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April 2026



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Good Friday *3rd April*
Easter Sunday *5th April*

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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



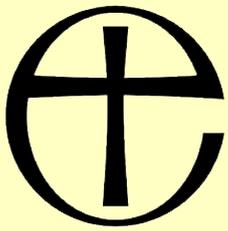
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Wednesday 9.00am Holy Communion

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***



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From Rev'd Richard Grant



As Easter approaches and Lent comes to an end I'm very much looking forward to the festivity of Easter (and the approach of some warmer weather...), but I'm also going to miss our Lent Course. Over the past few weeks, a number of us have gathered to reflect on and discuss a number of topics and it has been a delight to get stuck into some deep conversations and debates. One of my favourite sessions, and certainly one which continues to make me ponder, was our discussion about 'Sharing the Scriptures'.

For some, reading the bible is a daily delight, for others, an occasional chore. Some have a well thumbed bible, others prefer to use an app which provides daily readings. (The 'Lectio 365' app got many recommendations.) I think we can agree that there's some wonderful encouragement in the bible, but there are some difficult parts too! One thing we definitely seemed to agree on was that the bible is not like other books: Starting at the beginning is not necessarily the best way to read it! If you're someone who feels they'd like to read the bible more, or if you've always meant to and never quite got there, let me invite you now to start afresh. If you want a recommendation, I'd go for the Gospel of John (but other opinions are available). If you do pick up a bible for the first time, or for the first time in a while, please do let me know – I'd love to encourage you in that journey, and to hear your experiences of exploring God's scriptures.

One other gem which I've been reintroduced to through our Lent Course has been this poem by the 16th century priest George Herbert. As we prepare to mark Christ's death and resurrection at Easter, we remember that his sacrifice was for every one of us, and his love cleanses every one of us from our sins. Let me leave you with these words about that gift of Easter – put much better than I could put them.

*LOVE bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything.
'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here:'
Love said, 'You shall be he.'
'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on Thee.'
Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?'
'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.'
'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'
My dear, then I will serve.'
'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
So I did sit and eat.*

Richard

LENT COURSES 2026

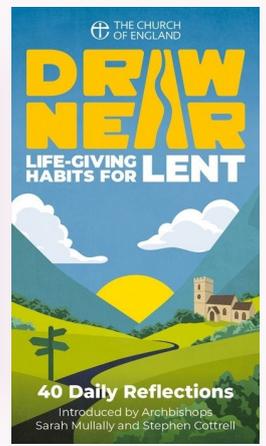
The final Lent Course for this year uses material from 'Draw Near', copies of which can be found at the back of each of our churches.

We will meet on

Wednesday 1st April at

2:30pm in Easingwold church

“Affirming the Christian Way”



Children's Church

With Easter we reach a new season, and for our church it's going to be one of stepping out in faith – we're relaunching a Sunday morning group for children!

Starting the Sunday after Easter, there will be the opportunity during our 10:30am Sunday services at Easingwold for any children (and their parents) to join in with 'Children's Church' in the vestry room: Bible Stories, Games and Crafts.

Please do be praying that we can welcome more children to church, that those who come along would experience a warm welcome, and that God would be in all elements of this endeavour.

**THE CHURCH WILL BE DECORATED
WITH FLOWERS FOR EASTER ON
SATURDAY 4TH APRIL
FROM 9.30 AM**

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the larger arrangements*



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**VERGERS, ADMINISTRANTS,
AND INTERCESSORS
NEEDED**

If you could spare a couple of hours every so often please consider becoming a Verger, mainly to assist with Funerals. It's not an onerous task and you would be paired with a more experienced Verger until you are confident in the role.

We also need more Administrants and Intercessors for the main Sunday services.

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

THE ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING—SUNDAY 26TH APRIL

On Sunday 26th April there will be a short Communion Service at 10:00am, followed by a service of Morning Prayer (with hymns) at 10:30am, incorporating the APCM.

Please do come along and be part of this celebration of our churches' ministry, and enjoy a look ahead at the year to come.

There no will be no 9am service that morning.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is a record of all 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 at the back of both churches.



The next Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on 26th April following the morning service. If you wish to vote and are uncertain whether you are currently included please check the list and, if necessary, complete an application form (also at the back of both churches) and either pass it to me (11 Whiteoak Avenue) or leave in church for my attention.

Many thanks

Ian Peel (01347 823548)



A very grateful "Thank You" to all who kindly support the Children's Society, and a reminder that we collect the boxes in April and September each year. Please let me know if you have money to pass on, or if you would like the church to forward a cheque on your behalf.

