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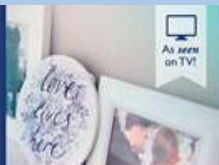
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## *From the Vicar . . .*

Autumn is in full swing by the time we get to October. In this country we are more fortunate than some especially when we think of places like a Florida and the Caribbean when the hurricane season starts. As I write this, the people off the coast of South Carolina are waiting for Hurricane Florence, only time will tell how people are going to be affected by this or any other hurricane that passes their way. In August, Kerala was hit by severe flooding and by the time mid-September arrived, they were suffering from droughts.

When situations like this arise, it can make people question the existence of God, asking, why would God let something like this happen? Why does God allow suffering?

Genesis tells us that God made the perfect world and this was destroyed by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Whether you believe in a literal version of the Genesis story or not, Christians believe that God created the world. The current scientific theory is the Big Bang Theory but this is probably going to be updated at some point and may seem just as outdated as Adam and Eve in 2000 years' time. We are part of creation, we are not perfect, why then should creation be perfect? The earth is continually evolving, land masses are moving little by little, ice sheets melting in the Polar region and complex weather patterns all causing problems on a large scale for humans. God never promised that we would have a pain free life in this world. What we are promised, is a wonderful time in eternal heaven. Jesus gives us plenty of examples of what the kingdom of heaven is like and John 14 1-6 gives us hope of a mansion with many rooms, and one for each of us.

Through suffering, God shows us good. If we think of any disaster that has happened in the world, we see people coming together to help. Aid agencies such as the Disasters Emergency Committee send people and resources in, funded by everyday people in the street, each person doing their part and working on behalf of God in the world.

We have a God of compassion, one that understands suffering as He himself suffered upon the cross. We have a God that holds our hands and works through those about us. We have a God who promises a better life, not now but in an age to come.

Bad things do happen, we all wish that they didn't. God is there, not causing the problems, but He is there in the healing and the mending, He is there in the love that is shown to a fellow human being and He will be there for our new life in perfect eternity in heaven.

Every blessing  
*Margaret*



# “EVEREST” ASCENDED!?

Well, perhaps not exactly, but recently retired vicar John Hetherington has done something similar by climbing a total of 37000’ on various hills, fells, mountains and moors! His challenge has been to help celebrate the 600th anniversary of Easingwold Parish Church, by ascending 1000’ to commemorate each of the 37 vicars who have served our church since 1418.

John writes:

“It seemed such a mammoth task as I sat at my desk in early June looking at the map of the climbs I had to complete on the North York Moors, and also the ‘Three Yorkshire Peaks’ and the ‘Three National Peaks’. And after the first few days climbing up hills and moors in North Yorkshire and achieving some 3,700ft, it actually seemed an even bigger challenge!



There is a great sense of peace that comes when walking alone in places of significant isolation. During the many climbs and walks I have done over the past three months there has been time to appreciate the wonder of creation, and also to pray as I walked, thanking God the creator of it all for all his marvellous works.



During the climbs I have placed some 37 small wooden crosses in the ground at various places, and these are to both commemorate and give thanks for the amazing people who have served as the Incumbent/Priest of this Parish of Easingwold. At least we have now ensured that all have been remembered, and we have given thanks for all their work and ministry.

Thank you to all those who have supported me through sponsorship and all the monies raised will go towards the work of St John and All

Saints Church in Easingwold. The final amount is not yet clear, but if all the sponsorship money comes in, and with the help of Gift Aid, it is hoped that I can reach the £2000 mark.”

Congratulations to John on this epic achievement! Now it is definitely time for him to “‘AVE A REST!”

M.W.



## MOTHERS' UNION



Thursday 25th October at 10am:

**Communion & Coffee at Parish Church**

Friday 2nd November:

**Soup & Sandwich at 11.45 Parish Rooms - in aid of MU Summer Appeal**

*All welcome*

# The 5 Minute Interview

Welcome to this feature where someone is invited to answer a few simple questions about themselves. Then you guess who they are.  
The answer will appear on a different page.

How would your best friend describe you?

**I hope they would say that I can be relied upon to do whatever I take on and that I am loyal to my friends.**

What do you do to wind down?

