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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
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5th Sunday	Easingwold	9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Holy Communion with hymns



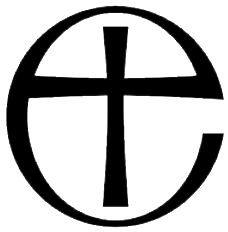
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Wednesday 9.00am Holy Communion

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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



Greetings to you all,

I've been enjoying seeing the trees start to turn green in the last few weeks – lots of them are fully in leaf now, but there are still a few which only have the first buds. Likewise, some have blossom, others are yet to show any flowers. The trees are different, they all do different things at different times, and gardens and woods are all the more beautiful for it! If they all bloomed at once, we might have one week of overwhelming colour, but the rest of the year would be the worse for it. Trees aren't just for us to look at though – those differences are essential to the animals that rely on the trees for food, as well as the trees themselves which require different insects to pollinate them.

Similarly, we are all different individuals – we have different needs, and support others in different ways. We're not all capable of the same things, we don't all follow the same rhythms, and we certainly don't all look the same! That diversity is just as essential in humanity as it is in trees, and is something to be celebrated. All too often we try to be the same as others - judging ourselves by what we see in other people, and wishing we were 'better'. We are all unique creations, no two individuals are the same, and God sees us through eyes which can often be much kinder than our own! He loves us for who we are, not who we wish we were, or who we might pretend to be. He intended, and celebrates, diversity.

The apostle Paul speaks of that diversity in his letter to the Corinthians, when he asks: 'If all were one and the same body part, where then would that body be?' Within society, as well as within the church, it is our diversity that enables us to function, and without it things would quickly fall apart. We are all called to different roles, and given different skills to perform those roles. I know that I often fall into the trap of focussing on the skills I don't have, and seeing little value in those I do have – it is often hard to value the things that come naturally to us, yet they are just as important, and often the things others might admire! As a church, we need to see that diversity, and to recognise our need for it as we seek to do God's work in our communities. I wonder in what ways we lack diversity, and what we could do about it? In what ways might we celebrate our diversity more?

The flip side of diversity is unity, which is just as essential to church and community alike. As the apostle Paul continues: 'If one part of the body suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. You are the body of Christ, and all parts of it.' My prayer for us as a church community is that we would grow in both diversity and unity, recognising the benefit of our differences and using our different skills and talents to do church well.

Richard



Parish Giving Scheme – update

PARISHGIVINGSCHEME

Thank you to all of you who already use the Parish Giving Scheme to donate to Easingwold or Raskelf churches. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

This is a scheme run by the Church of England to collect donations by direct debit. They claim the gift aid on it and return all monies back to the church each month.

If you already use the scheme and would like to change your monthly, quarterly or yearly donation you can do so in two ways:

1. Ring or email the Parish Giving Scheme stating your changes quoting your PGS reference number (found below your address on PGS correspondence).
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2. Go onto your online account and find the “manage gifts” page and alter the details.

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If you have any questions or need any help with the process, please contact Christine Hake via chrislomax.hake@gmail.com

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.



Mothers' Union Appeal

Mothers' Union in York Diocese owns a caravan based in Filey, and offers free holidays to families living in the Diocese who are experiencing adversity. It is more like a mobile home than a caravan and can accommodate people who use a wheelchair.

Although we no longer run a branch in this parish, several of us remain as Diocesan members. Please could you join with us to send a donation to assist with the maintenance and running of the caravan. Donations will be requested after the service on Sunday May 17th.

Thank you.

Margaret Summerscales

Musical Evening at Church

The You and Me Team certainly give us a varied programme of events throughout the year and Friday 17th April was no exception when we were treated to a delightful evening of music performed by our very own organist, Peter Smith along with Alex Cranfield and the multi-talented Wilson Family.

We had a full programme and Peter began the evening by playing the ever popular Toccata in D minor by JS Bach. On a springtime theme we heard Handel's organ concerto "The Cuckoo and the Nightingale", Saint Saens' "The Cuckoo" and later, played on the piano, "Le Coucou" by Daquin.

Alex delighted us by singing "V'adoro pupille" from Handel's Julius Caesar. Translated to "I adore you dear eyes", it was sung by Cleopatra when trying to seduce Julius Caesar.

She then sang a 17th century aria by Carissimi, "Vittoria mio core" which translates to "Victory, my heart" and represents a triumphant celebration of being liberated from unrequited love.

The Wilson family demonstrated beautiful harmonies singing "Fields of Gold" by Sumner, Mozart's "Ave verum Corpus" and a fabulous rendition of Paul Simon's "Bridge over Troubled Water". Taking up their instruments they played the Tenth Regiment March "Death or Glory", "Share my Yoke by Joy Webb and finally "Moon River".

During the interval the Y&M team provided a lovely selection of cakes along with tea/coffee. Thanks go to all who took part either by organising or by performing. It was a fantastic evening thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

SueT





Easter Eggstravaganza

The Easter Event at Springhill Court on Saturday 28th March saw residents and members of the congregation having fun whilst engaging in a Bunny Drive.

