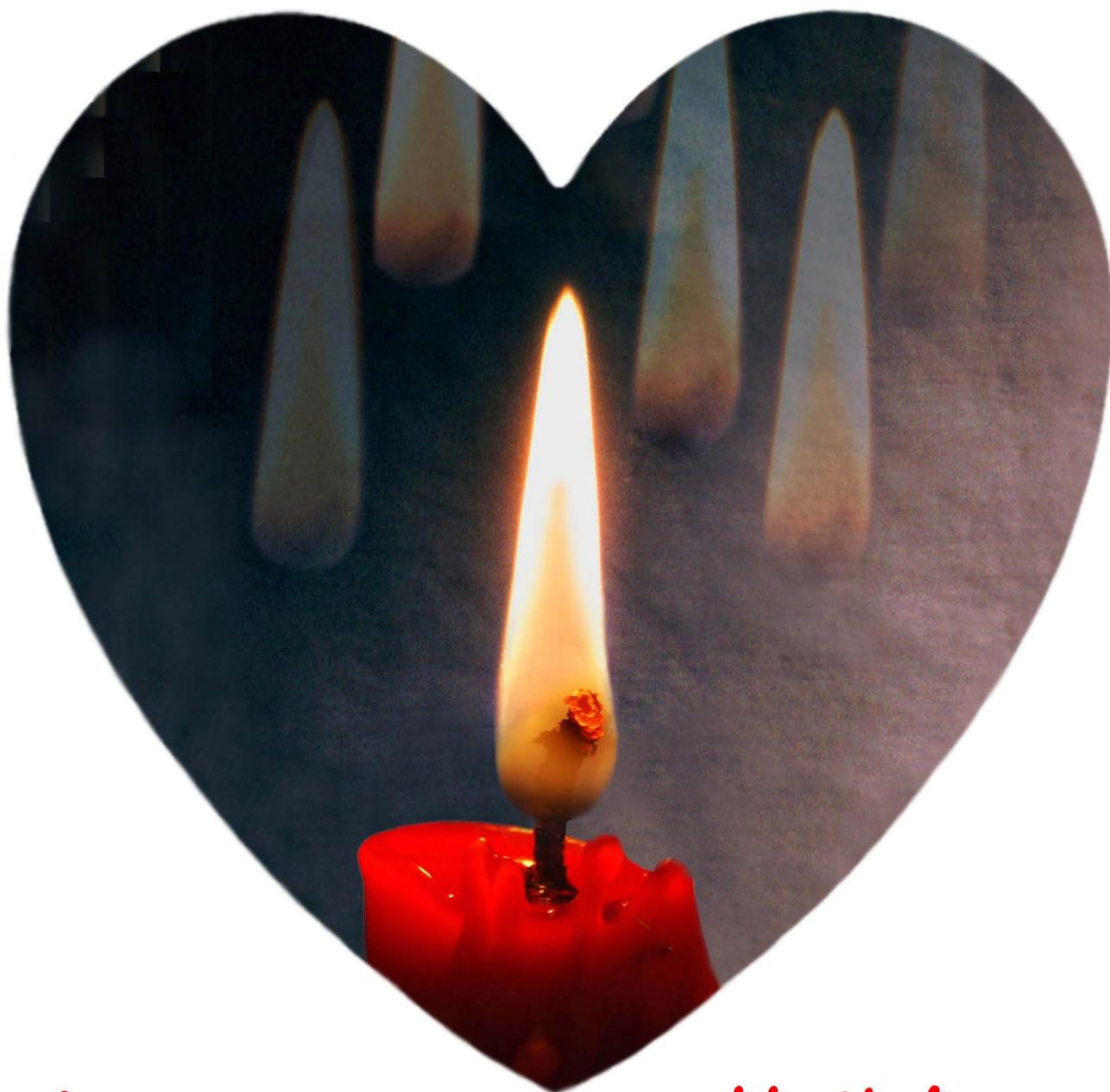


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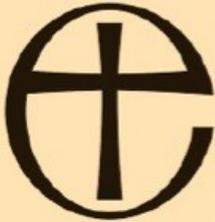
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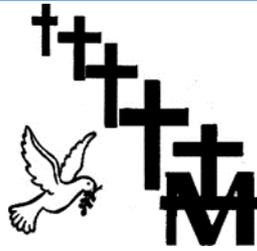
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## *From the Vicar . . .*

“Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

I think that most people will recognise this, it is part of Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians Chapter 13. It is often requested at weddings and occasionally at funerals.

Couples want it as love is interpreted as romantic love, love for and from the person whom they want to share their life with. The love that Paul is talking about is different to this, it is agape love which is unconditional love from God. It is the love that Jesus had for his followers and it is the love that Jesus has for us.

We are having a special service on 17<sup>th</sup> February because there are quite a few couples who have recently celebrated or who are going to celebrate 60 years of marriage. I hope that young couples who I have married over the years manage as many years.

