being joined by other churches for our Advent courses which will take place on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm.

The theme will be "Hope".



Because of the dark nights and still the risk of Covid, it has been decided to run these courses on Zoom. It will be the same code for each session (see below).

Each session is a standalone session so feel free to join as and when you can
The dates for December are Tuesday 7th and Tuesday 14th

Topic: Advent Course 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84409207992?pwd=SmhsdTl0VEM1eHZkL1p4bG13ZWt3QT09>

Meeting ID: 844 0920 7992

Passcode: 987654

IT'S GOOD TO SMILE—CHRISTMAS CRACKERS!

A vicar was putting up a banner across the front of his church. In individual letters it spelt out

“GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST”

Overnight, one of the letters fell down, so it read

“GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGH ST”

The vicar was going to replace the missing letter, until he realised that the banner spelt out a message that needed to be heard.

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Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal 2021



The completed shoeboxes were collected on November 22nd. There were 140 of them which is excellent when this year has been so difficult. The donation to Samaritan's Purse after paying expenses (boxes, a few gifts, and a large number of £5 in boxes to cover onward delivery costs) amounted to £142.96.

It has been a good effort all things considered this year - a huge "Thank You" to all who have been involved.

Chris

PARISH PASSES FOR YORK MINSTER

THE PARISH PASS SCHEME FOR VISITS TO YORK MINSTER HAS GONE DIGITAL!

Anyone one who wishes to use the scheme to visit the Minster must make a reservation in advance as the number of daily visitors is strictly limited.

A reservation for a specific date and time can be made via the Minster website: www.yorkminster.org or by telephoning 01904 557275 to make a booking.

Parts of the Minster are closed from time to time so visitors must check the calendar on the website or telephone to find out.

Parish passes are obtainable from the PCC Secretary

Email: hazelhenebury@aol.co.uk or phone 01347 239178

St John the Baptist Men's Group

The Men's Group began meeting again in person on the morning of Friday the 5th of November in 'Morning Coffee Afternoon Tea'. It was a delightful morning of fellowship enriched by excellent coffee and bacon butties, with lots of catching up to do and a couple of new members joining the Group.

Our next meeting will be on

Friday 3rd of December between 10-11.45am in 'Morning Coffee Afternoon Tea', and we will be hearing from David Weatherill about the work he has been undertaking over the past 18 months working with the refugee community in York.

If you would like to join us, then just turn up or, if you need further details, please contact me, John Hetherington, on easingwoldrev@gmail.com or 07709 827122.

SERVICES AND EVENTS: DECEMBER 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

(There will be no Holy Communion on Wednesday 29th December)

Holy Communion —Sunday 10.30 am

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

Fridays —IGNITE at 3.45 pm in the Vicarage

Services at Raskelf

Sunday 5th and Sunday 19th December:

Holy Communion at 10.30 am

You are also welcome to join the group via Zoom for

MORNING PRAYER each TUESDAY

SPECIAL EVENTS DURING DECEMBER FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Sunday 5th, 4.00pm	Evensong for Advent with choir
Tuesday 7th, 6.15pm	Easingwold Tiddlywinks Christmas service
Wednesday 8th, 3.00pm	Springhill Court Christmas service
Friday 10th, 11.00am	Crib service in the Market Place
Monday 13th, 7.30pm	Raskelf carol service
Friday 17th, am	2 x School Christmas carol services
Saturday 18th, 5.30pm	Easingwold Lions carols in the square
Sunday 19th, 6.30pm	Easingwold carol service with the Town Band (TBC)
Friday 24th, 3.00pm	Raskelf Christingle
Friday 24th, 4.30pm	Easingwold Christingle
Friday 24th, 10.00pm	Raskelf "Midnight Service"
Friday 24th, 11.30pm	Easingwold "Midnight Service" <i>(Also on Zoom)</i>
Saturday 25th, 10.30am	Christmas Day Family Eucharist <i>(Also on Zoom)</i>

Please note that all Christmas services are subject to change depending on any requirement to adhere to restrictions in place at the time. This may include the necessity to book a place at any given service.

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
3rd Sunday:		4.30 pm	Family Service
	Raskelf		No Service
	Easingwold	9.00 am	Holy Communion
4th Sunday:		10.30 am	Holy Communion
	Easingwold	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Holy Communion
5th Sunday:		4.00 pm	May be a special service of Taize or Healing on this or 5 th Sundays
	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)



Mothers' Union



25th November to 10th December 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence

In partnership with other charities, Mothers' Union has challenged practices which perpetuate gender based violence, appointing community and national gender champions in several countries, striving to end violence and support healing.

Mothers' Union has made submissions to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, providing evidence and supporting measures to tackle this issue as during the Covid-19 Pandemic progress has been set back.