Ian Peel (01347 823548)



Images from Easter 2025

YOU and ME

.....bringing people together

The Galtres Centre proved to be a popular and ideal venue for the Casserole and Curry evening on Friday 20th February. The event was well attended and was a very enjoyable evening. A choice of a casserole or five different curries was available and the quiz on India as well as the availability of the bar proved popular.

Thank you to all those who supported and for the help we received from the Galtres Centre which made the evening a success.

The You and Me team would especially like to thank Christine and Alan Hake who stepped in to help when our usual team was temporarily depleted.

Our next event will be a

**Musical Evening
at St John the Baptist Church on
Friday 17th April
7pm-9pm**

Everyone welcome



The You and Me Team

Chaplain's Corner

Over the last few weeks I've come to the conclusion that one advantage of being unwell is the opportunity to just sit and look out the window and watch the season change. I've seen the spring plants and bulbs gradually take over from winter aconites, snowdrops and witch hazel so that now there are pink, blue, purple, white and yellow flowers wherever I look. What a joy!

I've also become a bit of a 'birder' with my RSPB Pocket Bird book on one side and a pair of binoculars on the other. In addition to spotting the more common garden birds I've had the pleasure of watching siskins, chaffinches, goldcrests and a great spotted woodpecker all come to the birdfeeders. I've even enjoyed seeing a sparrowhawk sit and have a good look around for prey... How magnificent and diverse God's creation is!

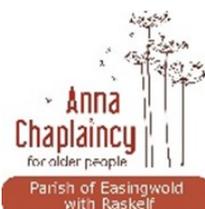
*'All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord, God made them all*

*Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colours
He made their tiny wings...'*

William Henry Monk



Sara Beaumont



SERVICES AND EVENTS: APRIL 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*

*Sunday 26th April: No 9am service.

There will be a short Communion Service at 10:00am, followed by a service of Morning Prayer (with hymns) at 10:30am, incorporating the APCM

Sunday 29th March — Palm Sunday

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)



2nd April —Maundy Thursday

Eucharist Service at 7.30pm

with stripping of the Altar at Easingwold Parish Church

3rd April—Good Friday

Ecumenical Service in Easingwold Market Place at 11.00am

Final Hour Service at 2.00pm at Easingwold Parish Church

5th 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

Caring and Sharing Group

will meet again on

Sunday 3rd May

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

Do come if you feel it will help you.

(Please note there will be no meeting in April)

Nancy Kilburn

Services at Springhill Court,

Manor Road, Easingwold

Holy Communion:

Tuesday 14th April at 3pm

Easter Songs of Praise

Sunday 19th April at 3pm



All are most welcome at both services

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF



Children always welcome

Sunday 5th April: Easter Sunday:

Holy Communion at 9.30am

followed by tea/coffee and cake and a

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 18th April: Holy Communion at 9.30am

Come and dance the night away in Raskelf Village Hall with

The Parakeet Ceilidh Band

Friday 1st May 2026

Doors open 6:30 with the band striking up for your first dance at 7:00pm

Pie and Pea Supper—Tickets £15

Contact: Judith Hawkhead 01347 824534 Pat Allen 01347 821139

Lynne Price 07807 217167

Email: Judith.hawkhead@gmail.com

Raising Funds for Raskelf Church Restoration Fund

BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

The next meeting for Bible Conversations will be on

Tuesday 7th April —10.00am to 11.15am

at 11 Whiteoak Avenue, Easingwold

Please arrive early so we can start promptly at 10.00am

We are discovering more about the Book of Esher.

If you would like further information, contact Chris Peel (01347 823548) or

Sara Beaumont (sarabeaumont.church@gmail.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

Please contact Andrew Neville-Smith at a.nevillesmith@outlook.com

for more details or just turn up

Readings

Eucharist

Evening Prayer

2nd April

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Leviticus 16:2-24
Luke 23:1-25

3rd April

Good Friday

Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-42

5th April

Easter Sunday (Family service)

Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 28:1-10

Song of Solomon 3:2-5, 8:6-7
John 20:11-18

12th April

Easter 2

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Daniel 6: 6-23
Mark 15:46-16:8

19th April

Easter 3

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Haggai 1:13-2:8
1 Corinthians 3:10-17

26th April

Easter 4

Psalm 23
Acts 2:42-47
John 10:1-10

Ezra 3:1-13
Ephesians 2:11-22

From the Registers

Baptisms

14th March: Maisie Kimmik
29th March: Teddie Judge

Funerals

11th March: Charles Marlein
26th March: John Robert Pennock

Memorial Service

18th March: Irene Meal



Interment

20th March: Margaret Caygill

Christians Together around Easingwold (CTAE)

The monthly prayer meeting will be on

Saturday 11th April at 9am at the Methodist Church

Come and join this short time of prayer for our churches, town, country and world.