All of us who are married will probably admit that there are some days and some periods of married life that are better than others. Things go wrong, financial worries, domestic violence, difficulties in bringing up children or not being able to have children, difficult in-laws etc etc...the list goes on. Sixty years ago, couples didn’t live together and so marriage was a much bigger step than it is today. People could only imagine what life would be like.

Most of the weddings that I have taken recently, the bride and groom live in the same house; they have far more idea of what married life is like and I hope that the decision they have made to get married is for life. Unfortunately, too often I am asked for marriage certificates a few years later as the couple have lost theirs and need it for a divorce.

The Bible recognizes four types of love, three of them being romantic love, brotherly love and family love. These wax and wane as the couple grow in maturity. What some couples forget is that the most important love is agape love, the love of God. Without recognising this, their marriage will be much harder to maintain.

I often tell couples when I am marrying them that it is God’s love that is the glue that keeps couples together; this is the love that endures when other types of love fail.

Congratulations to all those couples who are celebrating many years of marriage. Let us thank God for the glue that helps them keep together.

Every blessing for February,

*Margaret*

# Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Open the Book!



Children love stories – especially Bible stories when they're interactive, engaging and fun. That's what Open the Book is all about. Teams of Christians from local churches offer primary school children an opportunity to hear the major stories of the Bible, presenting these during short assemblies on a weekly or fortnightly basis. Simple but effective props and costumes help to bring the Bible to life in a dramatic way, and pupils are invited to take part in the action – there's never a shortage of young volunteers!

For a good number of years until last summer, local teams in the York and Easingwold area were co-ordinated by Kim Gabbitass, the Methodist Children and Young People's Worker, but since she moved away to train for ordination, the Easingwold Team has had to learn to fly solo! Fortunately we have an excellent Team Leader in Andrew Neville Smith and a supportive Head at Easingwold Primary School, and so the fun continues. Our team of around five volunteers meets for an hour before the assembly to plan and rehearse each 15-minute presentation. Many of the stories come from The Lion Storyteller Bible, by Bob Hartman, and others have been specifically written for Open the Book.

Having started in a small way in Bedford in 1999 and grown to become a national charity with around 15,000 volunteer storytellers across the UK, various celebratory 20<sup>th</sup> birthday events are planned for this year. See: [biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book](http://biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book) where you can also find plenty of further information.

*Beryl Bowes*

## **P.S. OTB dates for February to April at Easingwold Primary School**

14 Feb	Small King, Big Task
7 Mar	The Two Sons
21 Mar	A Tale of Two Houses
4 Apr	On the Road to the Cross

### **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 prayers for yourself or another, in church or on our confidential Prayer Circle, please contact Deacon Lottie Cranfield on 824399.

Please include in your prayers this month:

- All who live and work in the Claypenny area, and Oulston Rd . Thornlands, Crayke Rd. Applegarth and Millfield.
- The Millfield surgery—all who work and visit there.
- The Council Offices and those working in, and outreaching from them; the essential work of Social Services and all carers in our area.
- All who live in Church End, Raskelf.

# Telephone & Emails Scams!

There has been a noticeable increase recently in fraud and cyber crime through hoax telephone calls and emails. Most people are sensible enough not to fall for such scams but criminals are becoming more sophisticated in their use of technology and sometimes they get lucky with their timing and catch someone out when the unfortunate victim had a particular concern and hence the unsolicited phone call or email seem to genuinely address their concern. This is exactly what happened to a fellow parishioner, last month!

The AGE UK and Action Fraud websites ([www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk) and [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) ) provide comprehensive advice on such scams and how to deal with them – here is a brief précis:

**Bank Scams:** This is a call, claiming to be from your bank, telling you there's a problem with your card or account. You may be asked for your account/card details, including your PIN number, or advised to transfer your money to a 'safe account' to protect it. Your bank would never ask this.

**Computer Repair Scams:** A call, claiming to be from the helpdesk of a well-known IT firm, tells you that your computer has a virus and they will charge you to upload 'anti-virus software'. This is actually spyware which is used to get your personal details. Legitimate IT companies don't contact you this way.

**Compensation Calls:** This is a call from a company asking about a car accident you've had, offering you compensation. It could be from a genuine company looking for business but others are scammers. Don't engage in these calls. If you've had an accident, call your own insurance company.

**HMRC Scams:** This is a call claiming to be from HMRC saying there is an issue with your tax refund or an unpaid tax bill. They may leave a message and ask you to call back. HMRC would never contact you this way or ask you to reveal personal financial information such as your bank account details.

**Number Spoofing:** Scammers have technology to mimic an official telephone number so it comes up on your caller ID display tricking you into thinking it is a legitimate organisation. If you're in any doubt, hang up and call the organisation directly. If possible, call them from different phone as, even if you hang up and call the organisation directly, the line may still be connected to the scammer. If you don't have another phone, you are advised to wait for at least 10 minutes before you call.

