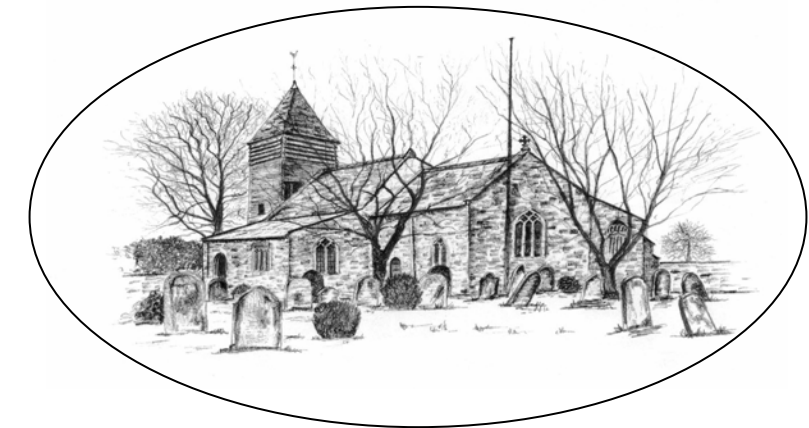


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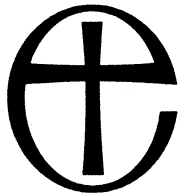
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for baptism to Deacon Chris Peel, or raised by email on the address above. Requests for pastoral care should be addressed to one of the retired clergy..

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Revd Robin Davill
Revd Steve Jarratt
Revd Canon Barbara Wilkinson

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5th	10.30am	Isaiah	Ch.5	Vv. 1-7	TRINITY 16
		Philippians	Ch.3	Vv.4b-14	
		Matthew	Ch.21	Vv.21-33	
	6.30pm	Proverbs	Ch.2	Vv. 1-11	
		John	Ch.2	Vv. 1-17	
12th	10.30am	Isaiah	Ch.25	Vv. 1-9	TRINITY 17
		Philippians	Ch.4	Vv. 1-9	
		Matthew	Ch.22	Vv. 1-14	
	3.00pm	<i>Songs of Praise: Springhill Court</i>			
19th	10.30am	Isaiah	Ch.35	Vv. 3-6	LUKE the Evangelist
		Acts	Ch.16	Vv. 6-12	
		Luke	Ch.10	Vv. 1-9	
	6.30pm	Isaiah	Ch.61	Vv. 1-6	
		Colossians	Ch.4	Vv. 7-18	
26th	10.30am	Nehemiah	Ch.8	Vv. 1-12	BIBLE SUNDAY
		Colossians	Ch.3	Vv.12-17	
		Matthew	Ch.24	Vv.30-35	
	4.00pm	<i>Celtic Service: Raskelf</i>			

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Dear Friends

By the time you read this Harvest Festivals will be upon us and we shall be in the last month of what liturgical experts quaintly call Ordinary Time. It is the 'Green' season of the church calendar and the term is meant to distinguish it from the special seasons like Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. But for the parish the next month – and the months beyond - will be anything but ordinary. John has retired, the vacancy has begun. The Bishop and Archdeacon have met with the PCC, the preparation of the Parish Profile is well advanced and hopefully before too long the vacancy will be advertised in the Church Times. But even if all that works to plan, and even if the right person to be the next Vicar of the parish emerges from the advertisement and interview process, it is likely to be well into next year before they take up their post

So these next few months will be a far from ordinary time; they will, in fact, be extra-ordinary. Sunday and midweek services will be taken by a variety of people, lay people will be recognising and exercising their God-given gifts in pastoral work, managing the church administration and helping organise the baptisms weddings and funerals. In short they will be playing a vital role in continuing the life and worship and witness of the church as it seeks to be part of God's mission to Easingwold. We five retired priests will be doing our best to keep services and occasional offices going and to support the church wardens in their prime responsibility for the vacancy. Chris Peel and Gerald Edmondson-Jones will be continuing their invaluable work in the parish.

We hope and pray that these extra-ordinary times will prove to be times of rich blessing both for those who carry out this important work and those who are on the receiving end, and that the church will be stronger, and its links with the community reinforced, by these months of extra-ordinariness, difference and change.

May God bless us all at this time.