**Lie flat on a bed for 5 minutes.**

Which poem touches your soul?

**"Do not go gently into that good night" by Dylan Thomas. Also his piece entitled "A Child's Christmas in Wales" which I find very funny.**

In what way do you want to be remembered?

**As someone who tried to be always friendly, caring and cheerful.**

What are you passionate about?

**That all people should be treated fairly.**

What would be your dream job?

**To be a scientific researcher.**

What is your biggest regret?

**That I have not travelled more. I would like to have seen first-hand the cultures of India and China.**

Who is the person who has influenced you most?

**My partner (to whom I am married) who is very knowledgeable and able.**

What might surprise people about your life or previous jobs?

**When I retired I had a job where I had over 100 schools to cover with ages ranging from 3 to 19 years, with a team of 12 to help me.**

What is your pet hate which makes your hackles rise?

**The inequalities which still exist between men and women.**



## 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. Those unsung heroes in the area who raise money for a variety of charities during the year; the Shoe Box appeal
2. All who make music for our enjoyment; those who belong to the amateur dramatics
3. All businesses situated along Long Street;
4. Raskelf village hall and its activities.

# - A SPORTING VICAR FOR ST JOHNS -

The Rev Nathan Jackson came to Easingwold in 1877, ministering to the congregation of St John the Baptist & All Saints parish church. With his wife Eliza and daughter Jane, aged 3, they took up residence at 'The Vicarage', Market Place. By 1881 three servants and a 2 year old boy were also living there. Then in 1884, with financial assistance from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and possibly help from landowner, Mrs Love of 'The Hawkhills', a new vicarage was built on open land adjoining the churchyard at a cost of £2,000. This spot provided splendid views north to Kilburn and Sutton Bank as well as a commanding position above the old market town.



Nathan must have been of a sporting bent since before long, a tennis court and a bowling lawn had been laid to the north-east side of the house; followed a few years later by the construction of a small wooden, veranda-fronted pavilion. Precise details of what occurred post 1907 will perhaps never be known since the bowling club minutes books associated with the period pre 1934 have been lost. However it has long been accepted from anecdotal evidence that Easingwold Bowling



Club came into being in 1907, playing on the vicarage lawn with Rev Jackson as founder member and prime mover. As a sporting/recreation club, it seems to have gained popularity with local gentlemen enjoying social discourse and communing with nature as well as testing their skills. It is known that they used to play friendly games with a few other clubs which were springing up in local towns and villages.

Having been instrumental in enabling the bowling club to be established, Rev Jackson was not spared to enjoy the fruits of his efforts for long, since he died in 1910 aged 79 years. The new incumbent,

Rev Halsall Segar, also took to playing bowls creating a precedent which seemed to continue for quite a few years involving most of the ministers at Easingwold parish church. These included Rev Canon T Richardson, Rev S M Crow and Rev E Foster.

In 1927 the club moved from The Vicarage to its present site in the Memorial Park at Paradise Fields. It was named as "Easingwold Haxby Robinson Bowling Club" in deference to then land owner.

## 'A BOWLING PARADISE'

The scent of fresh heather or gorse when in bloom;  
The sight and the sounds of fine songbirds in tune.  
A fox or a rabbit or hare as they pass;  
A fresh, clear spring day with the smell of cut grass.  
A skylark that sings as it sweeps and it soars;  
The simple sweet joy of just being outdoors.

*"But – where may one share these, may I be so bold?"  
"The best place I know of is at Easingwold!"*

