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IT'S GOOD TO SMILE

TIME FOR THE SERMON

A sermon should have a good beginning and a good end and they should be as close together as possible. (George Burns, American Comedian 1886-1896).

I don't mind people looking at their watches while I'm preaching, but I get worried if they take them off and shake them.

A mother finally discovered how to get her fidgety 7-year-old son to sit still and be quiet. About half way through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered, "If you don't be quiet, the pastor is going to lose his place and will have to start his sermon all over again."

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St John the Baptist and All Saints Church, Easingwold and St Mary's Church, Raskelf



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From Rev'd Robin Davill



Dear Friends,

This year the month of May is entirely in Easter, and May is traditionally dedicated to the Virgin Mary. All of this should fill us with thoughts of peace, new birth and hope for the future. Unfortunately, if we look around the world, there is a great deal running counter to this. War continues in so many places as to fill a whole page. The world economy also shudders as the US erects tariff barriers against everyone and other countries retaliate in kind.

All of this is very much opposed to what Jesus said in all four gospels, and yet many of those making war on their neighbours or keeping everyone or their goods firmly at arms length are doing it and invoking religious approval for their actions. This is nothing new; most regimes wanting to oppose their neighbours have sought divine support for their actions. So often leaders have referenced the idea of reciprocal justice and called it Christianity, but in reality it comes from the book of Exodus, where "An eye for an eye" was quoted to prevent people from avenging wrongs disproportionately and thus perpetuating feuds. It is called Lex Talionis, the law of retaliation but in proportion to the original injustice. It is the most basic form of justice but Jesus sets the bar much higher in the "sermon on the mount". "If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also....You therefore must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."

If we take what Jesus says seriously then we do realise how fallen humanity is. He sets before us not a crude tit for tat but the law of heavenly perfection which we will always struggle to fulfil. So much that we do will always be a compromise- doing our best in difficult circumstances. And that is so often the key to what Jesus says. Jesus could not stand self righteousness and small nit picking regulations which the pious could fulfil and claim to be holy. God's law is way beyond the letter of regulations. We do our best and pray for forgiveness when we fall short. "Love covers a multitude of sins" as St Peter said, and he should know. Remember it was the tax collector who prayed "Lord have mercy upon me a sinner" who was justified, rather than the Pharisee who gave a self satisfied list of the regulations he had kept (Luke 18 vs 9). Or when faced with a murderous mob about to stone a woman taken in adultery invited "He who is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone."

Anthony Bangham was the National roads policing officer. He asserted that any motorist who went one mile an hour over a speed limit should be prosecuted. Well did the Chief Constable keep to his own taxing standards and would we all be perfect drivers if we did so? It's all very well driving at twenty five miles an hour in a thirty limit but if we are looking only at the speedometer then driving into a lamp post whilst doing the correct speed has not really achieved much. It's never easy to be a good Christian. I'll leave you with an Alan Bennett joke.

Deputy Head speaking in private to the Head Master who has just ferociously objected to some of the content of the school play:-

"Have you ever thought Headmaster that some of your standards might perhaps be a little out of date?"

Headmaster "Of course they're out of date. Standards always are out of date. That is what makes them standards."

Best wishes

Robin

THE ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING IS ON SUNDAY 25TH MAY FOLLOWING THE MORNING EUCHARIST THERE WILL BE NO 9AM SERVICE THAT DAY AND THE EUCHARIST WILL BE AT THE REVISED TIME OF 10AM

VACANCY—TREASURER

The PCC is still looking for someone to take on the role of Treasurer. Initially this would involve working alongside Kamal Antoun (Acting Treasurer) for the remainder of this year then fully take over the role as of the beginning of next year.

Though bookkeeping and financial reporting experience would be advantageous, the new treasurer will be supported by Kamal during the transitional period and thereafter as needed.

So, if you are interested, please email your details and any queries to treasurer.erac@gmail.com

THERE ARE ALSO VACANCIES ON THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.
WOULD YOU CONSIDER JOINING THE TEAM?

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 churches.



A completely new Roll is prepared every six years and is due this year, prior to the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th May. It is important that all members of the parish who wish to be included complete a new application form, **even if already enrolled**.

Forms are available at the back of both churches and when completed should be returned to me (11 Whiteoak Avenue Easingwold), or left for my attention at the back of the parish church,.

With many thanks

Ian Peel (01347 823548)

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

A small congregation attended the Maundy Thursday service where we remembered Jesus sharing His Last Supper with His disciples, breaking bread and drinking wine signifying His body and blood. We remembered Jesus' act of humility of washing His disciples' feet by the washing of our hands by Rev'd John who conducted the Eucharist service. As John read from Mark 14.26-49, the Altars were stripped and, following the reading of Psalm 22, those who so wished moved to the Lady Chapel for the vigil.

