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**Easter is a time when God
turned the inevitability of death
into the invincibility of life**

Craig Lounsbrough

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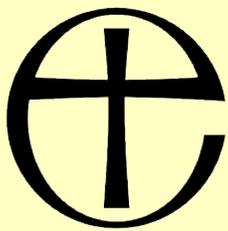
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He is risen, just as He said.
Come and see...then go
quickly and tell His disciples.”*



Matthew 28v6-7

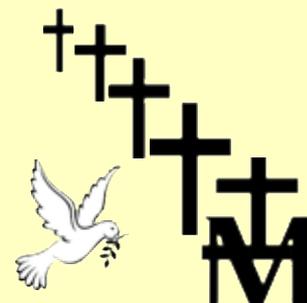
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From Rev'd Robin Davill



Although Easter Sunday falls on the last day of March I hope I can be forgiven for wishing everyone a joyous Easter in the April magazine.

Easter, once you get past bunnies and eggs, is not an easy time to talk about. St Mark's Gospel, probably the earliest account, puts it quite starkly. Three women go to the tomb early in the morning—they find the massive stone rolled away, the body of Jesus has disappeared, and a mysterious figure in white is sitting in its place. They are told that Jesus is risen and they will see him in Galilee. Is this a happy ending and are they reassured? No, they flee from the tomb and say nothing to anyone because they are afraid.

Fortunately for us the other Gospels try and fill in more details. There are a mixture of stories and certain common themes. Firstly, the importance of the role of Mary Magdalene, who is the first to see the risen Jesus. Secondly, the women are told first, and the men “mansplain” it away as idle tales. Thirdly, there are a number of quite detailed resurrection appearances to his followers, such as at Emmaus and by the sea shore. St Matthew adds an attempt by the Temple Authorities to portray the events as a conspiracy by the apostles to steal the body of Jesus and thus pretend he has risen from the dead on the grounds that the tomb is now empty.

Interestingly, the authorities are deliberately suppressing what they know to be the truth, because they have the only first hand witness accounts of the resurrection, namely the testimony of the soldiers who guarded the tomb. Why do they do this, we might ask? When truth speaks to power, power often just does what it wants anyway. Ask the Post Office!

That Jesus existed, taught, did remarkable things and was crucified, can be established by other historical accounts such as Josephus and Tacitus as well as the Gospels. That He was the son of God and that He rose from the dead cannot. The only eye witnesses never recorded their accounts—the authorities edited them out of history if Matthew's account is correct. And that I believe was part of God's plan. It is always a matter of faith. God does not compel but invites. Do we accept His Easter invitation to believe?

Robin

THE ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING IS ON SUNDAY 19TH MAY

(Time of meeting and further details to be confirmed in the next issue of the magazine)

The PCC is still looking for someone to take on the role of Treasurer.

Initially this would involve working alongside Kamal Antoun (caretaker treasurer) and then to fully take over the role.

The new treasurer will be supported by Kamal, Peter Simpson and Laura Varney during the transitional period and thereafter.

If you are interested, please contact:

vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org or treasurer@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING TO ELECT A NEW CHURCH WARDEN AT THE NEXT APCM—COULD THIS BE YOU? PLEASE SPEAK WITH THE CURRENT CHURCH WARDENS IF YOU FEEL YOU COULD TAKE ON THIS VALUABLE ROLE WITHIN THE CHURCH.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll (ER) is a list of those entitled to vote in the election of certain Parish Officers, for example Churchwardens and members of the PCC, and it is important that we have as wide a representation of parishioners as possible. A list of those currently on the ER is displayed in both Easingwold and Raskelf churches.



The forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 19 May. If you wish to vote and are uncertain whether you are currently included, please check the list and, if necessary, complete an application form (also at the back of both churches) and return it to me at 11 Whiteoak Avenue Easingwold, or leave for my attention at the back of the parish church.

