Easingwold & Raskelf PARISH MAGAZINE

APRIL 2025



Palm Sunday, 13th April Good Friday, 18th April Easter Sunday, 20th April







Bespoke curtain design and make up service, all hand made by Louise and her team

Curtains, Roman Blinds and all Soft Furnishings Fabric, Wallpaper, Poles and Tracks

Visit the showroom by appointment;
Flower O May, Husthwaite, York, YO61 4PG
01904 737573
lou@lousthread.co.uk
www.lousthread.co.uk

Making homes beautiful since 2011



IT'S GOOD TO SMILE

BULLETIN BLOOPERS

The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.

00000000

ENLIGHTENING EPITAPHS

A widow wrote this epitaph found in a Vermont cemetery:

Sacred to the memory of my husband John Barnes who died January 3, 1803.

His comply young widow, aged 23, has many qualifications of a good wife, and yearns to be comforted.

From "Bloopers and Blessings" compiled by Judith Merrell Published by TLM Trading Ltd—ISBN 978-1-909092-22-8

THE CHURCH WILL BE DECORATED

FOR EASTER ON

SATURDAY 19TH APRIL

FROM 10.00 AM



ANY HELP WOULD BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED

Magazine is printed by G. H. Smith & Son Ltd Market Place, Easingwold



PARISH OF EASINGWOLD WITH RASKELF

St John the Baptist and All Saints Church, Easingwold and St Mary's Church, Raskelf



☑ vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org

Vicar Vacant (Interregnum)	7
----------------------------	----------

Churchwardens Pat Allen © 01347 821139

Laura Varney \opin 07581 213805

Retired Clergy Rev'd Robin Davill

assisting in the parish Rev'd John Hetherington

Rev'd David Senior

Authorised Lay Minister/

Anna Chaplain

Sara Beaumont

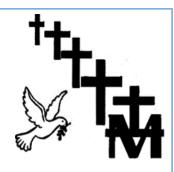
CONTACTS

Parish Administrator	Sara Beaumont	☑ sarabeaumont.church@gmail.com	
PCC Secretary	Hazel Henebury □ pccse	cretary@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org	
PCC Treasurer	Vacant	☐ treasurer.erac@gmail.com	
Flowers - Raskelf	Lynne Price	28 01347 824768	
Mothers' Union	Margaret Summerscales	© 01347 822084	
Bible Reading Fellowship	Gina Smith	© 01347 823843	
Children's Society Boxes	Ian Peel	© 01347 823548	
Organist Co-ordinator	Peter Smith	© 01347 823843	
Deanery Choir Co-ordinator	Peter Smith	☑ petersmith41@btinternet.com	
Bell Ringing	Alizon Leese	© 01347 823806	
Half Yearly Boxes	Janet Boddison	28 01347 821668	
Magazine Distribution	Margaret Summerscales	© 01347 822084	
Magazine Editorial Team			

www.easingwoldraskelfanglican.org

Front Cover: Photography and Graphic Design by Allan Green FRPS

From Rev'd David Senior



"WE ARE NOT ALL LIKE THAT"

Do you remember where you were on 7^{th} July 2005? I was in a Church in Birmingham, on my own at about 7.30pm.

We had a Prayer Meeting and I was sitting in the dimly lit Church before the meeting, quietly reflecting. The Vicar's chair and the Curate's chair were alongside each other in this building. The west door gently creaked open and a tall bearded gentleman quietly walked up towards me nervously. I motioned to him to sit in the chair next to me. He was the local Imam and in broken English he said:

"We are not all like that."

It was a day referred to as 7/7, the suicide attacks carried out by Islamist terrorists targeting commuters on London's public transport during the morning rush hour.

My new friend couldn't say much more, as his English wasn't very good, but it made a big impact on me. Eventually, I went to sit in the local Masjid from time to time, reflecting on my own on the 99 descriptions of Allah (written for the children in English, and most, if not all, can be attributed to aspects of God) whilst the congregation a few metres away had their prayers. A visit of the Imam, with a young leader, ceremoniously bringing a tin of Roses chocolates to our Church, unexpectedly down the aisle, on Christmas Day! Some young Moslem ladies were welcomed to run an after school club for children in one of our halls.

I felt ignorant about "other faiths" and yet believe that understanding brings enlightenment, and enlightenment brings awareness of differences, which can be held. I was pleased to see that our Archbishop Stephen sent a Youtube message recently for Christians and Islamists taking part in Lent and Ramadan. It is warm and engaging - Google it! Those six words above have haunted me.

