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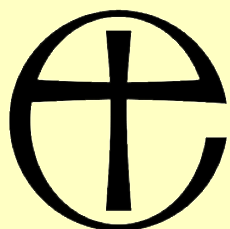
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John Keats: Ode to Autumn

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“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest.”

Leviticus 19 9

Many of you will have read the Book of Ruth in the Old Testament. It is a story of how a young widow, Ruth, chooses to stay with her new mother-in-law, Naomi, rather than going back to her own family. Both Naomi and Ruth were widows, Naomi has lost her husband and both her sons and Ruth has lost her husband. Life would have been extremely difficult for the pair of them and Ruth could have taken the easy option of going back home to restart her life. Instead, Ruth and Naomi fend for themselves.

Ruth went out to find food for the pair of them. She went to the fields and gathered some of the gleanings (the remains of the crops that wasn't picked up in the first harvest). The collected grain was ground into flour and bread was made. She and Naomi survived on this and eventually good fortune came their way and Ruth married Boaz, a distant relation of Naomi's.

If the farmer had insisted on going back and seeing how much more grain the workers could harvest if they went back a second time then Ruth and Naomi could have starved to death. It was because of the good nature of the farmers that many people survived.

We are fortunate enough to live in times when we don't have to follow on from those who are harvesting so that we can gather the grain to make bread; but, unfortunately, we do need foodbanks. Any collection of money or donations of food collected in church goes to people who need it.

This year, at Easingwold, we are collecting food (non perishable) for EDDCA and money for York Carecent. Carecent may ask for specific items, these will be put in the fortnightly email and the weekly pew-sheet when we know what they require. Raskelf's harvest service is on Friday 6th October at 7.00pm when money collected there will go to the farmers' benevolent fund, RABI.

Harvest is a time of year not just to thank the farmers for their hard work and to thank God for what He provides, but also to think about how we use the harvest for the good of others; are we sharing our resources wisely? Are we treating our animals with the respect which they deserve as through their life they are giving us life? What about our land and our gardens? Is a beautifully manicured garden really the best thing for the bees and insects, or is it part of our human pride, with us wanting the perfect garden without weeds? As Christians it is our responsibility to look after all of God's creatures, animals, humans and the insects. Looking after the insects and animals means fertilized crops and happier animals which, in turn, means better food for us.

Ruth and Naomi had to rely on the charity of the farmers; there are some people who will be relying on us, at one of the bleakest times in their lives, for food or some sort of help. Most of us are extremely lucky that we can buy what we need, and probably more than we need. Harvest is a time to think of where our food and provisions come from and how, in turn, we use them and enable others to share in what we have.

God bless us in the month of September,

Margaret

CHORAL EVENSONG AT EASINGWOLD PARISH CHURCH EASINGWOLD DEANERY ECUMENICAL CHOIR

The next Choral Evensong at Easingwold will be on

SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER AT 4PM

Rehearsals will be on Friday 1st September at 7.30pm and Sunday 3rd September at 3pm.

Please contact Peter Smith at petersmith41@btinternet.com

to confirm if you are available to sing at this Evensong

Baroque Concert

at St Mary's Church, Raskelf

Saturday 16th September at 3pm

Seats £10

All proceeds to go towards the Church Restoration Fund

Musicians:

Organ	John Dunford
Flute & Recorder	Ray Ross
Flute & Oboe	Margaret Young
Cello	Nicky Woods



Sunday 24th September

Harvest Festival at 10.30am

Non-perishable food will be donated to Easingwold Foodbank and money collected will be donated to York Carecent.

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal 2023



More children than ever are in need this year and our small gifts give them such joy - seen on their faces when they receive their box.

This is a reminder that the boxes will be available in the church porch this month and next. Please help yourself to a box, leaflet and any other items available. Boxes must be returned to church by the end of October. If you have paid the transport cost for your box, please make it clear by adding the bar code, or money, inside the box.

If you are not filling a box this time, please consider giving a small donation in an envelope marked 'Shoebboxes' to help cover costs.

Thank you to you all for your on-going support.