Peter Bowes



United Churches Prayer Breakfast: Saturday October 11th

Coffee & Croissants Catholic Church Hall from 9.00am
Time of prayer for our Church Leaders, families and the whole community & for a greater unity of the churches
"IN UNITY GOD WILL GROW HIS CHURCH"

EVERYONE WELCOME



British Summer time (BST) **ends** on Sunday October 26th at 1.00am when clocks go **back** one hour. Services are as planned on the 26th and Evensong reverts to 3.30 pm on Sunday November 9th. Service for All Souls is at 4.00pm on Sunday November 2nd—details see below

ALL SOULS EUCHARIST

We all have members of our family and close friends who have died and who we want specially to remember. That's why every year we have a Service of Recollection and Thanksgiving at All Souls during which we light candles and recall our loved ones by name. You are most welcome to come to the service which this year is on **Sunday November 2nd** at 4.00pm

There will be a list in church from mid October until the start of the service for you to add the names of any you wish to be remembered in the service.



MOTHERS' UNION

Wednesday October 8th
at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms
Speaker: Revd Canon Barbara Wilkinson
on Benedictine Spirituality
All Welcome

Communion & coffee in church Thursday October 23rd 10.00am
The amount raised at the stall in the Market Place on Saturday September 13th was £158.00 and thanks are expressed to all who contributed and those who bought from the stall



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (SAMARITAN'S PURSE) Shoe box appeal

In 2012 we sent 51 boxes to Belarus & Romania. In 2013 we sent 79 boxes to the Ukraine. In 2014 how many? And to where? Since the scheme started 1,000million boxes have been distributed worldwide.

Our boxes (either your own shoe box or one of those provided by OCC) should be returned to the church by Sunday November 2nd. Let us see if we can do even better than last year.

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Registers

Baptism

Sept 14th Cooper Tony Clarke

Wedding

Sept 13th Daniel James Stapylton & Katie Richardson

Sept 20th Christopher John White & Helen Louise Dixon
(at Raskelf)

Funerals

Aug 18th Joseph Henry Hutchinson

Sept 22nd Jean Banks

Sept 24th Irene Gray

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1st 12 noon
LITE BITE LUNCH, Old Black Bull, Raskelf

SUNDAYS OCTOBER 5th & 19th

COMMUNION 9.10am

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12th

FAMILY SERVICE 10.30am

FRIDAY OCTOBER 10th

HARVEST FESTIVAL 7.00pm

HARVEST SUPPER Old Black Bull



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. Town, District and County councillors; their meetings and decision making
2. All those who work for our enjoyment; the Galtres Centre and those who belong to the various amateur dramatic groups
3. St Monica's Hospital and physiotherapy annexe; its staff, patients and volunteers
4. Village Hall in Raskelf; its volunteers and their activities in the community

On Dying Well

Earlier this summer the House of Lords debated a Bill which would allow a terminally ill patient to ask for help to hasten their own death. This is a sensitive subject about which there is profound disagreement but there is a task for us and for the whole church to continue to bring into the foreground what society so often wants to dodge. As The Archbishop of York put it in the debate, *"Human freedom is won only by becoming reconciled with the need to die, and by affirming the human relations we have with other people. Accepting the approach of death is not the attitude of passivity that we may think it to be. Dying well is the positive achievement of a task that belongs with our humanity. It is unlike all other tasks given to us in life, but it expresses the value we set on life."*

And facing the reality of decay and death is a matter not just for the individual but for the community. We are in this together: those who suffer, and all those who they need to trust: carers, doctors, legislators, administrators of the law. The needs of the individual are set within this wider web.

The Bishop of Worcester, John Inge, wrote recently about his wife Denise who died of a sarcoma on Easter Day. *"How easy it would have been to succumb to despair when the diagnosis was given. It looked as though she had only days – or weeks at most – to live."*

"As the dreadful effects of chemo took their toll and I became more and more distressed at seeing her in such pain and discomfort, how tempting it would have been for me, if assisted dying had been legal, to have suggested that it would be 'for the best' for her to end it all there and then."

"Many argue that this would have been compassionate and caring thing to do."

