

# Easingwold & Raskelf

Parish Magazine

June 2026



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**Feast of St John the Baptist, Sunday 24th June**

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<b>1st Sunday</b>	Easingwold	9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Holy Communion with hymns
	Raskelf	9.30am	Holy Communion with hymns
<b>2nd Sunday</b>	Easingwold	9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Holy Communion with hymns (also on Zoom)
<b>3rd Sunday</b>	Easingwold	9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Holy Communion with hymns
	Raskelf	9.30am	Holy Communion with hymns
<b>4th Sunday</b>	Easingwold	9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Holy Communion with hymns (also on Zoom)
<b>5th Sunday</b>	Easingwold	9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Holy Communion with hymns



#### ***Weekdays in Easingwold***

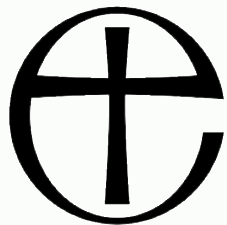
Wednesday 9.00am Holy Communion

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

Contact Andrew Neville-Smith at [a.nevillesmith@outlook.com](mailto:a.nevillesmith@outlook.com) for details or just turn up

***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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*From Rev'd Richard Grant*



Greetings from the vicarage!

I've enjoyed May very much – we've welcomed some of you to the vicarage for tea and cake, we had a wonderful evening of cheese, wine and quizzing at Easingwold church, we've had a fab ceilidh at Raskelf, I've made a tentative return to running, and I've even squeezed in a few days away as well.

Another highlight has been planting fruit trees in the garden. One tree we put in the ground is an apple tree we brought with us. We've had it six years now, and I think we've had just two apples from it in that time, which is a little disappointing. We've also put in a new plum and a cherry. I hope that we'll see more fruit, more quickly from those two, but even if we don't, I'm confident that it's worth putting them in. I know that, in time, there will be fruit from those trees and that others will hopefully enjoy it. I think we all do many good things that we might never see the fruit of, and sometimes things that we know we will never see the fruit of – and I think that's a distinctly Christian attitude. I think of it whenever someone asks me how long our churches took to build - it probably took lifetimes, those who began building them were likely dead before they were finished. They were truly committed to working for a future they would never see, and we continue to taste the fruit of their labours centuries later.

In our modern world, which so often feels focussed on instant results and personal gain, it can feel very difficult to plant for the future – modern culture might have us believe we deserve to see the fruits of our labour. However, our faith reminds us that we live only by grace and that the true reward is treasure in heaven, not on earth.

The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that many faithful people did not receive the things promised in their lifetimes, yet continued trusting God. They lived in faith, their obedience becoming a blessing for future generations. Like them, we will never know the full impact of our prayers, of our encouragement, of our testimony, of our service – but God does know, and we lay up treasure in heaven with Him. God brings the growth from the seeds we may never see blossom ourselves.

So let us continue planting in faith, planting hope where there is despair, kindness where there is bitterness, faith where there is doubt. The harvest belongs to God, and future generations will one day give thanks for seeds quietly and faithfully planted today.

*Richard*

# CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF ST PETER & ST PAUL SUNDAY 28TH JUNE AT 4PM

AT EASINGWOLD PARISH CHURCH

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ECUMENICAL CHOIR



Please contact Peter Smith at  
[petersmith41@btinternet.com](mailto:petersmith41@btinternet.com)  
to confirm if you are available to sing

**Introit:** O taste and see—*R Vaughan Williams*

**Opening responses:** *Smith of Durham*

**Hymn:** For all your saints still active  
(verse 2 is replaced by the verse for St Peter)

*Tune: King's Lynn*

**Psalm 125:** Chant—*T Kempton*

**Magnificat:** *H Sumsion in A*

**Nunc Dimittis:** *H Sumsion in A*

**Anthem:** O Thou, the central org  
*Charles Wood (centenary of his death)*

**Hymn:** Thy hand, O God, has guided

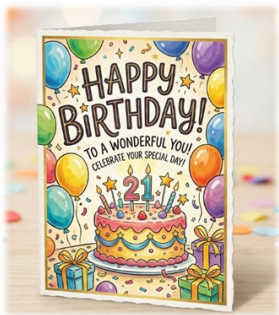
*Tune: Thornbury*

**Hymn:** Jesus shall reign

*Words: Isaac Watts; Tune: Truro*

*All are welcome*

## Chaplain's Corner



The other day I was sitting with a pile of blank birthday cards in front of me as I began the process of making sure I had enough to send to family and friends over the coming month. This started me thinking: why do we celebrate birthdays and send cards?