Of course this solemn occasion also provides us with the rare opportunity of seeing our Altars uncovered as you can now see from the photographs.







YOU and ME

.....bringing people together

Bored was not on the cards on the afternoon of 25th March last! A lively group filled Kurt's bar at the Galtres centre for fun and games. Whist and Gin rummy, Scrabble, Dominoes and a Holland memory game proved popular. Several other games were played and kept everyone busy till the tea and cake were served. It is pleasing that the number of people supporting You and Me is growing and that we manage to have a different group of people at different events. Everyone is welcome whether they are church members or not. Our events are open to all. Why not come along and bring a friend or, if you have an idea of an activity you would like to do, please contact one of the following: Hazel, Christina Julia, Sara or Caroline. We are beginning to prepare the programme for next year.

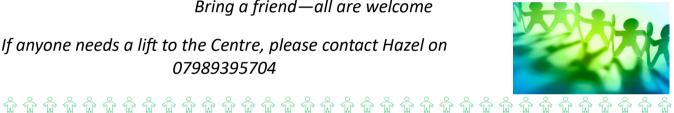
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Our next event will be

A visit to the Burn Hall Birds of Prev Centre Wednesday 14th May Meet at the Centre at 11am

There will be a concessionary charge of £9 per person. Bring a friend—all are welcome

If anyone needs a lift to the Centre, please contact Hazel on 07989395704



Chaplain's Corner



May

Next month my husband has a special birthday, one with a zero next to a number greater than six, and this has set me thinking. When do adults get too old to celebrate and enjoy birthdays in the way they did they did when they were children? I think the answer is probably 'never' but we

don't want to make too much of a show in case other people think we're 'daft' or 'losing our marbles'.

Having recently heard an older person call themselves a 'recycled teenager', I've decided to embrace the idea of being a bit of a kid again and I'm inviting anyone who feels younger than they are to join me. Don't be shy, email me with the month you celebrate your birthday, and we'll celebrate, not with jelly and ice cream or a game of pass the parcel but with a mention in the parish magazine.

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the pleasure we gain from celebrating the achievements and milestones of others. **Amen**

> Sara Beaumont Anna Chaplain

SERVICES AND EVENTS: MAY 2025

For any queries, please contact one of the Churchwardens or our Parish Administrator (see contact details on page 3)

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:

The Church will be closed on 7th, 8th and 9th May for essential maintenance to take place.

There will be no midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 18th May: Joint service at the Methodist church at 10.30am

Sunday 25th May: APCM: No 9.00am service Holy Communion at the revised time of 10.00am

Thursday 29th May: Ascension Day service at 7.30pm

Widows' Group

Our next meeting will be held after the 10.30am service on

Sunday 4th May

in the choir vestry at the back of the church

and a warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to attend.

Nancy Kilburn

Service at

Springhill Court, Manor Road, Easingwold

> Tuesday 13th May at 3pm Holy Communion

> > All welcome



Christians Together around Easingwold (CTAE)



The monthly prayer meeting will be on

Saturday 10th May at 9am at the Methodist Church

If you are a Christian, please come and join this short time of prayer for our churches, town, country and world.

"In unity God will grow his Church"

Open The Book at Easingwold Primary School

Forthcoming dates: to be announced

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



ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Please note: the monthly "Lite Bite Lunch" is postponed until further notice

Sunday 4th May: Holy Communion at 9.30am Sunday 18th May: Holy Communion at 9.30am



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Children's Church Services at Easingwold LITTLE SEEDS



for 4 to 9 year olds on

Thursdays during term time at 3.30pm in the Parish Church

Please contact Andrew Neville-Smith at <u>anevillesmith@btinternet.com</u>

for more details or just turn up

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

Readings

Eucharist	Evening Prayer

4th May **Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9.1-6 Isaiah 38.9-20 Revelation 5.11-14 John 11.27-44

John 21.1-19

11th May **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9.36-43 Isaiah 63.7-14 Revelation 7.9-17 Luke 24.36-49

John 10.22-30

Fifth Sunday of Easter 18th May

Acts 11.1-18 Daniel 6.6-23 Revelation 21.1-6 Mark 15.46-16.8

John 13.31-35

Sixth Sunday of Easter 25th May

Acts 16.9-15 Zephaniah 3.14-end Revelation 21.10-22.5 Matthew 28.1-10, 16-end

John 5.1-9

29th May Ascension Day (7.30pm)

Acts 1.1-11

Luke 24.44-end

1st June **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16.16-34 Isaiah 44.1-18 Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-end Ephesians 4.7-16

John 17.20-26

From the Registers Baptisms

6th April: Thomas Barker

6th April: Poppy Elizabeth Ross-Williams

Funerals

5th April—Helen Clare Oliver



Interment of Ashes

24th April: Mary Harbisher

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 group 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 in Easingwold town centre
- ♦ The Galtres Centre staff, volunteers and all activities; those who litter pick; those responsible for the flower tubs and hanging baskets around the town
- ♦ The shops, cafes, pubs, offices, library, dentists, undertakers in the town centre serving the whole community
- ♦ Raskelf Gymkhana all who work hard to make it a success

PRAYING TOGETHER



We are called by Jesus to pray together as well as individually. This doesn't mean just in services - although that is important - but with family, friends or Church members.

