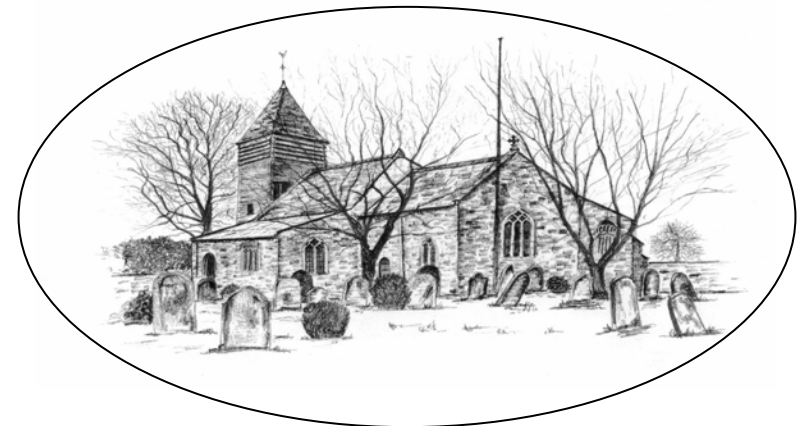


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PARISH NEWS



St John the Baptist & All Saints, Easingwold



St Mary the Virgin, Raskelf

March 2014

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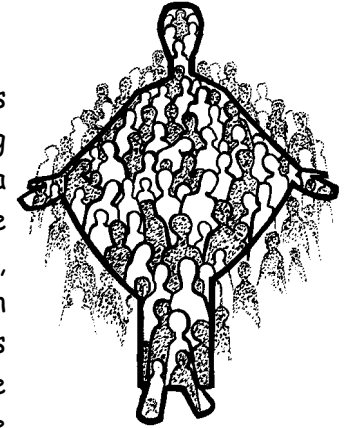


MARCH

2nd	10.30am	Exodus	Ch.24	Vv.12-18	Next before Lent
		2 Peter	Ch.1	Vv.16-21	
		Matthew	Ch.17	Vv. 1-9	
	6.30pm	Sung Evensong with the Stamford Bridge Singers			
5th	7.30pm	Joel	Ch.2	Vv.1-2,12-17	ASH WEDNESDAY
		2 Corinthians	Ch.5	Vv.20b-6.10	
		Matthew	Ch.6	Vv.1-6,16-21	
9th	10.30am	Genesis	Ch.2	Vv.15-17;3.1-7	LENT 1
		Romans	Ch.5	Vv.12-19	
		Mathew	Ch.4	Vv. 1-11	
	3.30pm	Deuteronomy	Ch.6	Vv.4-9,16-25	
		Luke	Ch.15	Vv. 1-10	
16th	10.30am	Genesis	Ch.12	Vv. 1-4a	LENT 2
		Romans	Ch.4	Vv.1-5.13-17	
		John	Ch.3	Vv. 1-17	
	3.30pm	Numbers	Ch.21	Vv. 4-9	
		Luke	Ch.14	Vv.27-33	
23rd	10.30am	Exodus	Ch.17	Vv. 1-7	LENT 3
		Romans	Ch.5	Vv. 1-11	
		John	Ch.4	Vv. 5-42	
	4.00pm	Celtic Service at Raskelf			
30th	10.30am	ALL AGE SERVICE:T.B.A			MOTHERING SUNDAY
	6.30pm	Micah	Ch.7		
		John	Ch.3	Vv.14-21	

No Man is an Island

We often hear about the south-east bias of our media. There was muttering recently that flooding only became a major story when it reached the Home Counties! That might not be entirely fair, but it highlights a wider part of human nature, whether we are London journalists or residents of North Yorkshire. The nearer something is to us, the more important it seems.



That's not too much of a problem most of the time. Clearly we have to be concerned with the day to day affairs of our lives. It becomes a problem though when it blots out major concerns of other people, especially those who are weaker than we are or might not be on our doorsteps. What troubles other people can soon come to trouble us too. Remember the famous remark made in 1938 that Czechoslovakia was "a far away country of which we know nothing." Why should we have been bothered about what was happening there?