“In unity God will grow his Church”



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

One of many ways to pray

There are many ways we can pray and there are wonderful resources available. Continuing from last month, remember, each prayer focus for your thumb and each finger could itself open up into prayer personally, locally, nationally and globally:.



"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience". (Colossians 3:12) and let your thumb and each finger represent one of these "clothes" we are to put on.

- ◆ Thumb - compassion
- ◆ First finger - kindness
- ◆ Second finger - humility
- ◆ Third finger - meekness
- ◆ Little finger - patience

When you pray, put your hands together and let the "clothing" of one hand touch the people, places in the other, and see what God does.

Maybe prayer like this could be part of our daily rhythm. However we pray, it is the Lord who meets us in listening and speaking.

Nancy, Sara and Chris



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

BOOK REVIEW

I recently read a book written as an Advent Book, but it can be read at any time - "Listening to the Music of the Soul" by the Bishop of Chelmsford, Guli Francis-Dehqani. It is an easy book to read but is informative and thought-provoking.

In one chapter, Bishop Guli said that she had attended a conference at which she had been impressed by a talk by Professor Hartmut Rosa. He presented those attending with a picture of the ideologies that have shaped the capitalism of Western democracies – the notions of progress and growth, aggressive competition, dominance and power.

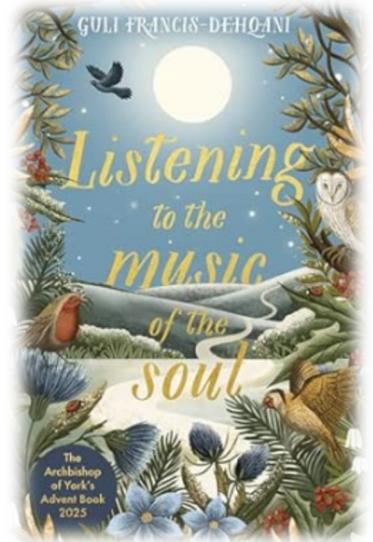
To succeed in this environment, he says, it becomes impossible to keep pace with competitors, and in the process the planet is being destroyed. Individuals are being crushed by unbearable and unreasonable pressures. Professor Rosa advocates that instead of struggling to keep pace, we should develop a model based on "resonance". "This relates to a space in which to engage with others whose ideas are different, to learn and adapt, to reflect and appreciate, to connect more deeply and allow for the possibility of transformation".

He suggests that the Church already has these spaces. He reminds us that this is the Church's vocation – not to be large and successful, not to be anxious about the future, not to heap pressure on the clergy and congregations to grow and increase in size, but to be a place where all are welcome; where we gather together as Christ's body to pray, worship, learn and serve our local community

In resonance spaces, he suggests, we can cultivate the art of silence, learn to live less anxious lives and engage together in exploring those unanswered questions that invite us to step deeper into our understanding of God's love, justice, judgement and mercy.

This reflection, which came in the last of eight chapters, spoke to me at this particular time in our history, but all the way through I found pearls of wisdom to consider.

Perhaps you might too.

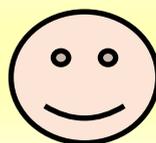


Chris Peel

IT'S GOOD TO SMILE

From church magazines (not Easingwold's!!)

You will be pleased to know that the vicar is recovering from his recent operation and is fooling as well as he did before.



The vicar was pleased to announce that he had been presented with a Victorian flower vase by an elderly lady, only slightly cracked.

"Cracks in the Fabric" by John Blessett: ISBN 0 86209 464 X Published by Kevin Mayhew Ltd

Easingwold & District u3a

The next meeting is on
Tuesday 21st April 2026 at 2pm

Mine's a Pint

The history of pubs in the UK from the Roman to the present.
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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 - 07951 333639

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One of our volunteers will be in touch.

EDCCA: Easingwold District Community Care Association



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Charity Boutique: 71 Long Street, open 4½ days a week. Telephone 01347 820078

Monthly Citizens Advice: Minibus in the Market Place and Advisor at the office. Call for details

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Men in Sheds: Social group for men

Shopping: You supply the list, we do the rest

Community car scheme: For those who have difficulty with public transport

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

Tea and Tarts: Next monthly get togethers with cake: **14th April and 12th May!!**

Our next excursions are to Whitby on Thursday 23rd April and

Burnby Hall Tulip Festival on Thursday 7th May. Cost per 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.

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