Tea, cake and Easter eggs were the order of the day..It was an enjoyable afternoon of fun and companionship where each resident, as well as the staff, received an Easter card and egg. Thank you to those members of the congregation who supported the event and helped with the Bunny Drive

Our next event will be

Cheese and Wine with a fun 'mark your own' quiz at St John the Baptist Church on Friday 8th May at 7pm

Soft drinks, vegan and gluten free options available



Come and join us, bring a friend for an evening of fun.
The event is free of charge but donations are welcome.

The You and Me Team

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEASTS OF ST PETER & ST PAUL

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE AT 4PM

AT EASINGWOLD PARISH CHURCH

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Please contact Peter Smith at petersmith41@btinternet.com

to confirm if you are available to sing



Easter in Easingwold 2026



SERVICES AND EVENTS: MAY 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

Thursday 14th May: Ascension Day Service at 7.30pm

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.

Nancy Kilburn

Services at Springhill Court, Manor Road, Easingwold

Holy Communion:

**Wednesday 20th May at 3pm
in the activity lounge**

**Please note change of normal
day for this month only**

All are most welcome



BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

The next meeting for Bible Conversations will be on

Tuesday 5th May —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)*

Christians Together around Easingwold (CTAE)

The monthly prayer meeting will be on

Saturday 9th May — 9.00am 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”

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Sunday 3rd May: Holy Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 17th May: Holy Communion at 9.30am

Children always welcome



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

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**



On the last Thursday of the term our Little Seeds children had a party with special food and a cake for a birthday boy.

They also enjoyed a treasure hunt.

The photo shows them constructing an Easter Garden which was then displayed in church.



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

Readings

Eucharist

Evening Prayer

3rd May

Easter 5

Acts 7:55-60
2 Peter 2: 2-10
John 14:1-14

Zechariah 4:1-10
Revelations 21:1-14

10th May

Easter 6

Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Zechariah 8:1-13
Revelations 21:22-22:5

14th May

Ascension Day

Daniel 7:9-14
Acts 1:1-11
Luke 24:44-53

17th May

Easter 7

Acts 1:6-14
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

2 Samuel 23:1-5
Ephesians 1:15-23

24th May

Pentecost

Numbers 11:24-30
Acts 2:1-21
John 7:37-39

Joel 2:21-32
Acts 2:14-21

31st May

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27:21
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

Isaiah 6:1-8
John 16:5-15

7th June

Trinity 1

Hosea 5:15-6:6
Romans 4:13-end
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Ecclesiastes 12:9-18
Acts 9:25-31

From the Registers

Interments

28th March: Evelyn Williams Scott
16th April: Brian Taylor



Funeral

17th April: Marina Warner

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 in Easingwold town centre
- ◆ The Galtres Centre – staff, volunteers and all activities; those who litter pick; those responsible for the flower tubs and hanging baskets around the town
- ◆ The shops, cafes, pubs, offices, library, dentists, undertakers in the town centre serving the whole community
- ◆ Raskelf Gymkhana – all who work hard to make it a success

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

ROYAL OAK DAY

I wonder how many of you remember commemorating Royal Oak Day or, sometimes called "Oak Apple Day" which occurs on 29th May each year. I remember when I was at Easingwold County Primary School, we used to chant:

"It's 29th May, Royal Oak Day,

If you don't give us a holiday, we'll all run away!"

The significance of the day is that it celebrates King Charles II entering London in 1660 on what was his 30th birthday and also marked the return of the Stuarts. It was declared a public holiday which was held in England, Scotland and Wales until its abolishment by Parliament in 1859.

Wearing oak leaves reminded us that, following the Battle of Worcester in 1651, King Charles hid in an oak tree at Boscobel House in order to evade his Parliamentarian pursuers.

Traditionally we all wore sprigs of oak leaves and any of us who didn't ran the risk of being teased, pinched or, worse, stung with nettles. I distinctly remember one young boy in my class (we were aged around 6-7 years old) who had been stinging the girls during the morning break and our teacher found out. She called him to the front of the class. Unknown to him, she had some stinging nettles under her desk and after telling him off, promptly "tickled" him with those nettles.

Although it is no longer a national holiday, it is still commemorated in some parts of England.

Sadly I couldn't find any oak leaves at this time of the year for illustration. Maybe by the 29th of May, there will be plenty with which to commemorate the day.

SueT

IT'S GOOD TO SMILE

I recently found some copies of Easingwold "Church News" dating back to the early 1980s. Amongst them I found this story which had taken place at Sunday School. It was on the subject of "Fair/Unfair" and was submitted by the then Sunday School leader.

The children were asked to comment on one or two examples of fairness. When asked about the following, "William had six apples, Mary only had one apple.

Was this fair or unfair?"

One child replied, "Am I William or Mary?"

SueT

Easingwold & District u3a

The next speaker meeting at the Methodist Church is on
Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 2pm

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Easingwold Methodist Church
Chapel Street

Friday 29th May: 0945-11.30

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

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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

Tea and Tarts: Next monthly get together with cake: 12th May!!

Our next excursion is to Burnby Hall Tulip Festival on Thursday 7th May.

Cost of the trip is £20 plus admission charge of £9.50

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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