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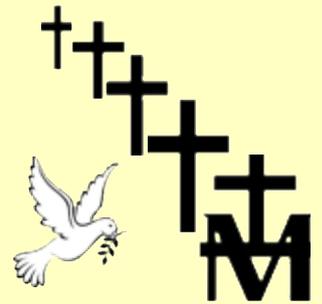
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From the Vicar ...



The last few months have been challenging for all of us in many different ways; we've missed seeing family and friends, our social lives have been put on hold and life feels strange. What has been lovely is hearing about people encouraging and supporting one another. Some have been working quietly behind the scenes either by shopping, meeting in the garden or by a welcome telephone call. God is using each of us to do His work.

St Paul knew the importance of Christians encouraging and supporting one another. The early church is therefore not much different from the church of today.

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Paul was trying to encourage the people in their faith and suggests that they go on working whilst waiting for the second coming. Working together and helping one another has been the main way that many people have survived the past few months.

Flower/Garden Festival

I am hoping that our virtual flower/garden festival will encourage people at this time. Thank you for sending all of the photographs of all of the work that has gone into your beautiful gardens. Tim and I have been very impressed by them all. We will get them onto Facebook and on the website as soon as we can. It will take a little while as we have received about 170 photographs, some of these look a little blurred on a large screen so we may be unable to use them all.

Church Opening

There is some normality resuming with the re-opening of the church for private prayer. At the time of writing, this is on Sunday from 2pm-3pm at Easingwold and 4pm-5pm at Raskelf, and on Thursday 9am-10am at Easingwold and 11am to 12 noon at Raskelf.

In accordance with guidelines, there is no access to hymn books, all loose leaflets have been removed and only certain pews are accessible for seating. Currently we have a one way system at Easingwold; entering through the main door and leaving by the door in the chancel. Alcohol gel is available both on entry and exit. As Raskelf only has the one door, we ask that people take care entering and leaving the building. All this means that we do not have the church looking its best. We will endeavour to get things back to normal when we are able to but this may not be in the foreseeable future.

We have been given permission for weddings and funerals to take place in church. Arrangements are being put in place for funeral services and we hope to have risk assessments for weddings sorted shortly after receiving guidance. In the meantime, our Sunday services will continue on Zoom at 10.30am. If you wish to join us and are not receiving the codes, then please get in contact with me by email at margareteyoung@btopenworld.com

The church will re-open in the near future for congregational services. At the time of writing, I am waiting for guidance from the Bishops and the Government as to what we can and cannot do. It will take at least a week to arrange from receiving these guidelines to actually implementing them. It is difficult to speculate what these guidelines will say but I am expecting that we will only be allowed to have reduced numbers in church and no hymns. It is unlikely that we can get all of our usual 10.30am congregation in the building at the same time so it will take some thought on how we manage this. Something else to consider is the willingness of drivers to have non-household members in their cars, it may mean that we can not offer lifts to people.

I know that most of you have systems in place for getting your groceries, prescriptions etc, but if your helpers have gone back to work and you need some help, please ask.

I hope that it isn't too long before we can meet again.

God bless

Margaret

Up to date information can be found on the church website:

<https://www.easingwoldraskelfanglican.org/>

and if you do have a Facebook account, then you could follow the link at the top of the webpage.

If you know of anyone who does not have any access to the Internet but you think they need any assistance, for example, help with shopping, the church is supporting EDCCA (see their notice later in the magazine). If you need a priest, please contact Margaret at the Vicarage on 01347 821394.

Also, please be particularly vigilant during these difficult times. If you are forced into isolation, be extra cautious if you receive any form of unsolicited contact (in person, by phone, text, email or post) even if the contact or the offered service seems to relate to a recent or an existing concern. You should simply refuse to be engaged in any discussion or arrangement and seek advice from someone you trust.

Coronavirus liturgy and prayer resources can be found on the Church of England webpage:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources> from which the following prayers are taken:

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



St John the Baptist Men's Group

Another month passes by without the Men's Group getting together in The George, and I can't help wondering how long it will be before we are able to do so [I'm sure that Michael and Kay are really missing us].