The current winter's weather has its origins, we're told, in the Pacific Ocean. We are all interconnected and we are all neighbours to each other. Our neighbour is not only the person next door, it is all humanity. That's why it's so important to make it our business to know about what's happening to people elsewhere, to pray for them and to do what we can to provide help when it's needed. Remember the words of John Donne: *No man is an island, entire of itself.*

John Harrison

LENT LUNCHEES 2014

- Home made soup, roll & coffee in return for a donation
- Lunches are all from 12 noon-1.30pm
- In aid *Christian Aid & Cafod*



Date	Hosts	Location
March 14th	Men's Group	Parish Rooms, Tanpit Lane
March 21st	Methodist Catering Group	Methodist Church Rooms
March 28th	Raskelf Church Group	Parish Rooms
April 4th	Catholic Church Ladies	Catholic Hall, Long Street
April 11th	Easingwold & Raskelf MU	Parish Rooms

EASINGWOLD PARISH CHURCH HOME and AWAY COMMITTEE SHROVETIDE LUNCH

Sunday March 2nd in the Parish Rooms from 12.15pm

Menu: Choice of Lasagne or Fish Pie

followed by Sweet Pancakes

Tea or Coffee

Soft drinks or bring a bottle Tickets £10.00 from Tempo

In aid: UNICEF Syria Winter appeal for refugees

Close on six million children have been affected by the conflict in Syria; many have lost everything - parents, family, friends and homes. Children have been killed, orphaned or suffered life-changing injuries. Winter storms are already hitting the area and Syria's children, already weakened by the crisis desperately need warm clothes and blankets and **they need our help to protect them.**



British Summer Time (BST) starts at 1.00am on Sunday March 30th when the clocks will go **forward** one hour. Please note Evensong starts again today at 6.30pm and continues at this time.

From the Registers

Funerals

23 rd Jan	Katy Atkinson
10 th Feb	Eileen Walker
11 th Feb	Sheila Atkinson
12 th Feb	Victoria Clint
15 th Feb	Jimmy Rae (Memorial Service)

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

WEDNESDAY MARCH 5th

LITE BITE LUNCH, Old Black Bull, Raskelf 12 noon

SUNDAYS MARCH 2nd & 16th

HOLY COMMUNION 9.10am

SUNDAY MARCH 9th & MARCH 30th (Mothering Sunday)

FAMILY SERVICE 10.30am

SUNDAY MARCH 23rd

CELTIC SERVICE 4.00pm

FRIDAY & SATURDAY MARCH 28th & 29th

RASKELF SPRING CLEAN

SATURDAY MARCH 15th

COFFEE MORNING RASKELF VILLAGE HALL

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 who live within the area bounded by Uppleby, Spring Street, Back Lane & Crabmill Lane
2. Those who will use the cricket ground, tennis courts, bowling green & memorial park
3. Those who work at, or visit, the Paradise & Altheimers Day Centres & the Health Centre
4. Those who live in Westmoor Lane & its associated roads in Raskelf

Lent Talks

The theme of our Lent Talks this year is *Journeying with Christ to Calvary*. There will be a series of talks/meditations on **Monday nights at 7.30pm in the Parish Church** starting on the 10th March, each lasting about half an hour and ending with Compline. These will follow the story of Jesus from Gethsemane to the Crucifixion and be led by members of our ministry team.



The Methodist Lent Course takes the form of Bible Studies on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm in the chapel and on alternative Thursday and Wednesday mornings at 10.30am at 2 Highland Court, beginning on March 6th.

EVENSONG there will be a special one to mark the beginning of Lent on Sunday March 2nd at 6.30pm led by the Stamford Bridge Singers. This will include music by Walmsley, Mendelsohn and Batten. The conductor is Michael Wiles and the accompanist is Geoffrey Coffin. And on Palm Sunday April 13th there will be a Service of Devotion *The Cross of Christ* at 6.30pm when the Deanery Ecumenical Choir will lead the singing. Anyone who would like to join the Choir should contact Alfred Bodison on 821668. Two Deanery rehearsals will be held at 7.30-9.00pm on March 28th & April 4th. Both will be held in Easingwold Parish Church.



