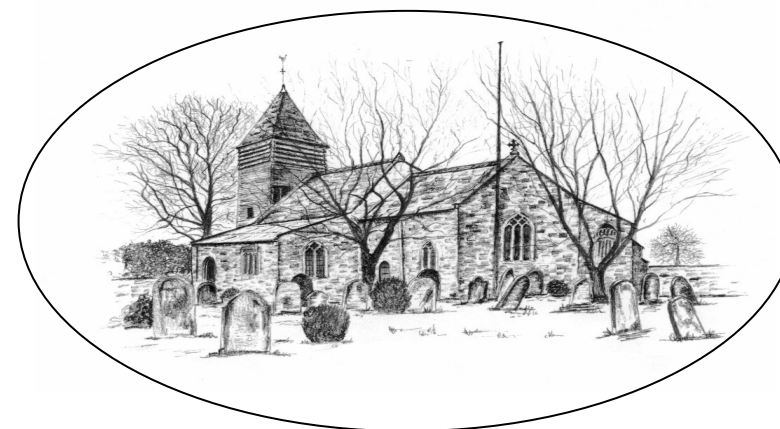


EASINGWOLD with RASKELF  
PARISH NEWS



*St John the Baptist & All Saints, Easingwold*



*St Mary the Virgin, Raskelf*

May 2014

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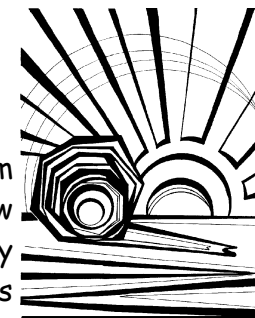




**MAY**

4th	10.30am	Acts	Ch.2	Vv.14a,36-41	EASTER 3
		1 Peter	Ch.1	Vv.17-23	
		Luke	Ch.24	Vv.13-35	
	6.30pm	1 Corinthians	Ch.3	Vv.10-17	
		John	Ch.2	Vv.13-22	
11th	10.30am	Acts	Ch.2	Vv.42-47	EASTER 4
		1 Peter	Ch.2	Vv.19-25	
		John	Ch.10	Vv. 1-10	
	6.30pm	Ephesians	Ch.2	Vv.11-22	
		Luke	Ch.19	Vv.37-48	
18th	10.30am	Acts	Ch.7	Vv.55-60	EASTER 5
		1 Peter	Ch.2	Vv. 2-10	
		John	Ch.14	Vv. 1-14	
	6.30pm	Revelation	Ch.21	Vv. 1-14	
		Luke	Ch.2	Vv.25-32	
25th	10.30am	Acts	Ch.17	Vv.22-31	EASTER 6
		1 Peter	Ch.3	Vv.13-22	
		John	Ch.14	Vv.15-21	
	6.30pm	Revelation	Ch.21	Vv.22-.22.5	
		John	Ch.21	Vv. 1-14	
29th	7.30pm	Daniel	Ch.7	Vv. 9-14	ASCENSION DAY
		Acts	Ch.1	Vv. 1-11	
		Luke	Ch.24	Vv.44-53	

## The Hiddenness of God



One of the benefits of our new lighting system in church is that we can at last get a good view of our marvellous nave roof. Our brightly coloured chancel roof shouts its presence at us but the nave one has been hidden away in the gloom. That's a shame because it's very old and beautiful. Like most of the present church, it goes back 600 years to the early fifteenth century and time of the Battle of Agincourt. Of course it's been repaired many times, but the main cross beams are original. If you look carefully at them, you can see the marks of the axes that were used to shape them out of tree trunks.

Hiddenness is a recurring theme in the Bible. In the Old Testament, Elijah finds God not in the earthquake or the wind, but in the "still small voice". Jesus urges his followers to keep quiet about what they're seeing and tells those being healed not to spread their stories about. Even the Resurrection itself takes place behind the stone that seals off the tomb in the Garden.

God works so often, not in the big headlines of life, but in the small ordinary things, the things we take for granted. May he open our eyes to see him, our ears to hear him and our lips to acknowledge all that he does day by day in our lives.

John Harrison



### Mothers' Union

**Mothers' Union trip to Beverley Minster** leaving Easingwold at 9.30am and returning by 4.30pm is on Wednesday May 14th. A few

places are still available -see MU table in church.

**Advance Notice** - the June meeting (Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in church) is the **Deanery Festival**. The speaker will be Helen Dawe, who has recently returned from Zimbabwe where she met with MU workers. All welcome.



### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK May 11th—17th

The total collected for Christian Aid at the Lent Lunches this year was £746.30 including the Methodist Church (money from the Catholic Church lunch goes to CAFOD) - an increase of £178. Christian Aid aims to give people a future without fear. War tears lives apart and we can all help to put them back together; individuals, communities and churches can make a real difference. Last year 20,000 churches across the country helped to raise £12m for Christian Aid Week. With our support many more people can look forward to a future free from poverty.

### Welcome packs

Do you know anyone who has recently moved to Easingwold? Easingwold is expanding so much with more houses—and many of them—going up on both sides of the York Road.

A welcome pack has been prepared introducing the Parish church, Methodist and Community churches, as well as a street plan of Easingwold and a leaflet with a lot of detailed local information—something somebody new to the area would find useful.