You may remember a couple of months ago I highlighted an article in Time Magazine on the Coronavirus that was penned by the Rt Rev Professor Tom Wright. I'm pleased to say that, being the incredibly productive author of some 85 books, he has now added another one to that collection, entitled 'God and the Pandemic'. It was released in late May and is described as 'A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and its Aftermath' - with quite a bit of emphasis on the aftermath aspect, as the extract below clearly shows...

"Some people have expressed the pious hope that, when this is all over, we will have a kinder, gentler society. We will pay our nurses much more. We will be prepared to give more in taxes to support health services, and we will give much more help to the hospice movement. We will have enjoyed the fresh air so much, unpolluted by thousands of cars and planes that we will want to travel less, and spend more time with family and neighbours.

I wish I thought that this were true. I fear, however, that, as soon as restrictions are lifted, there will be a rush to start up again such businesses as we can — and, in all sorts of ways, that is quite right and proper. Nobody who is desperate to avoid bankruptcy is going to think twice about driving their car again, or flying, if it will help.

We are told on all sides that the economic effects of the lockdown are already catastrophic, and could get worse. The problem is similar to the tragic decisions that leaders face during a war: think of Churchill during the Blitz, deciding whether to sacrifice that unit for the sake of rescuing this one, and whether to send coded messages to the enemy which would make them bomb those houses instead of these public buildings.

The huge government handouts to those in need during the past three months will sooner or later have to be paid for. And it's true that if the post COVID-19 debate is conducted between those who see death as the worst of all possible results and those who see economic ruin as the worst of all possible results, the end product is likely to be an acrimonious dialogue of the deaf.

We urgently need statesmanlike, wise leadership, in which prayerful Christian leaders take a place alongside others, to think with both vision and realism through the challenges that we shall face in the coming months.

It could be that, in the days to come, we will see signs of genuine new possibilities, new ways of working which will regenerate old systems and invent new and better ones, which we could then recognise as forward-looking hints of a new society. Or, perhaps, we will just go back to 'business as usual' in the sense of the same old squabbles, the same old shallow analyses and solutions.

But if we simply sit and wait to see, and wring our hands either because our churches are locked, or our golf clubs are shut, or our businesses have been put on hold, then it is all the more likely that the usual forces will take control once again.”

Tom Wright is a particularly insightful [one might say ‘Prophetic’] voice in these times, and I would certainly recommend this book to those who wish to see a more Christian framework behind the discussions concerning the present crisis, and also the future that lies beyond it.

[God and the Pandemic: A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and its Aftermath by Professor Tom Wright. Published by SPCK. ISBN-13: 9780281085118 (For the Paperback Version)]

Blessings as always
John

NHS TEST AND TRACE SCAMS

Criminals are exploiting the COVID-19 pandemic to try and get their hands on your money and personal information. **To date, Action Fraud has received reports from 2,378 victims of Coronavirus-related scams, with the total losses reaching over £7 million.**

The NHS Test and Trace service plays an important role in the fight against Coronavirus and it’s vital the public have confidence and trust in the service. However, we understand the concerns people have about the opportunity for criminals to commit scams.

What you need to know:

NHS contact tracers will **only call you from the number 0300 013 5000**. Anyone who does not wish to talk over the phone can request the NHS Test and Trace service to send an email or text instead, inviting them to log into the web-based service.

All text or emails sent by NHS Test and Trace will ask people to sign into the contact tracing website and will provide you with a unique reference number. We would advise people to **type the web address <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk> directly into their browser**, followed by the unique reference number given to you, rather than clicking on any link provided in the message.

The NHS Test and Trace service will never:

- ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to them (for example, those starting 09 or 087)
- ask you to make any form of payment or purchase a product or any kind
- ask for any details about your bank account
- ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts
- ask you for any passwords, PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone
- ask you to download any software to your PC or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet to anyone else
- ask you to access any website that does not belong to the government or NHS

If you think you have been a victim of fraud, please report it to Action Fraud at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk> or by calling 0300 123 2040.