**Pensions & Investment Scams:** This is a call about an 'unmissable' investment opportunity, or offering you the opportunity to access your pension cash earlier.

**Anti-Scam' Scams:** This is a call from someone claiming to be from a charity supporting scam victims, a company selling anti-scam technology, or from someone demanding money to renew your Telephone Preference Service registration, which is actually free. Be alert to all of these. Check a charity's registration with the Charity Commission to find out if they're genuine.

**What should I do if I get a scam call?** Fortunately, there are things you can do to protect yourself:

- Don't reveal personal details: Never give out personal or financial information (such as your bank account details or your PIN) over the phone, even if the caller claims to be from your bank.
- Hang up: If you feel harassed or intimidated, or if the caller talks over you without giving you a chance to speak, end the call. It may feel rude but you have the right not to be pressurised into anything.
- Ring the organisation: If you're unsure whether the caller is genuine, you can always ring the company or bank they claim to be from. Find the number yourself and don't use the one provided by the caller.
- Don't be rushed: Scammers will try to rush you into providing your personal details. They may say they have a time-limited offer or claim your bank account is imminently at risk.

**Spam Emails** are emails sent out to millions of email addresses to try to gain personal information. Once the personal information has been gained, criminals can use it to commit fraud.

### **How to protect yourself:**

- Don't open attachments or click on the links within any unsolicited emails, and never respond to emails that ask for your personal or financial details.
- An email address can be spoofed, so even if the email appears to be from a person or a company you know of, but the message is unexpected or unusual then contact the sender directly via another method to confirm that they sent you the email.
- If you receive an email which asks you to login to an online account, instead of clicking on the link provided in the email, go directly to the website yourself.

### **Have you been a victim?**

You can report fraud, including online and internet crimes, to Action Fraud, who are UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime. You can report the crime on their website or by calling 0300 123 2040.



## *SERVICES AND EVENTS:*

February 2019

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**Tel: 01347 821394 or email: [vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org](mailto:vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org)**

**The Vicar's day off is Monday**

**Children are welcome at all our services**

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 12.noon Memorial Service Barbara Smith  
3.00pm Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre  
3.45pm Ignite for Primary School age in the Parish Rooms

### **Sunday 3rd Candlemas**

**8.00am Holy Communion**

**9.10am Raskelf Eucharist**

**10.30am Parish Eucharist with Church Mice**

**3.30pm Evensong**

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm Choir practice– All welcome  
6.00pm ECY @ the Cozie Centre (Easingwold Christian Youth)

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Holy Communion  
12 noon Lite Bite Lunch @ The Old Black Bull

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre  
3.45pm Ignite for Primary School age in the Parish Rooms

### **Sunday 10th Fourth Sunday before Lent**

**9.00am Holy Communion**

**10.30am Raskelf Family Service**

**10.30am Parish Eucharist with Church Mice**

**3.30pm Evening Service at Methodist Church**

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> No Choir Practice

6.00pm ECY @ the Cozie Centre (Easingwold Christian Youth)

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Bible Conversations @ 11 Whiteoak Ave – All welcome  
3.00pm Springhill Court Holy Communion

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Holy Communion  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Open the Book Small King, Big Task  
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre  
3.45pm Ignite for Primary School age in the Parish Rooms

**Sunday 17th Third Sunday before Lent**

**8.00am Holy Communion**  
**9.10am Raskelf Eucharist**  
**10.30am Parish Eucharist with Church Mice (Wedding Anniversary  
Thanksgiving Service)**  
**3.30pm Evensong**

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm Choir Practice – All welcome  
6.00pm ECY @ the Cozie Centre (Easingwold Christian Youth)

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Holy Communion  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice  
3.00pm Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> 3.45pm Ignite for Primary School age in the Parish Room

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday before Lent**

**8.00am Holy Communion**  
**10.30am Family Service**  
----- **No Evensong**

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> No Choir Practice  
No ECY @ the Cozie Centre (Easingwold Christian Youth)

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Holy Communion  
Thurs 28<sup>st</sup> 10.00am Mothers' Union Communion & Coffee – All welcome  
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

**March**

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 3.00pm Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre

**Sunday 3rd Sunday next before Lent**

**8.00am Holy Communion**  
**9.10am Raskelf Eucharist**  
**10.30am Parish Eucharist with Church Mice**  
**3.30pm Evensong**

## Readings

3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40	Candlemas	Evensong 1 Chr 29: 6-19 Acts 7:44-50
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb Isa 6:1-8 1 Cor 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11	4 <sup>th</sup> before Lent	Evensong @ Methodists
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1 Cor 13 John 2 1-11	60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary service	Evensong Hos 10: 1-8,12 Gal 4: 8-20
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb Gen 2 4b-8 15-25 Luke 8 22-25	Family service	No Evensong

## Help with Admin

Carol Colbourne, our parish administrator has had to resign due to personal reasons. Carol has been a great help to the church over the years that she has worked for us and she will be greatly missed.