Copies of the Welcome Pack are available at the parish church or by contacting Michael Wansborough on 01347-822166)

### From the Registers

**Baptism**

April 20th

### ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

WEDNESDAY MAY 7th

LITE BITE LUNCH, Old Black Bull,  
Raskelf 12 noon

SUNDAY MAY 4th (No service on 11th)

COMMUNION 9.10am

SUNDAY MAY 18th

FAMILY SERVICE 10.30am



### 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 and work in the town centre
2. The Galtres community centre—the staff, volunteers and all its activities
3. The shops, offices, library, public eating houses and those serving the whole community
4. Those who live at The Green and the old station area, the GeeGee Riding School and surrounding farms in Raskelf

## Easingwold Foodshare News

A formal branch of Hambleton Foodshare is now close to being a reality in the Easingwold & Villages area. A number of local people have come forward as volunteers and together we will improve our help to those local people in need. Further details of our drop in centre in Easingwold will be included next month. Providing food aid on the one hand means that we will rely on others will donate food or funds to help us. Look for food donation points soon in local supermarkets - it is also our aim to have a food donation box shortly in most of the churches in our area. Food Banks are a natural place for us as Archbishop Welby recently affirmed and a way to show the outside world what being a Christian stands for.

The sad fact is that there are indeed households and families in poverty among us and often find themselves without food or money. Choices such as "Do we put money in the meter to keep warm, or do we feed the children?" are common. That can be the stark dilemma in some local homes. Children have no say as to where they were born and who in this day and age, should not be expected to suffer!

In the households we have assisted so far with Food Aid in the Easingwold area, common factors are emerging:

Most involve children and Mums not eating (or at least skipping meals) to help feed them

Many of them also involve a temporary crisis or are waiting the 6 weeks for benefits to arrive which has tipped them over the edge.

In the majority of cases I have dealt with, the recipients are very reluctant, embarrassed and ashamed to accept help - some particularly so; very far removed from the "Benefits' Street" image that the media would want you to believe.

If you know anyone who needs help or for if you would like any further information - please phone or text us with your name and contact details on our mobile telephone service.

**Contact us on 0772 44 44 750.**

We will not answer any calls (the phone is not manned), but we do promise to call you back as soon as we can to discuss your needs.

Alternatively email us on [easingwoldfoodshare@gmail.com](mailto:easingwoldfoodshare@gmail.com)

Frank Johnston-Banks



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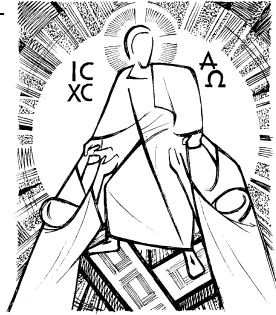
- **Christian Aid Week... urgent message:** "as Easingwold gets larger and larger and our faithful collectors get older, we are in great need of new people to help with the collection. If you feel you could help in this way (however small the area you could do) please phone Richard (822292) or myself Pam (8223357). We would be very pleased to hear from you!"
- **Freewill Offering...** packs of envelopes for the new financial year have been distributed. If there is anyone who has not received and would like the envelopes, they should please contact either Alfred Boddison (821668) or Mary Galloway (821714)
- **Ebor Lecture...** the next one is in York Minster at 7.00pm on Wednesday May 21st when Mr Larry Elliott, Economics Editor of the Guardian will address the subject *In it together or in it for the money*. The series of six lectures for 2013-14 is entitled *The Morality of Austerity*. There is no charge for tickets and they can be obtained by visiting the York St John University website: [www.yorks.j.ac.uk/ebor](http://www.yorks.j.ac.uk/ebor) lectures.
- **20 Years of Women's Priestly Ministry...** will be celebrated with a service in York Minster on Saturday May 17th taken by the Dean of York, the Very Reverend Vivienne Faull, who was herself ordained in 1994, as was Canon Barbara Wilkinson and the Reverend Beryl Bowes, members of our own ministry team. Everyone is welcome and the service starts at 11.00am followed by light refreshments
- **First new Diocese in Yorkshire since 1929...** called *West Yorkshire and the Dales* to replace the Dioceses of Wakefield, Bradford and Ripon & Leeds, which were dissolved on Easter Sunday this year. A new Bishop of Leeds is expected to be appointed later this year with Suffragan (assistant) bishops to support the appointee. .
- **Stroke Club..** Will have a talk about *Action on Stroke Month—awareness and protection* given by the Regional Information Officer from the Stroke Association, Jo Koszel, on Wednesday May 21st at Springhill Court at 2.00pm.
- **Grand Easingwold Bake Off 2014...** on Sunday May 12th 12noon-2.30pm in aid of the Forget-me-not Club; six categories including three for children. So message is—get baking!

## SERVICES AND EVENTS

MAY 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



Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> 1.30pm Wedding

### SUN 4<sup>th</sup> EASTER 3

8.00am Holy Communion

9.10am Holy Communion at Raskelf

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

6.30pm Evensong

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm Springhill Court Songs of Praise

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Communion

10.00am Communion at Park Close

12noon Raskelf Lunch at Old Black Bull

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Easingwold Singers Concert in church

### SUN 11<sup>th</sup> EASTER 4

*start of Christian Aid Week*

8.00am Holy Communion

*no Raskelf Service this week*

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

6.30pm Evensong

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm Communion at Springhill Court

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Communion

9.30am MU visit to Beverley Minster

7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation in church

Thur 15<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Deanery Synod in church

### SUN 18<sup>th</sup> EASTER 5

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

10.30am Family Service at Raskelf

2.00pm BWed 21<sup>st</sup> 9.00am Com-  
munion

7.30pm PCC Parish Rooms

Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am Mothers' Union Communion

7.30pm Ecumenical Meeting -what is a Local  
Ecumenical Project ? Parish Rooms

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Wedding at Raskelf

### SUN 25<sup>th</sup> EASTER 6

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

6.30pm Evensong

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Communion

### THUR 29<sup>th</sup> ASCENSION DAY

7.30pm SUNG EUCHARIST

## JUNE

### SUN 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

8.00am Holy Communion

9.10am Holy Communion at Raskelf

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

2.00pm Baptism

6.30pm Evensong

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Communion

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