It has made me hunger for understanding, engagement, and healthy debate.

Do you agree?

Rejoice in Lent, Holy Week and Eastertide this holy month!

David



HOLY WEEK



<u>Sunday 13th April — Palm Sunday</u>

Eucharist at 9.00am and 10.30am at Easingwold Parish Church Liturgy of the Palms to be read outside at the 10.30am service (weather permitting)

17th April —Maundy Thursday

Eucharist Service at 7.30pm with stripping of the Altar at Easingwold Parish Church

18th April—Good Friday

Ecumenical Service in Easingwold Market Place at 11.00am Final Hour Service at 2.00pm at Easingwold Parish Church

20th April —Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service in Easingwold Market Place at 7.30am

Eucharist and Service of Light at 9.00am at Easingwold Parish Church

Easter Service at 9.30am at Raskelf Church with Easter Egg Hunt

Eucharist at 10.30am: Easingwold Parish Church

"LENTWISE" BY PAULA GOODER

A series of courses for Lent 2025



Tuesday Afternoons 2.00pm - 3.30 pm
March 11th, 18th, 26th, April 1st, 8th
in the Choir Vestry at
St John the Baptist and All Saints Church, Easingwold.
Please note that the session on 26th March is held on

Wednesday and not Tuesday

Our devotions will include a short time of meditation and music.

Paula Gooder is a Theologian, Anglican Lay Reader and Canon Chancellor at St Paul's Cathedral. "User-friendly, undaunting and profound. The author is an experienced and trustworthy guide on our journey through Lent. With her help, Lent will be a journey of delighted discovery ."

Jane Williams: theologian and Lecturer

Please let David know if you hope to attend: David Senior: davidsenior3@gmail.com

Could someone please help with simple refreshments?

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll (ER) is a list of those entitled to vote in the election of certain Parish Officers (for example Churchwardens and members of the PCC), and it is important that we have as wide a representation of parishioners as possible. A list of those currently on the ER is displayed in both churches.



A completely new Roll is prepared every six years and is due this year, prior to the Annual Parish Meeting on 18 May. It is important that all members of the parish who wish to be included complete a new application form, **even if already enrolled**.

Forms are available at the back of both churches and when completed should be returned to me (11 Whiteoak Avenue Easingwold), or left for my attention at the back of the parish church,.

With many thanks

Ian Peel (01347 823548)



A very sincere Thank You to those who hold Children's Society Boxes for the collection of loose change. As a reminder, the boxes are emptied in April and September each year, and their contents, or ideally a cheque for their value, need to be passed to me by **Sunday 20 April (Easter Sunday)** please, to allow for them to be paid in through the church accounts..

Ian Peel (01347 823548) 11 Whiteoak Avenue, Easingwold

THE ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING IS ON SUNDAY 25TH MAY

FOLLOWING THE MORNING EUCHARIST

THERE WILL BE NO 9AM SERVICE THAT DAY

AND THE EUCHARIST WILL BE AT THE REVISED TIME OF 10AM

VACANCY—TREASURER

The PCC is still looking for someone to take on the role of Treasurer. Initially this would involve working alongside Kamal Antoun (Acting Treasurer) for the remainder of this year then fully take over the role as of the beginning of next year.

Though bookkeeping and financial reporting experience would be advantageous, the new treasurer will be supported by Kamal during the transitional period and thereafter as needed.

So, if you are interested, please email your details and any queries to treasurer.erac@gmail.com

THERE ARE ALSO VACANCIES ON THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.
WOULD YOU CONSIDER JOINING THE TEAM?



YOU and ME

.....bringing people together

The "Unexpected Tales" event held on the afternoon of Saturday 22nd February was well attended as well as being interesting, informative and entertaining. A quantity of tea and cake were consumed and it proved that everyone present did have a tale to tell with all contributing. There was a great deal of good humour, a legend with a salutary message, an original poem, the subject of which struck a chord with everyone present, a story with a twist at the end and some entertaining incidents related from people's experiences at work. Life in Fiji and gaining recognition of a relative's service in World War1 were fascinating as were some humorous tales from weddings and funerals. Strange happenings, ghostly encounters, and family history made for a diverse and fascinating afternoon. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this event. Everyone did have a tale to tell.