Readings

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

5th December

Malachi 3:1-4
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

Advent 2

Evensong for Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11
Luke 1:1-25

12th December

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

Advent 3

Isaiah 35
Lue 1_57-66

19th December

Micah 5:2-5a
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Advent 4

Carol service
Readings TBC

24th December

Isaiah 52:7-10
John 1:1-14

Christmas Eve (Midnight)

25th December

Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Day

26th December

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

Christmas 1

Isaiah 61
Galatians 3:27-4:7



From the Registers

Baptisms

21st November: Riley Leggott

Funerals

23rd November: Gladys Bailey

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF



**Wednesday 1st December — Lite Bite Lunch at the
Old Black Bull at 12 noon**

Sunday 5th December—Holy Communion at 10.30 am

Monday 13th December—Carol Service at 7.30pm

Sunday 19th December—Holy Communion at 10.30am

Friday 24th December—Christingle at 3.00pm

Friday 24th December— “Midnight” Eucharist at 10.00pm



**Open The Book at
Easingwold Primary School**

**Tuesday 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:

- ◆ All Christmas planning and activities; that all may think of others less fortunate than themselves
- ◆ Those who will be alone this Christmas - the poor; the homeless; refugees; all those who feel forgotten and unloved
- ◆ Easingwold and District Churches Together – shared worship and activities
- ◆ Charities and individuals who support not only those especially in need at this time, but also throughout the year

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- ◆ Enter your First Name, Last Name, Email address and choose a password, then click on the green Create my Account button.

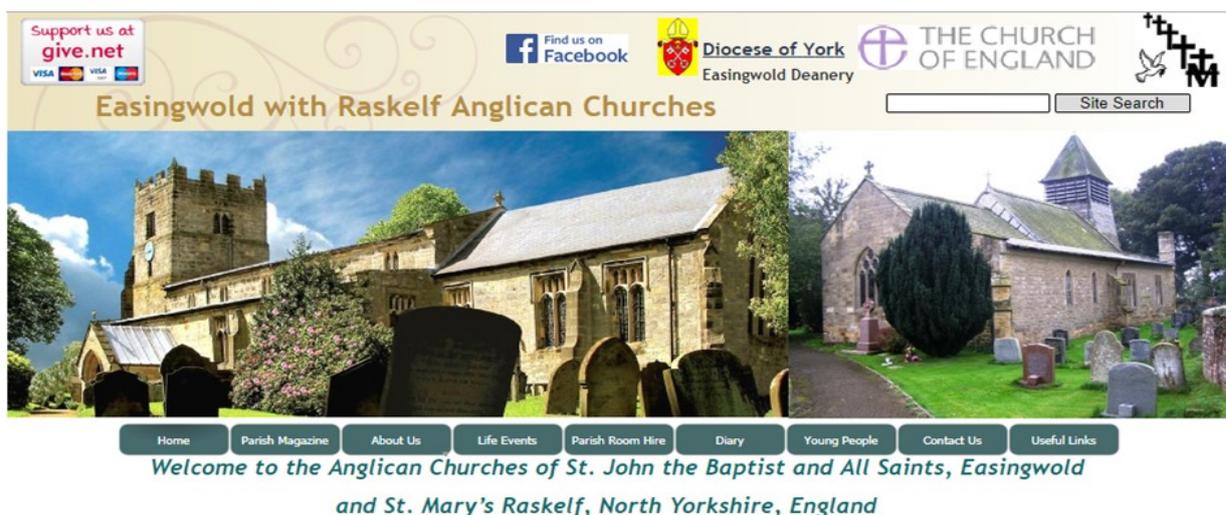
How do you shop once registered?

- ◆ Go to the website easyfundraising.org.uk and log in (if not already logged in) with your email address and the password you chose.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Click on the retailer you want to use then click on the Go Shopping button to buy online in the usual way.
- ◆ When you make a purchase a donation will be made to Easingwold with Raskelf Anglican Churches PCC.

Visit our website at <https://easingwoldraskelfanglican.org/> where you can find an abundance of information about our church, including issues of the Parish Magazine dating back to 2013.

You can also view notices and news on the Facebook page:

[Easingwold with Raskelf Anglican Churches](https://www.facebook.com/easingwoldwithraskelfanglican)



The screenshot shows the website homepage for Easingwold with Raskelf Anglican Churches. At the top, there is a navigation bar with logos for 'Support us at give.net', 'Find us on Facebook', 'Diocese of York Easingwold Deanery', 'THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND', and a 'Site Search' box. Below the navigation bar is a large banner image showing two views of the church building and its graveyard. At the bottom of the page, there is a horizontal menu with buttons for 'Home', 'Parish Magazine', 'About Us', 'Life Events', 'Parish Room Hire', 'Diary', 'Young People', 'Contact Us', and 'Useful Links'. Below the menu, the text reads: 'Welcome to the Anglican Churches of St. John the Baptist and All Saints, Easingwold and St. Mary's Raskelf, North Yorkshire, England'.

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Easingwold District Community Care Association



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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.

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December dates:
2nd and 16th

*(The meeting on 16th will be the
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HISTORY OF CHRISTINGLE

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IT'S GOOD TO SMILE

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS!

The nursery class were putting on the nativity play and the doll used at the rehearsal could not be found so a substitute was used. At the crucial moment in the performance the little girl playing Mary shouted, "STOP! This is the wrong baby!"

ooOOoo

One Christmas, the Sunday School heard the story of the shepherds visiting Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus in the stable and then they all drew pictures. One little boy included a dog in his nativity picture. When asked why, he explained that it was a German Shepherd.

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