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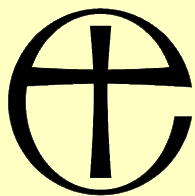
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*From the Vicar . . .*



It is hard to believe how quickly the year is passing. It almost feels as if the weather system itself can't believe that it is the summer. I am writing this on a cold June afternoon wishing it was a few degrees warmer. I was at Windermere at the weekend for the Great North Swim, the sun didn't shine, and the water was only 14.4°C and quite rough. The organisers had considered cancelling it for safety reasons. Despite this, many mad people took the challenge of swimming for charity. I wasn't the fastest, but I certainly wasn't the slowest, I came about 2/3rds of the way through the group that I was swimming with, so I was quite happy.

I chose to take this challenge and was sponsored for it, (many thanks to everyone who sponsored me), but it made me think of the millions of people who have to endure some chronic medical condition and wake up each day to what can seem like an insurmountable challenge. For those of you who live with a chronic illness, you will remember the early days of diagnosis when you woke up every morning and for that split second everything was fine and then it hit you. You had to deal with it day after day until it became part of your life.

We suffer simply because we live in an imperfect world and "bad things happen". But Isaiah 41:13 tells us,

"For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear; I will help you'."

Sometimes in the depth of despair, it can feel that God has left us, but He hasn't. We have the confidence that whatever challenges come our way, God is with us to guide us, and lead us. We don't know which direction He is going to lead us, and we may find that we have further challenges along the way.

The summer weather is challenging most people at the moment, here's hoping for a few days of sunshine before the autumn sets in!

Every blessing for July,

*Margaret*



## Parish Visit to Iona



On the 18<sup>th</sup> May, a group of 23 comprising Easingwold Church members and a few people from churches further afield arrived on the beautiful Isle of Iona for a 7 night stay at Bishop's House retreat.

With the tiny chapel of St. Columba at its heart, the house has been described as a place of "prayer, study, contemplation and Eucharist". Daily Eucharist and evening Compline services in the chapel were well attended by our group and by residents and other visitors to the island. Margaret was the resident Chaplain for the week but, with 13 services in the chapel over 7 days, grateful thanks for leadership must go to the Revd. David Senior, Carole Senior, Revd. Greg Forster, Revd. Charlotte Cranfield, Revd. Lynne Connolly, Tony Young, Nancy Kilburn and Margaret Price.

One evening, 12 of us reviewed the book "Christianity Rediscovered" by Vincent Donovan, a story of how one man brought a number of Masai people in East Africa to Christian faith (a copy of this book has been placed in the prayer desk in Easingwold church).

Much of our time was spent walking the hills and beaches, painting and drawing, bird watching, a boat trip to Staffa to see Fingal's Cave, the seals and the puffins, or just relaxing with a book, taking in the beautiful tranquil scenery and listening to the Corncrakes, Oystercatchers and much more of the wildlife. Two intrepid members of our group even went swimming in the sea! Fortunately, the weather was mostly very good and much time was spent outdoors in the sunshine and fresh sea air. At the end of each day we enjoyed a lovely homely meal prepared by the staff at Bishop's House.

For such a tiny island it has an unparalleled draw for people of faith and no faith from all around the world; with hundreds visiting each day to spend a few short hours experiencing the island's spiritual warmth. They come to Iona for their own personal reasons, perhaps to escape the pressures of modern life, to find peace of mind and meaning to their life, to refresh their faith or simply out of curiosity.



The week in Iona was deemed a great success by our group and, despite the tiring journey involved, there was a real sense of reward, restoration and fulfilment from the island's peace, tranquillity and its uplifting sensation.

*Tim Young*

# Mothers' Union Deanery Service



Mothers' Union held their annual deanery service on June 12th. Our new Diocesan President, Hilary Castle, gave a talk focusing on MULOA, a new theme for this year, (MU Listens, Observes, Acts).

She first spoke about a group in Uganda which had already held parenting groups and which then decided to proceed by involving all their church community. The name of Eagle was adopted to indicate they were flying high. As a result local resources were improved such as the use of land, improving health and sanitation by building latrines. Women were much more involved in the decisions.

Hilary then went on to tell us about a young couple from York who were struggling financially after one of them lost his job and so were in danger of losing their flat. They were given a holiday in the MU caravan in Filey. This gave them some respite and soon after both were in employment.

The collection was in aid of the Literacy and Development project.

We will be holding an Afternoon Tea on August 10th, so we hope for a good number of customers to support us.

If you use a computer look up Mothers' Union in Uganda.

*Margaret Summerscales*

The image on the front cover is a composite of two images: The Apostles in Prayer (ca. 1400, South Netherlandish, Metropolitan Museum of Art); an oak relief depicting an episode from Our Lord's final appearance, following the Resurrection, when He revealed Himself to the apostles gathered in prayer. The other image is the Celtic Cross of Iona. Allan combined the two images to produce a single image that represents topics and ideas covered in this issue. One link to consider here is the Christian faith which the first century apostles started spreading throughout the world that later reached and started spreading through this land from the small Isle of Iona.