\(\hat{u}\) \(\hat

Our next event will be

Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday 12th April from 2pm to 4pm at Springhill Court

Come along, bring a friend and join our Bunny Drive.
You could win an Easter Egg (or two).
Followed by afternoon tea served at your table.



Hazel and the Team

Chaplain's Corner



<u>April</u>

Here are some interesting facts about St George you may, or may not, know.

He wasn't English but Turkish and never visited England. We share him with Venice, Genoa, Ethiopia and Greece amongst others.

He wasn't a knight in shining armour but probably a Roman soldier.

He died for his Christian faith and declared a martyr years after his death in 303CE.

His feast day of 23^{rd} April is traditionally accepted to be the date of his death and has been celebrated since the 9^{th} century.

The stories of fighting a dragon came years later and were probably told to illustrate the fight of good over evil.

St George was canonised in 494CE by Pope Gelasius and following the Battle of Agincourt in 1415,

St George's Day became one of the most important feast days in the English calendar.

Eternal God, grant us courage as we face the trials of ageing, joy for having lived and loved and peace knowing we are loved in return. **Amen**

Chaplaincy
for older people
Parish of Easingwold with Raskelf

Sara Beaumont Anna Chaplain

SERVICES AND EVENTS: APRIL 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

Sunday 13th April — Palm Sunday

Eucharist at 10.30am: Easingwold Parish Church Liturgy of the Palms to be read outside (weather permitting)

17th April — Maundy Thursday

Eucharist Service at 7.30pm with stripping of the Altar

18th April —Good Friday

Final Hour Service at 2.00pm

20th April —Easter Sunday

Eucharist and Service of Light at 9.00am Easingwold Parish Church Easter Family Service at 10.30am

Widows' Group

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

Sunday 6th April

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 April at 3pm Holy Communion

> > All welcome



Mothers' Union



The next meeting will be held in the Parish Church on

Wednesday 9th April at 10.15am

All welcome



Christians Together around Easingwold (CTAE)



The monthly prayer meeting will be on

Saturday 12th April 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 April: Holy Communion at 9.30am

Easter Sunday 20th April: Holy Communion at 9.30am followed by Easter Egg hunt

CHILDREN ALWAYS WELCOME

St Mary's Church Raskelf invite you to share in 'Easter Delights'

Easter Saturday 19th April—10.30-3.00pm

Our Church will be open for you to enjoy our display of Easter Flowers. We will be having books, plants and cake stalls as well as serving tea/coffee and cakes

BEETLE DRIVE

Friday 2nd May

In aid of St Mary's Church Restoration Fund

Adults £10 12yrs and under £5

To include a pie and pea supper

Doors open at 6:30pm to start at 7:00pm

For tickets please contact:

Judith Hawkhead 01347 824534 judith.hawkhead@gmail.com

Lynne Price 07807 217167 kalybobbins@yahoo.co.uk



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

Final meeting for the term is 3rd April and restarts on Thursday 24th April

Please contact Andrew Neville-Smith at anevillesmith@btinternet.com

for more details or just turn up

Readings

Eucharist Evening Prayer

6th April

Fifth Sunday of Lent Isaiah 43.16-21 **Passiontide begins**

Philippians 3.4b-14

John 12.1-8

13th April **Palm Sunday**

Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19.28-40 (read outside)

Liturgy of the Passion

Philippians 2.5-11

Luke 23.1-49

17th April Maundy Thursday (7.30pm)

Exodus 12.1-4, (5-10), 11-14

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

John 13.1-17; 31b-35

John 20.19-31

18th April **Good Friday**

Readings to be confirmed

20th April **Easter Sunday**

Acts 10.34-43 Isaiah 43.1-21 Luke 24.1-12 John 20.19-23

27th April **Second Sunday of Easter**

Acts 5.27-32 Isaiah 52.13-53.12

Revelation 1.4-8

From the Registers

Baptism

2nd March: Oliver Greenwood



Funerals

2 Corinthians 35.1-6; 10-16

Luke 22.1-13

Isaiah 5.1-7

Luke 20.9-19

12th March: Mary Harbisher 13th March: Josephine Sharper 19th March: Sandra Gallev

Open The Book at Easingwold Primary School Forthcoming date:

3rd April

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



Luke 24.13-35

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 within the area bounded by Chapel Street, Crabmill Lane and Long Street
- ♦ St Monica's Hospital all staff, patients and volunteers; the physiotherapy department
- The Methodist Church, its worship and outreach; all those who use the facilities there including the daily preschool
- ♦ Those who live in North End, Raskelf, and those who work at, and frequent, the Old Black Bull

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 April), 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 April —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

Contact Chris Peel (01347 823548) if you would like further information

Christian Meditation

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

Please note that there will be no meditation on Good Friday (18th) or Friday 25th April

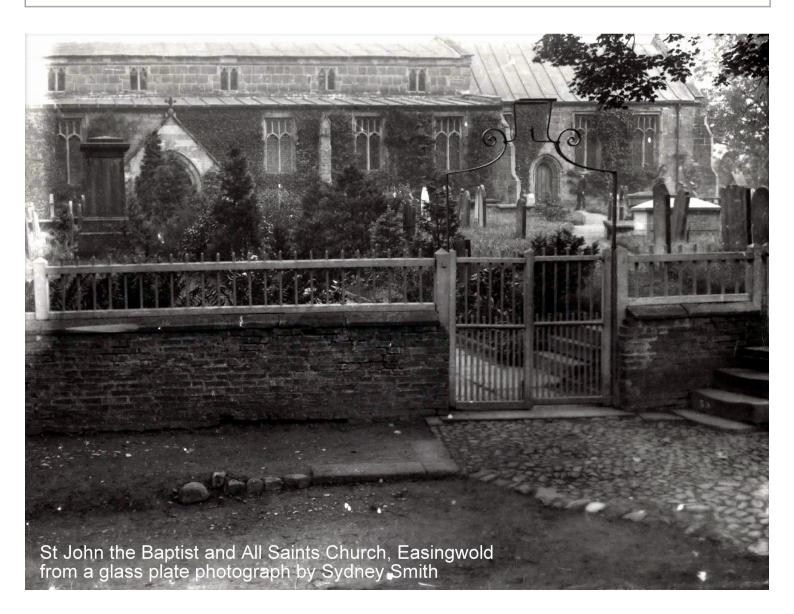
It includes periods of music and silent meditation

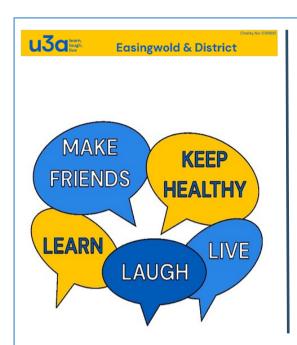


In today's culture this is an opportunity of being together in a reflective mood including silence. After a brief period of spoken reflection we experience some reflective music. We then enter a period of silent meditation for about 20-25 minutes. Some people use a 4-beat mantra such as "Ma-ra-na-tha" (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 busy-ness 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 01347 469049





Easingwold & District u3a

COME & JOIN US - £15 per year

The u3a offers a monthly speaker meeting on the 3rd Tuesday 2pm at the Methodist Church and over 30 leisure, educational & recreational activities for those no longer in fulltime work

Next meeting is on 15th April
Canary Girls Memorial Project
Valerie Welti



easingwold-u3a.org.uk

OASIS COFFEE MORNING

Easingwold Methodist Church Chapel Street

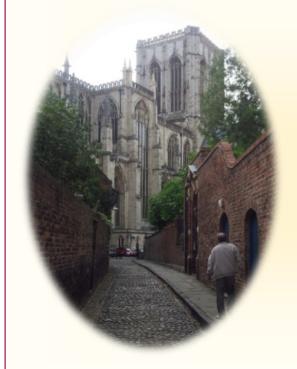
Friday 25th April 09.45 - 11.30



With lovely handmade cards, paintings, gifts and soft furnishings



Come and share good Fair Trade coffee, tea and biscuits, with great conversation and fellowship



PARISH PASSES FOR YORK MINSTER

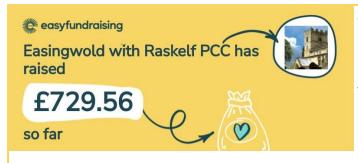
Any member of the Parish may obtain a digital pass from the PCC Secretary.

It is valid for one person for one visit only.

Visiting and closure times are on the York Minster website:

http://www.yorkminster.org
or by telephoning 01904 557275

Email: hazelhenebury@aol.co.uk
or phone 01347 239178



You can raise FREE donations for Easingwold and Raskelf Anglican Churches every time you shop online by using <u>easyfundraising.org.uk!</u> Over 8,000 retailers will donate, including all the big names like John Lewis & Partners, BT, Expedia, Argos, ASOS, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more!