Prayers are especially needed for our church at this time as we await the appointment of a new vicar. Many are helping to keep the church running in a variety of different ways and we give thanks for all of them. We pray that the right person will come to lead us forward in the coming years.

Prayer is also needed for the other churches in our town and for our community. There is much to give thanks for, and to pray about locally, as well as for the wider world. Do join us at the Methodist Church on the second Saturday (10th May), as we meet to pray with folk from the different churches.

Nancy Kilburn, Sara Beaumont, Chris Peel

BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

This month we meet at Sara Beaumont's home: 6 The Pastures, YO61 3SH

Tuesday 6th May -10.00am to 11.15am

Please arrive early so we can start promptly at 10.00am

Come along and find out more about St John's Gospel

If you would like further information, contact

Chris Peel (01347 823548) or

Sara Beaumont (sarabeaumont.church@gmail.com)

EASTER IN EASINGWOLD

The Ecumenical service held on the green in the Market Place on Good Friday was well attended by people from all of our churches in Easingwold. Later at the Parish Church there was the Final Hour Service.



On Easter Saturday, the Church beautifully decorated with colourful flower displays. The Altars were re-dressed and the Easter Garden, put together by the children

who attend Little Seeds, was put

in place in front of the Altar.

Such attention to detail, well done to those children.



On Easter Day itself, early risers

attending the 7.30am Sunrise Service in the Market Place were well and truly blessed with sunshine. Even the Easter Bunny made an appearance.

Following the Eucharist and Service of Light at the Parish Church, there was an excellent attendance at the Family Service where Rev'd Adele spoke about the love of God and how we should love each other as we love Him.

This reminded me of a little book which I am reading called "God Bless" Love". It is a collection of sayings compiled by Nanette Newman (ISBN 0001952803 pub. 1972) all by young children and a couple which sprung

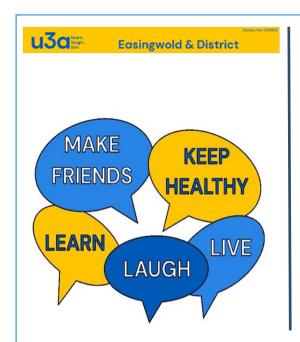
to mind during Adele's sermon were the following. The first one was written by Deborah, aged 10 (written as spelt by Deborah):

"Love is hard to do to people you don't perticuly like" and the second, by Louise, aged 7:

"If only the world were made of love."

The family service ended with a rousing rendition of "Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son, endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won."





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We praise you today for your servant Francis and for all that you did through him.

Meet us in our sadness and fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving,

for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Francis.

Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming.

Enfold him in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

Amen.

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Easingwold District Community Care Association

EDCCA offers a range of services including befriending, volunteer car scheme, shopping and prescription collection service. We have groups such as Men in Sheds, Crossword Club, Knit and Natter club and our Hub club for those with Dementia. Our next Tea and Tarts monthly social gathering will be on Tuesday 13th May from 10am until noon in the lounge area of the Galtres Centre, entry is free.

We can offer Meals on Wheels, wheelchair hire, our beautiful charity boutique, carers sitting service and Citizens Advice sessions minibus in the Galtres car park.

We hold Food share stalls outside the Cozie building Monday to Friday and if you require Food Bank support please call our telephone line 0772 44 44 750, calls listened to daily.

Day trips will run this month on the 8th to Whitby, eat fish and chips or play crazy golf on West Cliff or take the 199 steps to the Abbey. Then on the 21st to Otley and Ilkley, both trips cost £20 each. Looking ahead to 5th June we have Filey and Filey Bird Garden and Animal Park, there is an additional charge for the park.

If you are interested in volunteering with us please contact the office (number below) or for any related enquiries.

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Raskelf 9.30 am Holy Communion with hymns

2nd Sunday: Easingwold 9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns (also on Zoom)

3rd Sunday: Easingwold 9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns

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10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns (also on Zoom)

5th Sunday: Easingwold 9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns

Weekdays in Easingwold:

4th Sunday:

Wednesday 9.00 am Holy Communion

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

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