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July 2026



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		10.30am	Holy Communion with hymns (also on Zoom)
3rd Sunday	Easingwold	9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Holy Communion with hymns
	Raskelf	9.30am	Holy Communion with hymns
4th Sunday	Easingwold	9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Holy Communion with hymns (also on Zoom)
5th Sunday	Easingwold	9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Holy Communion with hymns



Weekdays in Easingwold

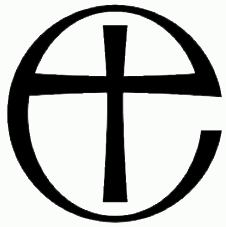
Wednesday 9.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 3.45pm Little Seeds for 4-9-year-olds (term time, in Church):

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Details of special services held throughout the year will be listed in 'Services and Events' on the centre pages

PARISH OF EASINGWOLD WITH RASKELF



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**St John the Baptist and All Saints Church,
Easingwold and
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From Rev'd Richard Grant



Greetings from the Vicarage,

Recently we hosted the annual admission of churchwardens here in Easingwold, gathering churchwardens (and their relevant clergy!) from across the deanery. (The deanery is the next step up from the parish – ours includes 24 churches, from Wass down to Skelton and from Brafferton across to Sherriff Hutton). The churchwardens all agreed to uphold their ancient and honourable office and the vicars agreed to share with them in ministering the gospel, but the overall theme of the service was celebrating our partnership as a church in sharing in ministry. It was fantastic to recognise the work of our church wardens, and I'm incredibly grateful to Laura and Pat for their hard work here, as well as to their predecessors.

Considering the dedication and effort of our church wardens led me, once again, to consider the many people who give their time and energy to serve our church, and I'd like to take the opportunity this magazine affords to recognise that so many of you support the church in so many different ways. Our archdeacon, Liz Hassall, drew on St. Paul's metaphor of a body with many parts, and the metaphor of springs in a trampoline, to illustrate our shared calling. Put straightforwardly, we all have a role to play in God's church here in Easingwold. Whether you're a fixture on multiple rotas, whether you're a Christmas and Easter regular or whether you're involved mainly by reading this magazine, we're all a part of God's work in our community.

Sometimes our service is for many years, sometimes for a season only. (I had a very happy year of being a churchwarden, before equally happily passing on the baton!) God calls us to different work at different times in our lives – I think many of you have experienced that in your own lives already.

I know that it can be a bit scary serving in a new way- some might feel very comfortable speaking in front of everyone, but feel nervous at the idea of trying to get the teas and coffees right. We're not all called to do everything, but it's worth occasionally taking time to reflect on our own callings.

Reassessing church wardens every year is practical, but it's also right – it's an acknowledgement that the way we serve changes over time, and we move through different seasons.

So, over the course of this month of July, I invite you to spend some time prayerfully considering your own part in God's work in our community. Ask where he may be calling you now, and be attentive to the direction in which he is leading you. You might want to do that by yourself, or you might want someone to pray with you or to reflect with as you do that. But if you feel that you are being called to take on something new or different, do let someone know, so that we can hold each other accountable.

Richard

LOOKING AHEAD

It's only July but already we are looking ahead to December.

The Archbishop of York, The Most Reverend Stephen Cottrell, will officiate at a special service at St Peter's Church, Brafferton, on Sunday 6th December, at which you are invited to be baptised or confirmed.

The service commemorates the baptism of King Edwin of Northumbria by Bishop Paulinus in York in AD 627. Tradition holds that Paulinus later baptised some 10,000 people in the River Swale at nearby Brafferton.

There are also intriguing local links to Paulinus. Early references connected with the reign of King Edwin (586–633) mention both the "Field of Paulinus" and the "Cross of Paulinus" in the Easingwold area, suggesting that he exercised his ministry locally. (*Vallis Eboracensis, comprising the History & Antiquities of Easingwold and the Forest of Galtres*, Thomas Gill, 1852.)

If you would like to be baptised, confirmed, or reaffirm your faith at this service, please speak to our Vicar, Richard.

Chaplain's Corner

Recently I've come to realize just how important it is to have friends and the part they play in our wellbeing. It was John Donne who said that 'no man is an island' and his poem goes on to illustrate that without others we are incomplete.

Help in Trouble

Lord you are present help in
trouble
Come revive
Redeem
Restore
In our darkness come as light
In our sadness come as joy
In our troubles come as peace
In our weakness come as
strength
Revive
Redeem
Restore us

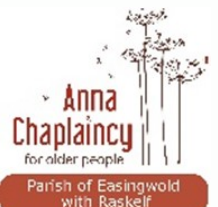
Amen

By David Adam

It doesn't matter if you or your friends only make contact every few weeks, or every few days. It is the act of making contact that is important. Some of my friends just send an occasional WhatsApp message, others call once a week and one very special person messages or visits every day to make sure how I'm doing. Each one is a treasure I never knew I possessed and I'm resolved that going forward I will make more effort to return their loving kindness.