SERVICES AND EVENTS: JULY 2020

To contact Revd Margaret Young, tel: 01347 821394

or email: vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org

The Vicar's day off is Monday

Children are welcome at all our services



***FOLLOWING FURTHER GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE,
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH REMAINS CLOSED FOR
CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES.***

HOWEVER, IT WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER ON

THURSDAYS—9am to 10am

SUNDAYS—2pm to 3pm

This will be reviewed as we receive further information

Meanwhile, you are invited to join Margaret for

Sunday morning services at 10.30 am

using Zoom

(Further details about Zoom are on the next page)

The **FAMILY SERVICE** will be held via Zoom and Messenger on
SUNDAY 12th JULY at 4.30pm

and you are also welcome to join the group for

MORNING PRAYER each TUESDAY

**IGNITE GROUP FOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
FRIDAY AFTERNOONS AT 4pm**

The **IGNITE GROUP** which normally meets on Friday afternoons in the
Parish Church Rooms is also being continued by using Zoom

(Contact Margaret for further details)

**Also, how about meeting up with friends for morning coffee or
afternoon tea (provide your own refreshments).**

This can also be arranged using Zoom.

Please contact Margaret if you would like to participate.

ZOOM

We are now using Zoom so that we can provide an online Sunday service for you. Many of you are already using it and it has been lovely to see you on a Sunday morning.

If you haven't taken the plunge yet and are worried that it will be difficult or that you will be bombarded with emails then don't worry. Tim and I will happily guide you through the process to setup Zoom and give you a practice session so that you can log on for a Sunday morning service.

All that you need to do is download the Zoom app onto your computer, tablet or smart phone. This can be done by going onto your search engine and typing in "Zoom meeting PC". If your computer uses Windows then click on "Download for Windows Zoom".

You will then be given the option to download from the App Store, if using an Apple device; or download from Google Play, if using an Android device. Click on the appropriate one for your computer/phone.

You will then be asked to install "Zoom Cloud Meeting" (the Zoom icon is a blue background with a white video camera)



You will need to create an account. It will ask you to enter your date of birth (this is only to confirm that you are over 18) followed by your email address and then choose a password. You will receive an email confirming your details and it will ask you to activate your account.

Once you have done this, you will be asked to enter your email and passwords to log onto Zoom. Your computer may ask if you want it to remember your password and, if no one else uses your computer, I would suggest clicking "yes".

Zoom will ask if it can use your camera or audio, so you will need to click on Yes/OK for it to work properly.

To keep things secure, each meeting has an ID code and a password. I will send these out a day or two before each Sunday. You will need to enter these numbers when requested.

Tim and I are happy to help you and have a practice session with you. Telephone me on 821394 if you need any help.

I know that other organisations are using Zoom because it allows you to see many people at once and I know of quite a few families who are using it for family quizzes, so I hope that if you do decide to use it, you will find it helpful in other situations.

Margaret and Tim Young

Readings

No Evensong services are currently planned but relevant readings are provided for your reference.

5th July

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Romans 7: 15-25a
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Trinity 4

No Evensong

2 Samuel 2: 1-11, 3: 1
Luke 18: 31-19: 10

12th July

Genesis 25: 19-34
Romans 8: 1-11
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Trinity 5

No Evensong

2 Samuel 7: 18-end
Luke 19: 41-20, 20: 8

19th July

Genesis 28: 10-19a
Romans 8: 12-25
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Trinity 6

No Evensong

1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 16-end
Acts 4: 1-22

26th July

Genesis 29: 15-28
Romans 8: 26-39
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Trinity 7

No Evensong

1 Kings 6: 11-14, 23-end
Acts 12: 1-17



From the Registers

Funerals:

2nd June—Sandra Walker
3rd June—William James Donaghy
9th June—Kathleen Langstaff
10th June—Michael Farrant
15th June—Steven Charlton
19th June—Mandy Crosland
23rd June—Marjorie Bannister

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Following Government guidance, whilst St Mary's Church remains closed for congregational services, it will be open for private prayer on:

Thursdays—11am to 12 noon

Sundays—4pm to 5pm

This will be reviewed as we receive further information.