Many thanks

Ian Peel (01347 823548)

CHORAL EVENSONG AT EASINGWOLD PARISH CHURCH **EASINGWOLD DEANERY ECUMENICAL CHOIR**

The next Choral Evensong at Easingwold will be on

SUNDAY 19TH MAY AT 4PM (PENTECOST)

Please contact Peter Smith at petersmith41@btinternet.com
to confirm if you are available to sing



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

This world wide annual ecumenical service was held last month at the Methodist church. It was a very moving service compiled by the Christian women of Palestine.

Dear Lord Jesus

Today we pray for the women of Palestine whose ancestors
walked with you in the desert,
shared bread and fish with you on the hillside,
waved palms for your entry into Jerusalem and
touched the hem of your cloak to receive healing.
Palestinian women today face many difficulties which
curtail their freedoms as human beings and make living
often dangerous and fearful.

We pray for peace:
peace between beliefs,
peace between heritages,
peace between political affiliations and
peace between nations.

Amen

Widows' Group

Many of us will face the enormity of losing our husbands, often after many years of marriage, and although we know that it is inevitable, the force of it can be soul destroying and leave us feeling lonely and uncertain about our futures.

A small group of us gather to chat about the enormous changes in our lives since our bereavement and we feel that it is a worthwhile opportunity to be able to share our experiences.

Our next meeting will be held after the 10.30 service on Sunday 7th April in the choir vestry at the back of the church and a warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to attend.

Nancy Kilburn

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 to 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

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The Beetle Drive held in February was well attended and great fun. The teams of four people were very competitive and the convivial atmosphere was enhanced by some very good refreshments of cheese and wine. Thank you to Judith Hawkhead who ran the event, to Christina, Caroline and Sara for the catering, and to everyone who attended and contributed to the success of a very enjoyable evening.

Our next event is on Saturday 20th April in the Parish Church when we will have a “Poetry and Music” afternoon between 3pm and 5pm.

Bring along a friend and your favourite poem, CD or piece of music to perform and share with others.

There will be refreshments provided. Everyone is welcome. Transport can be arranged.



Hazel and the Team

Church Key Audit

Could anyone who is in possession of sets of church keys please contact Alizon Leese on 01347 823806 by Wednesday 1st May 2024

“GROUP OF EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN”

Wednesday 10th and Wednesday 24th April in Easingwold Parish Church from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

How about joining this informal group to enjoy craft activities and a good chat? Just come along if you might be interested.

OASIS COFFEE MORNING

Easingwold Methodist Church
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Friday 26th April
09.45 - 11.30



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SERVICES AND EVENTS: APRIL 2024

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 9.00am—Holy Communion*
Sunday 10.30am—Holy Communion

Please note that the following services will NOT be held this month:

**Wednesday 3rd April: Holy Communion at 9.00am*

Sunday 14th April: Family Service at 4.30pm

*Please note that the services schedule may vary depending upon clergy availability.
Announcements will be made or, if in doubt, check with the Churchwardens.*

Services at Springhill Court, Manor Road, Easingwold

Easter Songs of Praise

Sunday 7th April
at 3pm

Holy Communion

Tuesday 9th April
at 3pm

All are welcome at both services

Mothers' Union



Please note that there will be no
Holy Communion on Thursday 18th April
However we will still hold the Wave of Prayer at 10am

Wave of Prayer

Members of York Diocese join with members worldwide in prayer throughout the year. We are linked with other dioceses in the following countries: Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Nigeria, Ghana, Guyana and Suriname.

Once again, we join together and light a candle for each diocese and hear of their activities during the year.

All welcome

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Wednesday 3rd April:

Lite Bite lunch at the Old Black Bull at 12 noon

7th April: Holy Communion at 9.30am

21st April: Holy Communion at 9.30am



CHILDREN ALWAYS WELCOME

BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

You are most welcome to join us, as usual, at 11 Whiteoak Avenue , Easingwold on

Tuesday 10th April

We begin promptly at 10.00am and, concluding with prayer, finish by 11.15am.