Shortly before she died, Denise herself wrote, *"Contemplating mortality is not about being prepared to die, it is about being prepared to live. And that is what I am doing now, more freely and more fully than I have since childhood. The cancer has not made life more precious – that would make it seem like something fragile to lock away in the cupboard. No, it has made it more delicious."*

But Denise's words were very very painfully wrought and the determination of both Denise and John Inge hard won. And the Christian community has a responsibility to do its own hard and determined theological and pastoral work in bringing hope to birth in the face of ghastly decay and of death, which Saint Paul describes as the last enemy.

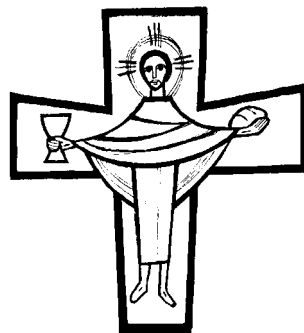
*The Very Revd Vivienne Faull, Dean
of York*

- **Children's Society...**Gill Wansborough asks that you please hand in your boxes to *Tempo* to be counted for the half year and where you can pick up a new one. If you want to know how much you collected, your name should be firmly printed on the underside of the box.
- **Churches Together in Easingwold & District (CTED)...**require a new Treasurer. Funds come from the local churches so that additional events (e.g. Byland Abbey) can be done together. We are told there is not a lot of money to look after and there are few transactions to handle. Meetings to plan events are held 3 times a year and the next one is at 7.00pm on Monday October 6th in the Methodist Church. If you can help, please ring Diane Gallon on 01347-821294.
- **Raskelf Church...**Coffee morning in aid of church funds from 10.00am Saturday November 8th Various stalls & raffle
- **Richard III Flower Festival Weekend..**October 3rd-5th. Sheriff Hutton has a unique history. Tomb in the church is that of Edward Prince of Wales, son of Richard III who died aged 11 in 1484. Meet the new Bishop of Selby for tea & cakes on Sunday when Medieval Evensong will be sung and the preacher the Dean of York, previously Provost of Leicester, where after much controversy Richard III will now be buried after his body was discovered in Leicester recently.
- **150th Anniversary Synod of Whitby...**Anglican Centre in Rome is hosting a Conference in York and a Pilgrimage to Whitby and Lavingham to mark the 150th anniversary of the Synod of Whitby. The conference at St Clement's Hall, York, on Saturday October 11th looks at the interface between the Christian Church in the North of England and the Church in Rome and how the meaning of "Unity in Diversity" is being worked out in our generation. The Pilgrimage to Lavingham is on Sunday 12th For more information contact: Canon David Goodacre, david.goodacre29@sky.com or visit www.anglicancentre.org/york booking
- **Hambleton Foodshare..**the number to ring is **0772 44 44 750**
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SERVICES AND EVENTS

OCTOBER 2014

ENQUIRIES about baptisms, weddings, etc. –please ring the churchwardens in the first place who will contact the clergy team. By ringing the vicarage you will be reminded of these numbers.



Sunday School meets during the 10.30am service in Easingwold church

October

Wed 1st 9.00am Communion
 10.00am Communion at Park Close
 12noon Raskelf Lunch *at the Old Black Bull*

SUN 5th TRINITY 16

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.10am Holy Communion *at Raskelf*
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 2.00pm Baptism
 6.30pm Evensong

Wed 8th 9.00am Communion
 Fri 10th 7.00pm Harvest Festival at Raskelf & Harvest Supper at Old Black Bull, Raskelf

SUN 12th TRINITY 17

8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am Family Service *at Raskelf*
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 3.00pm Harvest Songs of Praise at Springhill Court

Wed 15th 9.00am Holy Communion

SUN 19th TRINITY 18

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.10am Holy Communion *at Raskelf*
 10.30am Parish Eucharist
 6.30pm Evensong

Wed 22nd 9.00am Holy Communion
 Thurs 23rd 10.00am MU Communion & Coffee

SUN 26th LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 4.00pm Celtic Service at Raskelf

Wed 29th 9.00am Communion

November

SUN 2nd ALL SAINTS

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.10am Holy Communion *at Raskelf*
 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
 4.00pm All Souls

Wed 5th 9.00am Communion
 7.00pm Deanery meeting with the new Bishop of Selby, the Rt. Revd Dr John Thomson
 Easingwold