*Children are very welcome
to attend church on any Sunday*

The Church Mice is a session for children aged 3-11 years and is held in the choir vestry at St John the Baptist & All Saints Church during Parish Eucharist

Many activities - Learning through the Bible

Future dates will be announced as and when the current COVID-19 crisis ends

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer is at the heart of what the church offers to the community. At St John the Baptist and All Saints', we join with you in your prayers for family, friends and all whom you care for. There is currently no access to the church to visit the prayer corner to write down the names of those you are concerned for. 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 circle of people will pray for you. If you would like prayer, please contact Reverend Lottie Cranfield 07807 941528



Please include in your prayers this month:

- ◆ All who live and work in the area between Long Street and Church Hill
- ◆ The Parish Rooms, its many activities during the week; Little Fishes' children and parents; the Ignite after school
- ◆ Springhill Court staff, residents, and the many activities held, supported by volunteers; both Day Centres – staff, volunteers and clients
- ◆ The police and community policing in Easingwold & Raskelf



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The Revd Canon Andrew Wright, Secretary General, The Mission to Seafarers, said:

“This Sea Sunday is special. On our 164th anniversary, we are enabling all seafarers, and those connected to the community, to come together as an extended Mission to Seafarers’ family. From London to Lagos and Manila to Melbourne, we believe there is power when we come together as a global community, united in gratitude and hope for the future.”

“Throughout this challenging time, our chaplains and port centres across the world have been adapting their usual activities to safely meet the needs of seafarers. Connecting this Sea Sunday to everyone around the globe shows our gratitude to these unsung heroes.”

A MESSAGE FROM THE HON TREASURER

With the church being closed our weekly income from 'cash on the plate' has fallen away to nothing, so heartfelt thanks are due to those who have arranged to contribute by standing order. For those who haven't yet been able to move forward, such an arrangement can be made with your bank online or by telephone or post, quoting account name “Easingwold and Raskelf PCC”, bank sort code 40-20-02 and account number 00322202. Once arranged, please let me know by calling (01347) 239178. This method is usually no more difficult than settling utility bills, and can be for annual, quarterly, or monthly payment.

Numbered envelopes have not been issued in this financial year because of the risks involved in collecting and counting cash. Please do not use last year's (or earlier) envelopes as changes were made to the numbering system, so your donation will not be shown against your name.

If you are saving weekly cash with the intention of donating when the church re-opens, please donate the total by cheque instead. Counting small change is time consuming, open to errors, and not without health risks in this time of virus transmission.

Have you considered updating the amount of your donations in recent years? Our contribution to Diocesan expenses increases annually, security measures to protect our lead roofs came to £11,000 this year, grounds maintenance is a major expense, and then there's the utility bills to pay. Suffice to say, we still have to pay out even though our income is restricted!

Once again, my thanks to our faithful supporters.

Bill Henebury

Peace, perfect peace

There's a stillness in the garden amongst the flowers and the plants; everything is competing quietly for space and light, patiently waiting for their time to shine. Tall trees full of blossom start the rhythm in the spring, while the snowdrops and aconites, crocus and narcissus bashfully break through the brown earth, signalling the beginning of another spring.



The show continues throughout the year with each flower taking centre stage when the time is right; some for only a few hours, others enjoying the limelight for weeks on end, working together with a backdrop of leaves in a variety of size, shape and colour to produce a harmony humans would do well to emulate.



Laura Varney



Mothers' Union



**Communion and Coffee in the Parish Church
is suspended until further notice**

For more information about the Mothers' Union, visit

<https://www.mothersunion.org/>

EDCCA

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Please note that during the COVID-19 crisis, our staff are working from home.

**You can still contact us during working hours using the normal telephone numbers:
01347 822875; 01347 822598 (for the Car Scheme) or email at: info@edcca.org.uk**

We are co-ordinating volunteers to assist people in Easingwold and the surrounding villages who are self-isolating or in need of help with shopping and collecting prescriptions.

Please let us know if you are willing to volunteer or need help.

Thank you.

For donations to Easingwold with Raskelf churches go to **give.net** & 'Find a charity' number 1145021, then select '1 Charities' or go to easingwoldraskelfanglican.org and select the 'Support us' link.



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