*Harry Awtu*



# *Services and Events*

**October 2018**

To contact the **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***

Mon 1st	4.00pm	Choir Practice - All welcome
	5.30pm	ECY @ the Cozie Centre (Easingwold Christian Youth)
Wed 3rd	9.00am	Holy Communion
	12 noon	Lite Bite Lunch @ Old Black Bull, Raskelf
Thurs 4th	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Fri 5th	3.00pm	Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre
	3.45pm	Ignite for Primary School age in the Parish Rooms
	7.00pm	Harvest Festival @ Raskelf
	8.00pm	Harvest Supper @ Old Black Bull, Raskelf – ticket only
Sat 6th	10.00am	Mothers' Union: Diocesan Sharing Day at Norton College, Malton
<b>Sunday 7th</b>		<b>Trinity 19</b>
	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>9.10am</b>	<b>Raskelf Eucharist</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with Church Mice</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
Mon 8th		No Choir Practice
	5.30pm	ECY @ the Cozie Centre (Easingwold Christian Youth)
Tues 9th	10.00am	Bible Conversations @ 11 Whiteoak Ave – All welcome
	3.00pm	Springhill Court Holy Communion
Wed 10th	9.00am	Holy Communion
Thurs 11th	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	8.00pm	Inspire: Young adults/young in faith @ Vicarage
Fri 12th	3.00pm	Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre
	3.45pm	Ignite for Primary School age in the Parish Rooms
	7.30pm	Town Band Concert in church



**Sunday 14th**

8.00am  
10.30am  
10:30am  
12.30pm  
6.30pm

Mon 15th

4.00pm  
5.30pm

Wed 17th

9.00am

Thurs 18th

7.30pm

Fri 19th

3.00pm  
3.45pm

Sat 20th

9.00am  
7.30pm

**Trinity 20**

**Holy Communion**  
**Raskelf Family Service**  
**Parish Eucharist with Church Mice**  
**Baptism of Eleanor Ross-Williams**  
**Taizé Service at Raskelf**

Choir Practice - All welcome

ECY @ the Cozie Centre (Easingwold Christian Youth)

Holy Communion

Bell Ringing Practice

Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre

Ignite for Primary School age in the Parish Rooms

Deanery Training Breakfast at Strensall Church Room

York Male Voice Choir with Jubilate concert in church

**Sunday 21st**

8.00am  
9.10am  
10.30am  
6.30pm

Mon 22nd

5.30pm

Wed 24th

9.00am

Thurs 25th

10.00am  
7.00pm  
7.30pm

Fri 26th

3.00pm  
3.45pm  
7.30pm

**Trinity 21**

**Holy Communion**  
**Raskelf Eucharist**  
**Parish Eucharist with Church Mice**  
**Evensong**

No Choir Practice

ECY @ the Cozie Centre (Easingwold Christian Youth)

Holy Communion

Mothers' Union Communion &amp; Coffee – All welcome

Bishop John to meet with parishioners in church

Bell Ringing Practice

Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre

Ignite for Primary School age in the Parish Rooms

'An Evening of Pictures and Music' - Allan Green in Parish Rooms

**Sunday 28th**

8.00am  
10.30am

Mon 29th

4.00pm

Wed 31st

9.00am

**Simon and Jude**

**Holy Communion**  
**Family Service**  
**No Evensong**

Choir Practice - All welcome

Holy Communion

**November**

Thurs 1st

7.30pm

Fri 2nd

3.00pm

Bell Ringing

Christian Meditation led by Marko at the Galtres Centre

# *Readings*

## **7th October 2018**

Job 1.1; 2.1-10  
Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12  
Mark 10.2-16

19th Sunday After Trinity

Evensong  
Joshua 3.7-17  
Matthew 10.1-22

## **14th October 2018**

Job 23.1-9, 16, 17  
Hebrews 4.12-16  
Mark 10.17-31

20th Sunday After Trinity

Taize Service at Raskelf

## **21st October 2018**

Job 38.1-7  
Hebrews 5.1-10  
Mark 10.35-45

21st Sunday after Trinity

Evensong  
Joshua 14.6-14  
Matthew 12.1-21

## **28th October 2018**

Isaiah 28.14-16  
John 15.17-27

Simon and Jude Family Service

No evening service

# *Registers . . .*

## **Baptisms**

23rd September  
30th September

Elliot Skillbeck  
Amber Thompson

## **Marriages**

8th September

Lisa Brett and Alex Clegg

## **Funerals**

14th September  
24th September

Margaret Holmes  
Barbara Copeland

## **ST MARY'S CHURCH RASKELF**

Wednesday 3rd October - Lite Bite Lunch, Old Black Bull, 12 noon

Friday 5th October - Harvest Festival, 7pm  
Harvest Supper at the Old Black Bull, 8pm (ticket only)