Do join us if you think you might enjoy this informal way of studying the Bible.

Contact Chris Peel (01347 823548) if you would like further information.

Open The Book at Easingwold Primary School

Dates for next term to be announced



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.

For further information please contact Andrew Neville-Smith at a.nevillesmith@btinternet.com

Children's Church Services at Easingwold



LITTLE SEEDS

for 4 to 9 year olds on

Thursdays during term time at 3.45pm

in the Parish Church



Please contact Andrew Neville-Smith at a.nevillesmith@btinternet.com
for more details or just turn up

IGNITE: for 10+ year olds postponed until further notice

Readings

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

7th April

Easter 2

Acts 4.32-35
1 John 1.1-2—2.2
John 20.19-31

Genesis 3.8-15
Galations 4.1-5

14th April

Easter 3

Acts 3.12-19
1 John 3.1-7
Luke 24.36b-48

Deuteronomy 7.7-13
Revelation 2.1-11

21st April

Easter 4

Acts 4.5-12
1 John 3.16-end
John 10.11-18

Exodus 16.4-15
Revelation 2.12-17

28th April

Easter 5

Acts 8.26-40
1 John 4.7-21
John 15.1-8

Isaiah 60.1-14
Revelation 3.1-13

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. To be included in prayers, please contact Chris Peel on 01347 823548.

Please include in your prayers this month:

- ♦ All who live and work within the area bounded by Chapel Street, Crabmill Lane and Long Street
- ♦ St Monica's Hospital – all staff, patients and volunteers; the physiotherapy department
- ♦ The Methodist Church, its worship and outreach; all those who use the facilities there including the daily Preschool
- ♦ Those who live in North End, Raskelf, and those who work at, and frequent, the Old Black Bull

HOW AND WHY DO WE PRAY?

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DO WE HAVE TO PRAY?

It has come to our attention that “Prayer”, when we talk about it in church or in the magazine, can be somewhat confusing! It isn’t Prayer itself that confuses us, for we are told that we should “pray as we can, and not as we can’t”. Each individual will pray in their own way. However, there are so many things that we feel we need to pray about. We want to give thanks; to say we are sorry; to intercede for others as well as for ourselves. Praying builds our relationship with God, through Jesus. It is something we can all do. We don’t need particular skills, and for once age doesn’t matter! As well as individual prayer, praying together is also important – “When two or three are gathered together in my name, I will grant their requests.”

When we pray our own personal prayers, perhaps we can enlarge our vision a little by being prompted to pray for things we might not have thought of - in our church, the Church, our communities, the wider world.

There are several ways of doing this:

The magazine Prayer Cycle which offers four ideas for each month, and covers the whole of Raskelf and Easingwold each year.

The Prayer Cycle for the Parish Church and Raskelf, praying for our Vicar and the many people who are involved in a multitude of different ways.

The Prayer Circle which is a small group of people (it could be larger) who pray confidentially for those who ask for prayer for a particular need

Pray with Christians Together Around Easingwold (CTAE) who come together on the second Saturday each month at 9.00am, at The New Inn (Morning Coffee Afternoon Tea), to pray for Christianity in this area as well as the many wider issues there are today.

IF YOU WISH TO KNOW MORE, ASK
NANCY KILBURN (01347 824227)
OR CHRIS PEEL (01347 823548)

From the Registers



Funeral

26th March: Anita Schubert

Christian Meditation

Most Fridays at 2.30 pm to 3.15 pm at the
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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 4-beat mantra such as "Ma-ra-na-tha" (or Come Lord Jesus), said twice, (not out loud!) breathing in and then when breathing out.

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

With thanks for kindness

To everyone who has
said prayers for my
recovery, and sent get
well messages and
gifts following my
recent surgery.