# *Celebrating 60 years*



On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, the church choir was joined by family and friends of Janet and Alfred Boddison at the Sung Eucharist Service as part of their Diamond Wedding celebrations. The communion hymns were especially chosen by Janet and Alfred and were sung at their marriage service sixty years ago when their chosen hymns were "May the grace of Christ our Saviour, and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favour, rest upon us from above" (tune 133 Stuttgart) and "Fill thou my love O Lord my God" (tune Lloyd by C M Howard). In addition Psalm 121 was sung.

The wedding on the 4th of June 1959 was led by the Vicar of Easingwold, the Reverend Raeburn Hawkins, and the organist was Acaster Allan. The all male robed choir included twelve boys.

Janet and Alfred wish to record their grateful thanks for the many expressions of congratulations received.



Janet and Alfred with their daughter Joanne, her partner David Necklen  
and Alf's sister Elizabeth Bathgate with her husband Gordon



## *SERVICES AND EVENTS:*

**July 2019**

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

**Children are welcome at all our services**

Mon 1st	4.00pm	No choir practice
	6.00pm	JAM at the Cozie Centre (Jesus and Me)
Wed 3rd	9.00am	Holy Communion
	12 noon	Lite Bite lunch at The Old Black Bull, Raskelf
	7.30pm	Raskelf meeting at the Village Hall
Thurs 4th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Fri 5th	3.00 pm	Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre
	3.45 pm	Ignite for primary school-age children in Parish Church Rooms

### **Sunday 7th**

### **Trinity 3**

	8.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.10am	<b>Raskelf Eucharist</b>
	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist with Church Mice</b>
	4.00pm	<b>Hymns and Pimms</b> — An opportunity to sing some favourite hymns and enjoy a glass of Pimms. We can't guarantee the weather but we can guarantee a warm welcome
Mon 8th	4.00pm	Choir practice—all welcome
	6.00pm	JAM at the Cozie Centre (Jesus and Me)
Tues 9th	10.00am	Bible conversation at Whiteoak Avenue—all welcome
	3.00pm	Springhill Court—Holy Communion
	7.00pm	CTED AGM at St John RC Church, Long Street
Wed 10th	9.00am	Holy Communion
Thurs 11th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Fri 12th	3.00pm	Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre
	3.45pm	Ignite for primary school-age children in Parish Church Rooms



## Sunday 14th

## Trinity 4

	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Raskelf Family Service</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with Church Mice</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>No Evensong</b>
Mon 15th	4.00pm	No choir practice
	6.00pm	JAM at the Cozie Centre (Jesus and Me)
Tues 16th	11.00am	Ryedale Festival Concert in Church
Wed 17th	9.00am	Holy Communion
Thurs 18th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Fri 19th	3.00pm	Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre
	3.45pm	Ignite for primary school-age children in Parish Church Rooms

## Sunday 21st

## Trinity 5

	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>9.10am</b>	<b>Raskelf Eucharist</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist (No Church Mice)</b>
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Baptisms of Grace Walker and Daisy Burton</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
Mon 22nd	4.00pm	Choir practice—all welcome
	6.00pm	No JAM at the Cozie Centre (Jesus and Me)
Wed 24th	9.00am	Holy Communion
Thurs 25th	10.00am	Mothers' Union Communion and coffee—all welcome
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Fri 26th	3.00pm	Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre
	3.45pm	No Ignite for primary school-age children in Parish Church Rooms

## Sunday 28th

## Trinity 6

	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Eucharist</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>No Evensong</b>
Mon 29th	4.00pm	No choir practice
	6.00pm	No JAM at the Cozie Centre (Jesus and Me)
Tues 30th	7.30pm	Anglican/Methodist meeting at the Vicarage
Wed 31st	9.00am	Holy Communion

## *Readings*

7th July  
Isaiah 66: 10-14  
Galatians 6: 1-16  
Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Trinity 3

Hymns and Pimms  
No readings

14th July  
Deuteronomy 30: 9-14  
Colossians 1: 1-14  
Luke 10: 25-37

Trinity 4

No Evensong

21st July  
Genesis 18: 1-10a  
Colossians 1: 15-28  
Luke 10: 38-42

Trinity 5

Evensong  
Genesis 41.1-16, 25-37  
1 Corinthians 4.8-13

28th July  
Colossians 2: 6-15[16-19]  
Luke 11: 1-13

Trinity 6

No Evensong

## *From the Registers*

**Baptisms** — 30th June: Scarlett Rae Hagland

**Weddings**—1st June: John Daniel Crowley and Carly Jane Grainger

### **Funerals**

10th June: Julie North

11th June: Keith Craig

21st June: Sylvia Saye

24th June: Diane Appleby



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**Children are very welcome on any Sunday**