The David Adam prayer was sent to me by one of my friends when she knew I was struggling with my treatment. It came as a lovely surprise and was just right to help me move forward. I'm sharing the prayer with you so you know that if you are in need of a friend one will always be found closer than you think.

Sara Beaumont



The Archdeacon's Visitation & The Admission of Churchwardens 2026



Last month, we hosted the Archdeacon's visitation at which we saw the annual admission of churchwardens. Led by the Venerable Liz Hassall it was also a time to celebrate the work of the deaneries, and especially the Deanery Leadership Teams.

Following the presentation of the churchwardens by the Area Deans and Lay Deans, the Archdeacon administered the Declaration before both Churchwardens and Clergy affirmed their commitment to God and to one another.

Diane Gallon



On Sunday 14th June we said a belated thank you to Diane Gallon for many years of service as a PCC member, vice chairperson and churchwarden on several occasions. Diane quietly offers help and advice where it is needed and as a church we have benefitted from her calm approach over the years. She stood down from her role as a PCC member at the APCM in April.

Laura Varney thanked Diane on behalf of us all and presented her with flowers as a token of our gratitude.

You & Me – bringing people together



What a glorious day we had to enjoy the Crowns and Coronets event held in the Vicarage garden last month. As well as an interesting display of crowns, we enjoyed a sumptuous selection of cheese and fruit scones, tasty tarts and a most delicious Victoria sponge cake.

Thanks go to Richard and Tess for hosting the event but the biggest round of applause goes to the You and Me team who worked tirelessly keeping us all fed and refreshed with copious cups of tea, coffee and cold drinks.

Donations received amounted to £170 which will be given to CRUK.



Our next event will be

Poetry and Pimms

**at St John the Baptist
& All Saints Church**

Saturday 11th July at 3pm

Come and share your favourite poem, partake in a summer cocktail or simply come and enjoy the company (soft drink options will be available).

The You and Me Team



SERVICES AND EVENTS: JULY 2026

To contact Rev'd Richard Grant, tel: 07857 007 847
or email: vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org

The Vicar's day off is Friday

Children are welcome at all our services



Normal Services at Easingwold Parish Church

Sunday and Wednesday 9.00am — Holy Communion

Sunday 10.30am — Holy Communion

Caring and Sharing Group

will meet again on

Sunday 5th July

after morning service in the choir vestry
at the back of the church.

Do come if you feel it will help you.

Nancy Kilburn

Services at Springhill Court, Manor Road, Easingwold

Holy Communion

**Tuesday 14th July at 3pm
in the activity lounge**



All are most welcome

BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

The next meeting for Bible Conversations will be on

Tuesday 7th July —10.00am to 11.15am

at 11 Whiteoak Avenue, Easingwold

Please arrive early so we can start promptly at 10.00am

We are considering the letter of James.

*If you would like further information, contact Chris Peel (01347 823548) or
Sara Beaumont (sarabeaumont.church@gmail.com)*

INTERCESSORS AND ADMINISTRANTS

Our greatest need at present is for more intercessors and administrants during communion for the main Sunday services at Easingwold.

Regarding the intercessions, help can be given if required.

As a communion administrant you would only be expected to offer the wine at the 10.30am service.

Please speak to Chris or Richard if you feel you can help.



ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Sunday 5th July: Holy Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 19th July: Holy Communion at 9.30am

Children always welcome



Christians Together around Easingwold (CTAE)

The monthly prayer meeting will be on

**Saturday 11th July, 9.00am
at the Methodist Church**

Please join us in prayer for the local churches, the community and the wider world

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CTAE AGM at The Methodist Church—Thursday 16th July at 7.00pm

'In unity God will grow his Church'

RYDALE FESTIVAL COMES TO THE PARISH CHURCH

MONDAY 20TH JULY AT 7PM

A celebration of BBC New Generation Artists II. Lukas Sternath (piano) and the Aris Quartet perform Schubert's Sonata in G major and Dvorak's Piano Quintet. This will be recorded for future broadcast on BBC Radio 3.

Copies of the full festival programme booklet, including details of how to book tickets, are available at the back of the church. Tickets for this event: £28, £20, £3 (under 25)

Children's Church Services at Easingwold—Little Seeds

**for 4-9-year-olds on Thursdays during term time
at 3.30pm in the Parish Church**

Please contact Andrew Neville-Smith at a.nevillesmith@outlook.com
for more details or just turn up

Open The Book Assemblies

**Held each Thursday during term time alternating between
Easingwold Community Primary School and
Crayke Church of England Primary School**



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

Readings

Eucharist

Evening Prayer

5th July

Trinity 5

Zechariah 9.9-12
Romans 7.15-25a
Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

2 Samuel 2.1-11, 3.1
Luke 18.31-19.10

12th July

Trinity 6

Isaiah 55.10-13
Romans 8.1-11
Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

2 Samuel 7.18-end
Luke 19.41-20.8

19th July

Trinity 7

Isaiah 44.6-8
Romans 8.12-25
Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

1 Kings 2.10-12, 3.16-end
Acts 4.1-22

26th July

Trinity 8

1 Kings 3.5-12
Romans 8.26-39
Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

1 Kings 6.11-14, 23-end
Acts 12.1-17

From the Registers



Funeral

10th June: Mabel Foster

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 on 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. There are three copies a year, in January, May and September at a total cost of £16.20 for standard print or £19.56 for large print versions.