Sunday 7th October - Eucharist, 9.10am

Sunday 14th October - Family service, 10.30am      Taize service, 6.30pm

Sunday 21st October - Eucharist, 9.10am



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*Chris*



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**Easingwold Friends of Cancer Research UK  
Stand Up to Cancer Autumn Lunch**

Friday 19th October 2018 at The Hawkhills, Easingwold - 12 noon for 12.30pm

Tickets £20 each of which £5 will go to the charity

See Eileen Barr (01347 824140) or Nancy Kilburn for menu and tickets

*Together we will beat cancer*

**Sidespersons Wanted**

As people retire from these duties, there will be three sidesperson vacancies shortly at the Easingwold 10:30 Sunday Service. So, if you would be happy to help at this service (on a rota basis) please speak to Churchwarden Alizon Leese (Tel. 01347 823806).



**Raskelf Church  
Harvest Festival - Friday 5th October at 7pm**

followed by Harvest Supper at the Old Black Bull, Raskelf  
Cottage Pie/Apple Pie/Tea or Coffee (Drinks at the Bar) — Tickets £8

Names and numbers please to

Pat Allen 01347 821139 or Barbara Twigg 01347 821762



# 600 Years' Celebrations Forthcoming Events

## October:

- Friday 12th – Easingwold Town Band concert in Church at 7.30 pm  
Tickets: £8 – refreshments available
- Saturday 20th – York Male Voice Choir with Jubilate concert in Church at 7.30 pm  
Further details to be announced
- Friday 26th – An Evening of Pictures and Music with Allan Green  
At 7.30 pm in the Church Parish Rooms  
Tickets £10 – complimentary glass of wine and nibbles

## November:

- Saturday 17th – Bell-ringers' celebration and recruitment day: 10 am – 2 pm
- Friday 23rd – Curry evening at 7 pm in the Church Parish Rooms

## December:

- Saturday 8th – Christmas decorations demonstration in church: 2 pm to 4 pm  
For adults and children with an opportunity to “make your own”



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*Answer to the 5 Minute Interview: Nancy Kilburn*



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at St John the Baptist & All Saints Church, Church Hill, Easingwold  
Many activities – Learning through the Bible

## Oasis Café @ Methodist Church

Oasis Cafe, at the Methodist Church. Friday, October 26th: We look forward to seeing many of you there, any time between 9.45 and 11.45, to join us in a friendly coffee break. October is our month for the sale of Fair Trade Christmas goods, particularly the cards which are wonderful value. We will have a display of chocolates, biscuits, special coffees and teas, some Christmas gift items, dried fruit and preserves, all with a Fair Trade pedigree. So: buy a few items and your cards and ensure that the producers will benefit. The welcome will be as warm as the coffee!

*The Oasis Team*

## Iona Trip 2019

Do you want to come and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the small Island off the West Coast of Scotland that was the location of the start of Christianity in Britain? After last year's successful 4-day parish trip to Iona, we have booked Bishop's House retreat for the 7 days from 18th May to 25th May 2019. If you are interested in going, please look out for information leaflets and booking forms in church from February. Precise costs cannot be provided until later in the year but we estimate that the total cost will be between £625 and £650 for the one week of full board accommodation and all travel costs.



## Plastic Less Living

We all know that single-use plastics are causing a problem. They are damaging God's creation every day. What can we do to reduce our use of these?

1. 7 million plastic lined disposable cups are used daily. Free re-usable cups are available. Plastic bottles can be re-used many times or buy a re-usable bottle.
2. Take your own re-usable bag when shopping. Take any plastic bag, surplus to requirement, to your supermarket for recycling – special bin available.
3. Avoid over-packaged foods. Buy vegetables loose. Take a box with you for meat.
4. Look around your bathroom and see what plastics you can replace. Check toiletries don't contain microbeads (polyethylene).

Can we all be a bit more environmentally friendly?



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**Easingwold Friends of  
Cancer Research UK  
Coffee Morning**

**Friday 9th November 2018**

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