Chris Peel (Tel: 01347 823548)



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HALF-YEARLY COLLECTIONS

A very sincere Thank You to those who hold Children's Society Boxes for the collection of loose change. As a reminder, the contents, or ideally a cheque for their value, need to be passed to me by **Sunday 17 September** please, to allow for them to be paid in by October.

Payments to the Children's Society are currently made through Barclay's Bank without charge, but the Easingwold Branch is closing shortly after this date and discussion is therefore ongoing to determine how we will administer this scheme thereafter. I will keep box-holders informed once the way ahead is clear.

Ian Peel (Tel: 01347 823548)

TALENT SHOW IN THE PARISH CHURCH ON SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY! THIS IS AN EARLY WARNING FOR THIS EVENT!

Please consider what your talent is.

Can you sing, play an instrument, recite a poem, take part in a sketch, tell a short story?

Perhaps you could make a cake and serve tea in the interval?

If you are an artist, wood / metal worker, or gifted at embroidery, then you could bring along an item for display?

You may be gifted at displaying the work of others?

You may have a friend who would like to take part in some way?

Please talk to Chris Peel if you can help in any way at all. (Tel: 01347 823548)



Christians Together Men's Breakfast

The next men's breakfast meeting is to be held at
10am on Saturday 9th September
after the Christians Together prayer meeting.

The meeting is to be held in Morning Coffee Afternoon Tea, Long Street Easingwold.
Anyone is welcome to join us for breakfast and a time of fellowship.

If you would like to join us then please just come along or, if you would like further details,
please contact me, **David Brown**, at david@dkbassociates.co.uk or on **07789 900 939**.

How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity

(Psalm 133v1)



Mothers' Union

Thank you to all who supported the Coffee Morning on 12th August.
We raised £305.00 for the Mothers' Union caravan in Filey.

PCC TREASURER VACANCY

The PCC is looking for someone to take on the role of Treasurer.
Initially this would involve working alongside Kamal Antoun (caretaker treasurer) for the next
few months, and then 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



YOU and ME

.....bringing people together

Our next event will be

"Drinks at the George"

Saturday 23rd September from 4pm to 6pm.

Come and join us for a social get-together, you will be most welcome.

Lottie, Hazel and the Team



SERVICES AND EVENTS: SEPTEMBER 2023

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

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

Sunday 10th September —Family Service at 4.30pm

Sunday 24th September—Harvest Festival at 10.30am

(Non-perishable food will be donated to Easingwold Foodbank and money collected will be donated to York Carecent.)

Tuesday 26th September —Café Church at 7.00pm



Mothers' Union

Thursday 21st September at 10am

Holy Communion followed by Coffee in the Parish Church

All welcome



“GROUP OF EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN”

The Group of Extraordinary Women is an informal group which meets in the Parish Church, Easingwold on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month and which looks to see how it can enhance the community.

It is an opportunity to meet and have a chat, to make friends and to learn new skills or pass the skills that you have on to others for the good of the community.

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 7.00-9.00pm

September dates: 13th and 27th

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

IGNITE

for 10+ year olds on
Fridays during term time
at 3.45pm
at the Vicarage

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 3rd September: Holy Communion at 9.30am

Wednesday 6th September:

Lite Bite Lunch at the Old Black Bull at 12 noon

Sunday 24th September: Holy Communion at 9.30am

CHILDREN ALWAYS WELCOME



RASKELF NOTICES

BAROQUE CONCERT AT RASKELF CHURCH

Saturday 16th September at 3pm

See notice at the beginning of the magazine.