Gina Smith - 01347 823843—BRF Co-ordinator

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

Prayer – A conversation with God

If you've thought about praying but don't know where to start here's a simple guide to get you started.

Prayer in its simplest form is a conversation with God and just as with any conversation someone has to get it going and that someone is 'you'. The conversation can be out loud or in your head, either way, you will be heard.



Start small: Don't worry if your prayer isn't perfect or your mind wanders a bit as you go along. Start with a single sentence such as "Lord, I need you to help me".

Anywhere, Anytime: Pray when you feel the time is right for you. Doing the chores, out walking or just sitting in silence. Some people like to have a daily routine for prayer but if that doesn't suit your lifestyle, pray when you can.

What do I say?: Tell God what's on your mind. Your worries and concerns may be the first things you think of but you can also thank God for the good things in your life, he wants to hear both. Say as much or as little as you feel you need to, you will not be judged.

Closure: Thank God for being with you and listening.



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Staying Safe from Telephone & Online Scams

We have all been aware of telephone and online scams for a few years now but, apart from the more recent increase in their sheer numbers, many - through the criminal use of AI - have become far more convincing with slick and business-like presentations.

As a recent example, a rogue email finds its way - undetected - straight into unsuspecting users' inboxes. The email makes a professional proposition, presenting the Church of England Redress Scheme as a hot and time-sensitive investment opportunity with guaranteed returns! Everything looks great but, on investigation, the sender is not an official representative of the scheme and the links within the email take their prey to an illegitimate and unsafe "financial services" site that is strongly associated with unregulated, high-risk, and potentially fraudulent investment schemes!

On examining that email, Richard (our Vicar) agreed that it's a remarkably well put together scam, hence this is to remind people to double-check and then check again as it could be so easy to fall for something like this.

Here are some handy guidelines to help you stay safe from telephone and online scams:

- ◇ Never give personal, banking or password details to anyone who contacts you unexpectedly by phone, text, email or social media.
- ◇ Genuine banks, the police and government organisations will never ask for your PIN, passwords or full security details.
- ◇ Be suspicious of pressure or urgency such as: "Act now", "Your account is at risk", or "Keep this secret".
- ◇ If unsure, hang up immediately. Wait a few minutes, then contact the organisation yourself using a trusted number from a bank card, bill or official website.
- ◇ Do not click on links or open attachments from unknown or unexpected messages.
- ◇ Be cautious of requests for gift cards, bank transfers or cryptocurrency payments. These are common scam methods.
- ◇ Never allow a stranger remote access to your computer, tablet or phone.
- ◇ Check with a trusted family member or friend before sending money or sharing information.
- ◇ Use strong passwords and keep devices updated with the latest software and antivirus protection.
- ◇ If you think you may have been scammed, contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud (<https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>).

Easingwold & District u3a

The next meeting at the Methodist Church is on

Tuesday 21st July 2026 at 2pm

when we will hear about

Shackleton's Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition by Joanne Aston

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Easingwold Methodist Church, Chapel Street

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Friday 25th September

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Christian Meditation

**Most Fridays at 2.30 pm to 3.15 pm at the
Galtres Centre Function Room (upstairs)**

It includes periods of music and silent meditation



In today's culture this is an opportunity of being together in a reflective mood including silence. After a brief period of spoken reflection we experience some reflective music. We then enter a period of silent meditation for about 20-25 minutes. Some people use a 4-beat mantra such as 'Ma-ra-na-tha' (or Come Lord Jesus), said twice, (not out loud!) breathing in and then when breathing out. After this, another period of music precedes a final prayer. It doesn't suit everyone but it is something worth trying. Sometimes we have a few comments, even laughter, afterwards! In today's busyness people often find this simple and yet cathartic. Even children in school use silence as a restful experience!

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

Contact Marko Jakic - 07951 333639

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Carers sitting service: A service for those caring for a friend or relative

Meals on Wheels: Two course hot meal delivered to your door, Monday to Friday

EDCCA's Coffee Morning: Next monthly get together with cake: **14th July!!**

Our next excursion is to Bridlington on Thursday 9th July. Cost of trip is £20

For further information on any of the above or, if you are interested in volunteering with us, please contact the office or for any related enquiries.

We can be contacted by telephone on 01347 822875

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