Twenty-Four Parishes ~ One Family of Churches



Easingwold is the first deanery in the Diocese to appoint a deanery coordinator. Carol Colbourne is from Husthwaite. Her principle tasks are to maintain and strengthen contacts between clergy and laity across the whole area, to make sure information, skills and resources are shared with the aim of strengthening all the parishes in the deanery and to communicate widely information about what's going on. As we develop today's church for today's world, we will be stronger together than we would be apart. If you have any ideas about how we can help this project grow, please get in touch at deanery.coord@btinternet.com

- **Women's World Day of Prayer**...this year is on Friday March 7th at 2.15pm in the Parish Church. Material on the theme *Streams of the Desert* has been prepared by women in Egypt and the preacher is the Rt. Revd Dame Andrea Savage, Abbess of Stanbrook Abbey at Wass.
- **Water Aid**...aims to provide clean water to communities in the under-developed and developing world, which in its turn helps to prevent disease. Jars to collect loose change in over Lent (or stickers for your own jars) are available at the back of church.
- **Ebor Lectures**...the next one is on Wednesday 19th March 2014 in York Minster at 7.00pm The speaker is Dr Kathy Galloway, Head of Christian Aid Scotland, the title of whose lecture will be 'The naked emperor challenging the ideology of deficiency'. The theme for the whole series is *The Morality of Austerity*. Tickets are free can be found on the internet: www.yorks.ac.uk/eborlectures
- **Hambleton Food Share (Easingwold)**...have joined up with Northallerton in a Foodbank project to offer relief to the homes and families in need among us. They think this name describes what they are doing; reminding us that Christ commanded us to 'Love our Neighbours as ourselves'. They say the image that all is well in and around Easingwold, sadly to some is far from reality. Figures nationally indicate 2/3rds affected by 'bedroom tax' have fallen into rent arrears, 46% of very low income families do not heat their houses/ between 2007 & 2012 food prices in the UK rose by 30.5%/ increase of 110% in foodbanks. We will keep you informed how it progresses and what we can do..
- **Stroke Club**...meets again on March 19th. For newcomers this is on the third Wednesday of every month from 2.00-4.00pm at Springhill Court, Manor Road, Easingwold. The subject this month is Jennyruth Workshops & the talk is about productive workshops where adults with learning disabilities gain skills, confidence and happiness.
- **Shoe Boxes**... we have a new co-ordinator and this scheme with more and more people joining each year will continue. Information now as some of you like to put things away all the year round.

SERVICES AND EVENTS

MARCH 2014

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 2nd SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.10am Holy Communion at Raskelf
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 12noon Shrovetide Lunch *Parish Rooms*
 6.30pm Sung Evensong
 with the Stamford Bridge Singers

WED 5th ASH WEDNESDAY

9.00am Communion
 10.00am Communion at Park Close
 12noon Raskelf Lunch at the Old Black Bull
 7.30pm SUNG EUCHARIST

Fri 7th 2.15pm Women's World Day of Prayer *Parish Church*

SUN 9th LENT 1

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

Mon 10th 7.30pm Lent Talk -1 followed by Compline

Wed 12th 9.00am Communion
 7.30pm Mothers' Union *Parish Rooms*

Fri 14th 12noon Lent Lunch *Parish Rooms*

Sat 15th 10am onwards Raskelf Coffee Morning *Village Hall*

SUN 16th LENT 2

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.10am Holy Communion at Raskelf
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 2.00pm Baptism
 3.30pm Evensong

Mon 17th 7.30pm Lent Talk -2 followed by Compline

Wed 19th 9.00am Communion
 7.30pm PCC *Parish Rooms*

Fri 20th 12noon Lent Lunch *Methodist Church*

SUN 23rd LENT 3

8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 4.00pm Celtic Service at Raskelf

Mon 24th 7.30pm Lent Talk -3 followed by Compline

Wed 26th 9.00am Communion
 Thur 27th 10.00am Mothers' Union Communion

Fri 28th 12noon Lent Lunch *Parish Rooms*
 7.30pm Rehearsal for Palm Sunday music *Parish Ch*

Fri 28th pm and Sat 29th am -Raskelf Church Clean

SUN 30th MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am FAMILY SERVICE
 10.30am FAMILY SERVICE at Raskelf
 **6.30pm Evensong

Mon 31th 7.30pm Lent Talk -4 followed by Compline:

APRIL

Wed 2nd 9.00am Communion
 10.00am Communion at Park Close
 12noon Raskelf Lunch at the Old Black Bull

Fri 5th 12.15pm Lent Lunch *Catholic Church hall*

SUN 7rd PASSION SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.10am Holy Communion at Raskelf
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 6.30pm Evensong

Open the Book at the Primary School on 5th and 19th March

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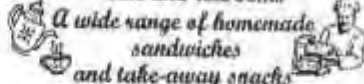
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