Thank you

Laura Varney

Thinking, hoping, feeling better. Getting well.
Wishing wishes. Best wishes. Hopeful wishes.
And praying lots of prayers.
Recovering, caring, taking care
Of yourself, of others, or just for you.
Receiving, sending, posting, flying
Looking out, looking forward, looking away.
Recovering speedily, soon, rapidly.
Successful, smiling, lovely rambling.
Courage, humour and a glass of wine
First steps, with optimism and positivity.
Running. Morning runs, tapas, park run and blue sky miles
Friend, Sis, Mum, Neighbour, Wife, full of smiles.
Holding on, jumping, keeping close
Giving gifts, a little something, a Cornish cream tea
And beautiful flowers.
Love, cheerful outlook, interesting, kind
Strengthen through.
Tough times do not last, tough people do.
Puffins, butterflies, daisies, shoes and a little rhino – all grand.
Every heartfelt thought lightens me...
... and leads me on.



Christians Together

United in prayer for the Community of Easingwold

Saturday 13th April

**at The New Inn (Morning Coffee—Afternoon Tea) on Long Street
from 8.45am for coffee/tea—prayer begins at 9.00am until 9.45am**

*Please contact Rev'd Lottie Cranfield on 07807 941528 if you have any questions
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EDCCA

Easingwold District Community Care Association



We run a friendly Boccia and Kurling group in Tholthorpe Village Hall each Thursday from 2pm to 3.30pm, the cost is £3 and includes refreshments. This is a seated base activity open to all, we are a small friendly group who welcome new members.

Why not come along and join us at Tuesday Tea and Tarts on Tuesday 9th April in the lounge area of the Galtres Centre from 10am until noon. We hold a quality raffle. Helen plays gentle background piano music and complimentary refreshments are served. A chance to make new friends.

Our day trip will be heading to Harrogate on the 11th April.

In May we will have Sue bringing her mosaic making to us “ Poppies for Tommy—a community project.

Jacob Oswell Specsavers Community Engagement and Care Home Manager plus Optical Assistant will be attending the May session on 14th May.

For further information on any of these events please contact the office on
01347 822875. Or email info@edcca.org.uk

*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 or by email info@edcca.org.uk*

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1st Sunday:	<i>Easingwold</i>	9.00 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns 4.00 pm Evening Prayer/Evensong
2nd Sunday:	<i>Raskelf</i> <i>Easingwold</i>	9.30 am Holy Communion with hymns 9.00 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns (also on Zoom) 4.30 pm Family Service
3rd Sunday:	<i>Easingwold</i>	9.00 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns
4th Sunday:	<i>Raskelf</i> <i>Easingwold</i>	9.30 am Holy Communion with hymns 9.00 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns (also on Zoom)
5th Sunday:	<i>Easingwold</i>	9.00 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns

Weekdays in Easingwold:

Wednesday 9.00 am Holy Communion

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7.00-9.00pm—Women's Group in the Parish Church

3rd Thursday 10.00 am Mothers' Union Holy Communion

Thursday 3.45 pm in church—Little Seeds for 4-9 year olds (term time)

Friday 3.45 pm at the Vicarage —Ignite for 10 years + Suspended until further notice

Church Digital Giving

Since last October, many of you will have noticed an electronic device at the back of Easingwold church.

The CollecTin WiFi terminal enables the contactless collection of donations and has been provided free by York Diocese as part of the Church of England's National Giving Team 3 year project to help thousands of churches get started with digital giving.



In the same way that many people use contactless payment cards in shops and cafés, the CollecTin allows the use of all the usual contactless debit and credit cards as well as Apple Pay and Google Pay mobile devices by selecting one of the four set amounts on the screen, or choose your own amount, and then tap your card or mobile device on the top to make the donation.

The amount is then automatically credited securely through the banking system to the Easingwold PCC church bank account for the benefit of Easingwold and Raskelf churches.

The CollecTin system does involve a small processing charge for the church but all cash donations involve a bank charge as well as taking time and effort on the part of a church volunteer to handle the cash and pay it into the bank.

We hope that more visitors to the church will use the CollecTin to make a donation instead of giving cash.

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