We are looking for someone who is computer literate and able to use applications such as Publisher (or prepared to learn how to use them). The hours are 2-3 hours a week and preferably on a Thursday or Friday and are paid. Please contact Margaret 821394 for further details.



### ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Sunday 3rd February	9.10 am	Eucharist
Wednesday 6th February	12 noon	Lite Bite Lunch, Old Black Bull
Sunday 10th February	10.30am	Family Service
Sunday 17th February	9.10am	Eucharist
Sunday 3rd March	9.10am	Eucharist



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**Mothers' Union**



MU  
Communion & Coffee  
Thursday 28th February 10am  
at the Parish Church  
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Women's World Day of Prayer  
Friday March 1st 2.15 at  
St John the Evangelist RC Church  
The service has been compiled by the women of Slovenia

*From the Registers*

**Baptisms**

27th January

Henry Falconer

**Weddings**

None

**Funerals**

8th January

John (Jockey) Fryer

14th January

Douglas East

16th January

Edith Smith

25th January

James Airey

29th January

Wendy Hardy

31st January

Audrey Mercer

## What is Love?

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And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13 (NRSV)

## THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019

This is an international, ecumenical, week of prayer focussed upon unity between the various denominations of the Christian faith. It started in 1908 as an Octave (that is eight days) of Christian Unity, to run each year from the Feast of the Confession of St Peter (18 January) to the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul (25 January). It is supported by the World Council of Churches.

Our prayers for Christian unity are offered within a context of a world where corruption, greed and injustice bring about inequality and division. We ourselves are often complicit in injustice, and yet called together to form a united witness for justice and to be a means of Christ's healing grace for a fractured world.

This year focused on the Church in Indonesia, where there is a strong emphasis on the need for unity in the light of the nation's ethnic and religious diversity, only about 10% (26 million) of whom are Christian. They chose as a theme the words of Deuteronomy 16 vv 18-20 ("Justice and only justice you shall pursue...").

We began our observance at noon on 18th in the Parish Church, alternating between this, the Methodist, and Catholic, churches as the week progressed, with a united service in the Catholic Church on 20th.

## OASIS Café at the Methodist Church on Chapel Street

On Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9.45 onwards we welcome all to a time of chat and friendship whilst enjoying a coffee or hot chocolate. This is truly an Oasis from the bustle of a Friday morning, giving time for listening and befriending. So come along and bring a friend. Any profits this month will go to Action for Children.

## *NEW ELECTORAL ROLL*

Every parish in the Church of England is required to maintain an Electoral Roll (ER), which is a list of all those lay persons who are entitled to vote in elections (for example in the election of Churchwardens and the PCC). It is updated annually, and to maintain currency, a complete new Electoral Roll is compiled every six years. The next full revision is due in 2019, and must be complete not later than two months prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Those wishing to be on the ER must complete a new election form (names cannot simply be transferred from the existing roll). The forms, together with a summary of the rules regarding eligibility, are available in both churches from January onwards. Do please make sure you complete the election form accordingly.

*Ian Peel*, Electoral Roll Officer

## Praying for Children and Young People

Please pray for the children's and youth work across the Parish. We pray that the young people of Easingwold and Raskelf come to know Christ and feel the desire and need to worship Him. Please pray for ourselves as we look for ways in which we can help do God's work, engaging with young people and encouraging them in their faith .

## The Church Garden

### First plant five rows of Peas

Peace of mind; Promptness; Preparation; Purity; Perseverance.

### Then plant five rows of Lettuce

Let us be faithful; Let us be kind; Let us be patient; Let us be true to our obligations; Let us be sincere.

### Next plant four rows of Squash

Squash gossip; Squash criticism; Squash grumbling; Squash selfishness.

### No garden is complete without Turnip

Turn up for meetings; Turn up with a smile; Turn up with determination; Turn up for service.

### To conclude our garden must have Thyme

Time for each other; Time for our family; Time for our friends; Time for God.

## ECCLESIASTES 3; 4 – “A TIME TO LAUGH”

An inexperienced preacher was to hold a graveside burial service at a pauper's cemetery for an indigent man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the backhoe was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.

As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workmen say to the other, "I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I ain't never seen anything like that!"

## Your Parish Magazine Needs You

We are seeking additional contributors who would be happy to author and/or source content of all types and sizes for the Parish Magazine (e.g. topical or general articles, news, notices) every now and then (e.g. 3-4 times a year). So, if you are interested please contact the Editorial Team ([magazine@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org](mailto:magazine@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org)) with details.

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