# Easingwold & Raskelf PARISH MAGAZINE

**JULY 2025** 



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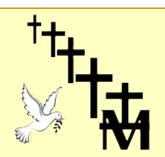
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### From Rev'd Robin Davill



#### Dear Friends

Many thanks to John for last month flagging up the importance of football to many of us, and how sport is very much interwoven with religious faith. So many famous football clubs were founded by churches and chapels, Aston Villa, Barnsley, Everton, Manchester City and Southampton to name but a few. So, following John's lead, I would like to look at how important sport has become to us.

Over the years since the Middle Ages, the concept of sport has changed considerably and originally it was more associated with hunting and such activities as bull and bear baiting. Football and cricket in their early basic form were rather more spontaneous affairs associated often with rowdy behaviour and often frowned upon by the more well to do. It was the Victorians, and British Victorians at that, who gave the world sport as we know it today. They codified the rules, founded proper clubs, and formed associations to govern and promote it. Moreover, it became a central part of the curriculum of all public and grammar schools.

There's a breathless hush in the Close tonight

Ten to make and the match to win

A bumping pitch and a blinding light

An hour to play and the last man in.

And it's not for the sake of a ribboned coat,

Or the selfish hope of a season's fame,

But his Captain's hand on his shoulder smote

"Play up! play up! and play the game."

Victorian educators, many of them clergy, believed that sport was not only good for exercise and health, but also for sound morals and faith. Muscular Christianity, as it was known, was a very popular movement throughout education and the sporting world. Cricket in particular was promoted in Britain and its empire as a means of moral improvement, by encouraging fair play and sportsmanlike behaviour. Titus Salt, in his model town of Saltaire, built a large cricket ground where both workers and managers in his mill could play on equal terms. Building sports clubs was an important way to attract church goers. More recently my nephews played football for St John's Church football club in Penistone — along with a certain John Stones, later of Manchester City and England. I understand he has done quite well.

Nevertheless, the sporting enthusiasm of Victorian clergy has become a victim of its own success. Sports promoted for fair play and sound morals to reinforce the Christian message have outgrown and left behind their Church roots. Whilst there are many Christians in sport, in some ways sport has become the religion, rather than an expression of the religion. Encouragingly sport does try and set a good example. Success is not success if it is gained by illegal or unfair means, but the power of money continues to grow and makes the playing field increasingly less even.

Sporting role models remain crucial because they are listened to by a wider constituency of the rebellious and disengaged than any clergy, Archbishops or not.

Robin

### THINKING AHEAD

Following on from the article in June entitled "Your Church Needs You", from which we have had no response, we are asking you all to prayerfully consider the following.

Do you know what goes on behind the scenes to keep our church running smoothly so we can all come together to worship the Lord we love, as well as reaching out beyond ourselves through occasional offices, visiting and social events?

What is your gifting or, to put it another way, what are you good at? What could you offer occasionally or regularly? Everyone has been given gifts to use. Sometimes we use our gifts without even thinking about it. Many folk have already volunteered to fulfil a variety of roles and for them we are truly grateful. We couldn't do what we do without you. However, more are needed so no one person is overwhelmed.

This is especially relevant at this time of interregnum. We can't wait for a new vicar to arrive. Your help is needed now. What could you do to help?

Here are some of the needs:

- PCC members two more needed
- Prayer join the confidential Prayer Circle
- ♦ Money matters join the treasury team
- ♦ Technology microphones and automatic door care etc and Zoom
- Administration weekly notices, photocopying, keeping the back of church tidy etc.
- Sacristy ordering essentials by phone, changing altar frontals
- Kitchen/Toilet Overseer check cleanliness (between Justin's monthly deep clean),
   check needs, keep tidy, dispose of recycling, change bin liners if needed
- Intercessions three more needed (training supplied)
- Opening and closing church reserves needed
- Sunday morning transport reserves
- Social activities helping to organise, baking, setting up/clearing up, coffee after 10.30am but also on other occasions eg Choral Evensong
- Publicity when attending a church event, writing a few lines and taking a photo to send to the Easingwold Advertiser and the Parish Magazine, putting up posters
- ♦ Visiting those living alone or who are sick
- Christians Together Around Easingwold (CTAE) one or more to attend three meetings a year, advertise and help at joint events
- ♦ Flowers join the rota they can be flowers in a vase!
- ♦ Bell ringing you can be taught
- ♦ **Singing** it is great when we have a choir!

A Summer's Evening with

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We are taking a break till September!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our events this last year. We hope you enjoyed all or some of them .

If you have any suggestions or ideas of anything you would like to see on our next year's programme please don't hesitate to let us know. Always open to ideas and suggestions.

Hazel and the You and Me Team

### Chaplain's Corner

#### **Summer Quiz**

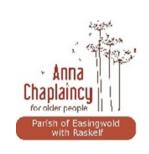
Here's a short quiz to test your knowledge of church seasons and colours.

1	Which is the longest season of the church year?	
2	Which colour is used during Lent?	
3	Which colour represents joy and celebration?	
4	What does the colour red represent?	
5	Which colour is used during Advent?	
6	Which colour symbolizes growth?	
7	What is the colour of mourning?	
8	In which season is red used?	
9	When is the colour gold used?	
10	When are the altars stripped?	

The answers will be published next month.