You are invited to our Sunday School for ages 3-11,  
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## ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Wednesday 3rd July	12 noon	Lite Bite Lunch, Old Black Bull
	7:30pm	Meeting in the Village Hall
Sunday 7th July	9:10am	Eucharist
Sunday 14th July	10:30am	Family service
Sunday 21st July	9:10am	Eucharist

### Open The Book at Easingwold Primary School

*will resume in September—watch this space for dates*



## Mothers' Union Communion and Coffee

**Thursday 25th July, 10am  
at the Parish Church**

*All welcome*



### 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:

1. All who live and work in the area between Long Street and Church Hill
2. The Parish Rooms, its many activities during the week; Little Fishes' children and parents
3. Springhill Court staff, residents, and the many activities held there, supported by volunteers; the Day Centre there
4. The police and community policing in Easingwold & Raskelf



# Bona revisited

A whirlpool of words gives way to  
Hushed wonder,  
Soaring spirits,  
Unfamiliar, then comforting thoughts  
And heightened senses;

Lapping waves on white sands,  
Changing hues on amazing rock formations from millennia,  
Nature beckoning inspection of treasures less seen elsewhere;

Meticulous records and artefacts  
Allowing us to glimpse inspirational examples of godly life,  
Writings, inscriptions and fragments which inspire worship in our time,  
Buildings bearing witness to lives of dedication and devotion we can only aspire to;

This island of inspiration tempts us to replace complexity with simplicity, and return here  
to be recharged.

*Monica Lowson*



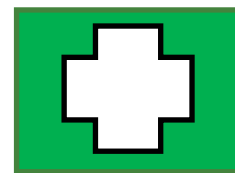
Congratulations to our Vicar, Margaret, on completing the Great North Swim at Lake Windermere on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June and well done not just for raising around £1,500 for the Alzheimer's Society but also for raising awareness of this very worthy cause.

**Sunday 7th July at 4:00pm**

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*Come along and join us singing some  
favourite hymns and drinking a glass of Pimms.*

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## **First Aid Course**

**Monday 2nd September 2019**

**6.30—9pm**

**in the Parish Rooms**

This course is free of charge for  
anyone who wishes to attend.

For further information contact:

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## Online Donations



Visitors to our website [easingwoldraskelfanglican.org](http://easingwoldraskelfanglican.org) will now see the option to make donations to the Parish via the secure payments portal **give.net**. We have registered with Stewardship, an organisation that has been providing advice, guidance, inspiration and practical tools to churches, secular and Christian charities since 1906.

This is a new venture for us that could provide an additional stream of income. Donations between £1 and £1,000,000 can be made although the higher amount is perhaps a little too optimistic! Give.net will collect the donation, for a small fee of 3%, claim the Gift Aid automatically and transfer the monies to the church's bank account. The Church of England has been promoting a "digital conversion" with cashless donations being available in parishes. Some churches are now allowing contactless card payments due to the declining numbers of people carrying cash. One step at a time!

*Tim Young*

## **BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP NOTES**

We are all encouraged to read the Bible to help us in our spiritual journey. Where do we start? It is quite daunting. This is where the Bible Reading Fellowship can help us. 'New Daylight' is a daily reading of a short section from the Bible with an explanation of the reading. This helps the reader to understand it, and it makes life easier for us because we don't have to find it in the Bible ourselves.

Please contact Gina Smith, either in Church or by phone. (01347 823843). She can show you examples, and, if you decide you would like to try it, she will order it for you and deliver it. It only costs £13.80 a year for 365 daily readings – less than 4p a day.

## **OASIS Café**

**at the Methodist Church on Chapel Street**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

This month the Oasis Café is supporting Stillingfleet Methodist Church that celebrated its 250th anniversary since its foundation in 1769. It's a tiny church with a small congregation but they were desperate to keep the church open and for that to happen, they needed new windows. This was a large expense for a small church so we are all doing our best to support them. The Oasis café is one way we can do this and you are all welcome as usual, between 9.45 and 11.45am. Come and be welcome.

## **Parish Passes for York Minster**

A reminder that passes are available for anyone from the parish who wishes to visit York Minster free of charge.

The passes are available on request from the Clergy, Church Wardens or the PCC Secretary. We would be grateful if people who borrow them, do return them promptly after use so that they are available for others to use.

## Recycle more plastic

The Deanery Environment Group would like to encourage more recycling. An outlet has been found for crisp packets, biscuit wrappers and plastic pens via St Nicholas Field in York.

**A box is available in the Parish Church in which to deposit these items for recycling.**

They will be taken to St Nicks (St Nicholas Fields) an Environmental Charity in York where they will be sent on for recycling to Teracycle.



This helps to raise funds for St Nicks charity, as well as reducing the waste in your bin.

## We need your milk bottle tops



**Members of J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)**

**Youth Group who meet in the COZIE Centre are collecting plastic milk bottle tops for charity. There is a box at the back of Easingwold Church where they may be deposited for passing on to the group.**

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