So, if you have already signed up, please remember to use <u>easyfundraising.org.uk</u> every time you shop online. And, if you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely free, just go to <u>easyfundraising.org.uk</u> and, after signing up, search for and select "Easingwold with Raskelf PCC" as your cause.



Books and more to your door Home Library and Information Service



Operated by volunteers from Easingwold Community Library with the support of NYC, we deliver books (including Large Print and children's books), audio books, music CDs, DVDs and information to the homes of people who find it difficult to get to the library.

You may be eligible for the free home delivery service if you cannot visit the library or carry books because of ill health or disability, or if you are a carer. We deliver to people who live in residential and nursing homes, too.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please ring Easingwold Library on 01609 534584 or email ecl.generalenquiries@gmail.com with your contact details.

One of our volunteers will be in touch.

EDCCA



Easingwold District Community Care Association

EDCCA offers a range of services to you including befriending, volunteer car scheme, shopping and prescription collection service. We have groups such as Men in Sheds, Crossword Club, Knit and Natter club. Tea and Tarts monthly social gathering and our Hub club for those with Dementia.

We can offer Meals on Wheels, wheelchair hire, our beautiful charity boutique, carers sitting service and Citizens Advice sessions minibus in the Galtres car park.

We hold Food share stalls outside the Cozie building Monday to Friday and if you require Food Bank support please call our telephone line 0772 44 44 750, calls listened to daily.

Day trips will run this month on the 3rd to Scarborough, have a stroll on the beach, eat an icecream in Peasholm Park or have a look at the fossils in the Rotunda and on 24th April to Canon Hall Country Park near Barnsley. Have a stroll in the beautiful gardens or a look around the museum, and best of all it's free!

Both trips cost £20 each.

If you are interested in volunteering with us please contact the office (number below) or for any related enquiries.

We can be contacted by telephone on 01347 822875 or for car scheme on 01347 822598 or by email info@edcca.org.uk
Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 09.30 am to 12.30 pm



Unattended Funerals

Memorials

Attended Funerals

Chapman Medd Funeral Directors

Hanover House, Market Place, Easingwold, York YO61 3AD 01347 821370

Providing a caring & personal service. 24 hours a day.



CHURCH SERVICES

1st Sunday: Easingwold 9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns

Raskelf 9.30 am Holy Communion with hymns

2nd Sunday: Easingwold 9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns (also on Zoom)

3rd Sunday: Easingwold 9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns

Raskelf 9.30 am Holy Communion with hymns

4th Sunday: Easingwold 9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns (also on Zoom)

5th Sunday: Easingwold 9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns

Weekdays in Easingwold:

Wednesday 9.00 am Holy Communion

2nd Wednesday 10.15 am Mothers' Union—meet in the Parish Church

Thursday 3.45 pm Little Seeds for 4-9 year olds in church (term time) Contact

Andrew Neville-Smith at a.nevillesmith@btinternet.com

for more details or just turn up

Please note that the services schedule may vary depending upon clergy availability.

Announcements will be made or, if in doubt, check with the Churchwardens.



- Private Chapels of Rest
- Hearse and Limousines
- 24 hour help and advice service, 365 days a year
- 5th Generation Family owned and run Independent
- Payment plans available

J G Fielder & Son

Chapel Street, Easingwold, York, YO61 3AF. T: 01347 666505 enquiries@jgfielderandson.co.uk www.jgfielderandson.co.uk







J.W.MYERS **MONUMENTAL**

MASONS





Bespoke memorials to remember those you love.

- Individually designed memorials

 - Letter Cutting
 Additional inscriptions
 Renovations and cleaning
 Competitive prices

 - Free quotationsFree brochure on request

YORK Tel: 01904 448201

EASINGWOLD Tel: 01347 820120

GOOLE Tel: 01405 763976

SCARBOROUGH Tel: 01723 368444

www.jwmyers.co.uk



The Hawk Creative Business Park

The Hawkhills Estate, Easingwold, YO61 3FE

01347 825255

e: info@hawkcreative.com www.hawkcreative.com

Offices to let on your doorstep

Rent an office - a meeting room a desk - or just an address

Full support services; Stunning setting; Superfast IT; Flexible leases

Low running costs & low carbon footprint

change the way you work