Sara Beaumont

Anna Chaplain



### 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, 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.

Ging Smith - 01347 823843—BRF Co-ordinator

### SERVICES AND EVENTS: JULY 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

(The 10.30am service is normally also accessible on Zoom on 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month)

### Widows' Group

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

Sunday 6th July

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 8th July at 3pm Holy Communion

> > All welcome



### **Christians Together around Easingwold (CTAE)**



### AGM at The Methodist Church Thursday 3rd July at 7.00pm

Please come along and show that you care about working together when we can.

We will be looking at the possibilities of working with children and young people (with some input from Louise), as well as considering the programme for the next 6 months.

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The monthly prayer meeting will be on

### Saturday 12th July 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"

### ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

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

Sunday 6th July: Holy Communion at 9.30am Sunday 20th July: Holy Communion at 9.30am

CHILDREN ALWAYS WELCOME



#### WEEKLY EMAIL NOTICES

If you would like to receive the weekly email notices, which includes details on how to access "Zoomed" church services, please contact Sara Beaumont on this

email: sarabeaumont.church@gmail.com

### Open The Book at Easingwold Primary School Forthcoming dates: 3rd & 17th July

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

### 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

The last session for this term will be held on Thursday 17th July.

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

for more details or just turn up

Following on from the Easter story the children moved on to learn about Pentecost. Andrew lit a candle and put it on the table whilst he told the story. He explained how the Holy Spirit appeared as a flame on the heads of the disciples.

At the conclusion of the story Andrew showed how, by putting a container over the candle, the flame was extinguished as all the oxygen was used up.



### Readings

Eucharist Evening Prayer

6th July Trinity 3

Isaiah 66.10-14 Genesis 29.1-20 Galatians 6.1-16 Mark 6.7-29

Luke 10.1-11, 16-20

13th July Trinity 4

Deuteronomy 30.9-14 Genesis 32.9-30 Colossians 1.1-14 Mark 7.1-23

Colossians 1.1-14 Luke 10.25-37

20th July Trinity 5

Genesis 18.1-10a Genesis 41.1-16, 25-37

Colossians 1.15-28 Luke 10.38-42

27th July Trinity 6

Genesis 18.20-32 Genesis 42.1-25
Colossians 2.6-19 1 Corinthians 10.1-24

Colossians 2.6-19 Luke 11.1-13

### From the Registers

### Marriages

7th June: Gemma Victoria Louise Fowell and Thomas James Greenwood at St John the Baptist and All Saints Church, Easingwold

28th June: Rachael Walshaw and William Foyle at St Mary's Church, Raskelf

### Funeral

19th June: Joyce Mary Howlett (Raskelf)



### Interment of Ashes

1 Corinthians 4.8-13

14th June: Irene Clark (Easingwold)

### **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 and work in the area between Long Street and Church Hill
- ♦ The Little Seeds after-school club meeting in church
- Springhill Court staff, residents, and the many activities held there arranged by the Friends of Springhill Court
- ♦ The police and community policing in Easingwold & Raskelf

#### 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 (12th July), as we meet to pray with folk from the different churches.

Nancy Kilburn, Sara Beaumont, Chris Peel

#### BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

We meet at 11 Whiteoak Avenue on

Tuesday 1st July —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)

### **DUNKIRK**

As many will be aware, this year saw the 85th anniversary of Operation Dynamo when a fleet of many naval and civilian vessels took the perilous journey over the English Channel to Dunkirk to assist with the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force of over 338,000 both British and French soldiers.

The evacuation took place between 26th May and 4th June 1940 when German forces passed through France trapping Allied troops on the beaches and although many were successfully evacuated, there were also many who lost their lives.

I went along on a two-day Leger tour to visit the area and have to confess that I had not appreciated just how far along the beaches the evacuation had taken place. It covered a length of around 10 miles.

On the Saturday morning of my visit, I attended a remembrance service when wreaths were laid at the memorial to those who perished. The weather was awful, the rain poured which made the occasion more poignant and, whilst I cannot begin to imagine how dire the situation was back in 1940, it made me think about how appallingly terrifying it must have been for our men as they were being attacked whilst desperately fleeing for their lives.



The tour included a visit to the Dunkirk War Museum close to the East Mole and evacuation beaches where the displays told the incredible story of Operation Dynamo.



I also visited Dunkirk Town Cemetery which contains 460 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and 793 from the Second World War. One of the graves is that of an Easingwold man, Private John Cowling of the Northumberland Fusiliers. He died in April 1919, not from war wounds but as a victim of the 1918 "Spanish Flu" pandemic otherwise, who knows, he

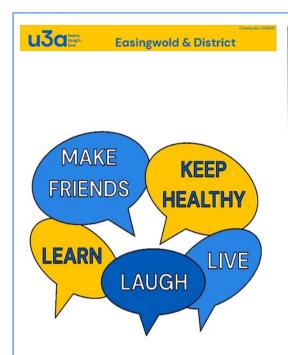
may have made it back home to Easingwold.

It was an intense and most thought provoking two days which were summed up by our coach driver when, at the Dunkirk Ferry Port passport control a comment was made to him about the group

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J. COWLING
NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS
24TH APRIL 1919

"holiday". His reply was that these are not holidays, more of an endurance test. He was not wrong!!!

Sue Thorn



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Perhaps, give it a try? Join us, you are most welcome.

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One of our volunteers will be in touch.

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Raskelf 9.30 am Holy Communion with hymns

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**: Easingwold 9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns (also on Zoom)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**: Easingwold 9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns

Raskelf 9.30 am Holy Communion with hymns Easingwold 9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns (also on Zoom)

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Easingwold 9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns

Weekdays in Easingwold:

4<sup>th</sup> 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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