Harvest Festival: Friday 6th October
donations to RABI (farmers' benevolent fund)

CHURCH SERVICES



1st Sunday:	<i>Easingwold</i>	9.00 am Holy Communion
		10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns
		4.00 pm Evening Prayer/Evensong
	<i>Raskelf</i>	9.30 am Holy Communion with hymns
2nd Sunday:	<i>Easingwold</i>	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
	<i>Raskelf</i>	9.30 am Holy Communion with hymns
4th Sunday:	<i>Easingwold</i>	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:

4th Tuesday	7.00 pm Café Church—for those exploring faith
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 + (term time)

Readings

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

3rd September

Jeremiah 15.15-21
Romans 12.9-21
Matthew 16.21-28

Trinity 13

Evening Prayer

2 Kings 6.24-25, 7.3-end
Acts 18.1-16

10th September

Ezekiel 33.7-11
Romans 13.8-14
Matthew 18.15-20

Trinity 14

Ezekiel 12.21-13.16
Acts 19.1-20

17th September

Genesis 50.15-21
Romans 14.1-12
Matthew 18.21-35

Trinity 15

Ezekiel 20.1-8, 33-44
Acts 20.17-end

24th September

2 Corinthians 9.6-15
Luke 12.16-30

Harvest Festival

Ezekiel 33.23,30-34.10
Acts 1.9-25

BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday 5th September from 10am to 11.15am

You are most welcome to join us at 11 Whiteoak Avenue for this time of discussion
concluding with prayer.

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

From the Registers



Baptisms

20th August: Frankie and Michael Mulvana

Funeral

1st August: Eric Readman



Christians Together

United in prayer for the Community of Easingwold

Saturday 9th September

**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
or would like to find out more information about Christians Together.*

“In unity God will grow his church”

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 Rev'd Lottie Cranfield on 07807 941528.

Please include in your prayers this month:

- ♦ The Lions – giving thanks for their support to local people in need
- ♦ Community Care - its organisers and the volunteers who drive and befriend; the Community Minibus
- ♦ Communities at Conroy Close; United Response (Boot Shop); those living in independent units
- ♦ St Mary's Church, Raskelf, and its outreach into the community

Open The Book at Easingwold Primary School

Forthcoming dates for the autumn 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

Christian Meditation

Most Fridays at 2.30 pm to 3.15 pm at the
Galtres Centre Function Room (upstairs)

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

Your Church Needs You!

Help is needed with Church publicity. Could you help by taking photographs and preparing a short notice of special events held in and around the Church community?

If so, please speak to or contact Margaret
either by phone (01347 821394)
or by email:
vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org



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**Easingwold District Community
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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.

This happened to me in December last year. It is hard to explain to anyone who has not experienced such a loss, what it is like. Even with a supportive family and many supportive friends, I still felt as though I had been cast adrift on waters I did not feel competent to manage.

The one group of people who understood what I was going through were those who had experienced it themselves. With them I felt I could talk openly about things that were worrying me even if it was something trivial. They were also able to talk openly about the loved one they had lost and that opened up for me the opportunity to talk about John.

It is with all this in mind that I am offering to start a group where we can come together to discuss the issues which losing a partner raises. It doesn't matter if your widowhood is recent, or well into the past. Loneliness can get worse the older we get. We need to feel we have a safe place where we can express our worries, concerns and needs, and hopefully we can create a group to which we can turn for help if that is needed.

We can meet in church, at the house where I live, or in a local cafe. We can decide at our first meeting how often we would like to meet, and also see how many people are interested.

Looking round our church, there are many people living on their own and many are grieving and needing support.

**I hope you will be able to come to a first exploratory meeting to be held
in church after the 10.30 service on Sunday 1st October.**

Nancy Kilburn



Advance Notice

Christians Together around Easingwold Group

is holding a **Weekend for Peace** over the weekend **10th, 11th and 12th November**. We hope to have an exhibition in the **Parish Church** and wish to invite you to get on your thinking caps and come up with something relating to Peace.

This can be through poetry, art, music and memories of what the world was like when we experienced war. Also your thoughts on our world today and the wars we are seeing around us.

This is such an important part of our lives that we want as many people as possible to be involved.

For any ideas you have or want to discuss please let me know.

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Sunday School

As they were going back into church for the last hymn, a Sunday School teacher asked her group,

"Do you think you could be really quiet?"

"Is that because people are sleeping?"

asked one little girl.

oooOOOooo

A Sunday School group had been learning the Ten Commandments and the teacher asked if anyone could remember the last one. A little girl

raised her hand and answered,

"Thou shall not take the covers off the neighbour's wife."

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