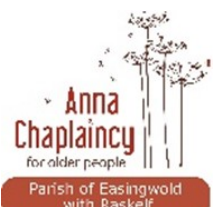
Evidence has been found on Hadrian's Wall showing that the Romans recognized and celebrated birthdays as significant 'life' milestones and the book of Genesis mentions a Pharaoh's birthday celebration (Genesis 40:20-22) but all this wasn't possible until the invention of the calendar and even then it was only the noble ranks who had their place in society marked and celebrated.

It wasn't until the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries and a significant change in social and economic lifestyles that it became possible and increasingly important to celebrate a child's milestones from birth through to adulthood and beyond to old age.

Personally, I look forward to receiving birthday cards but I have a suspicion that the younger generation are not quite so bothered as those of us who grew up marking milestones and keeping in touch by post rather than social media.

*Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the life milestones we have celebrated over the years. Amen*

*Sara Beaumont*





Amazing news, last month Easingwold with Raskelf PCC received £27.16 (that's £778.46 since the launch in 2017).

Your online shopping this year can help even more. Retailers will donate to Easingwold with Raskelf PCC for free every time you shop. 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!

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## Cozie needs help

We're working really hard at Cozie youth club at the moment. We are open 3 nights a week, we run holiday clubs and we take the youngsters (aged 11-18) on trips.

We are helping a range of youngsters living in Easingwold and the surrounding area. The problem is we don't get any money from central government and we're running out.


We are grateful for local donations and we are raising some money with the youngsters but we need more help. If anyone has ideas or contacts who can help us we will be very grateful. In the meantime remember us in your prayers and if we are able to get onto the Tesco scheme it may be that those who shop at Tesco can help us!

Finally you may be able to sponsor staff and youngsters who are taking part in the Cozie 'Swim the Channel' sponsored swim (including yours truly, don't worry it's taking place in Helmsley pool!!).

Thanks for your support.

*Alan Hake: Cozie Chairperson*

## PSALM 23



*The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.*



The 'Cheese and Wine' event held in church recently drew in a magnificent crowd of over 50 people. Everyone took part in the general knowledge quiz compiled and presented by Caroline and Julia with copious amounts of wine being served to loosen our brains while trying to think of the answers. During the interval we tucked in to the great assortment of cheese, biscuits and other nibbles which were on offer and a fun night was enjoyed by all who attended.

Our next event will be

## **Crowns & Coronets Cream Tea in the Vicarage Garden on Friday 19th June from 3pm–5pm**



Come and join us, bring a friend.

There will be a prize for the best homemade crown or coronet but it is not obligatory to wear one to attend. It is your company that is most welcome.

The event is free of charge but donations, which will be donated to Cancer Research UK, are welcome.

*The You and Me Team*



### **THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY – HALF-YEARLY COLLECTIONS**

A very sincere 'Thank You' to all who so kindly donated to the Children's Society for our half-yearly collection in April. A sum of £223 has been forwarded on behalf of the parish to this very deserving charity – a wonderful start to this year. 'Well Done!'

Most of us have been very fortunate to have enjoyed a stable and loving family life but many young people have not been so lucky, and this is where the Children's Society steps in. Not only does it provide direct support where needed but it also seeks to create a positive shift in social attitudes towards disadvantaged children. We as a parish have supported it for many years, and with your help will continue to do so.

As a reminder, if you would like to hold a box for loose change, or would care to find out more or offer a donation, please get in touch.

*Ian Peel (01347 823548)*

# SERVICES AND EVENTS: JUNE 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 28th June at 4pm**

**Choral Evensong for the Feast of St Peter and St Paul**

### Caring and Sharing Group

will meet again on

**Sunday 7th June**

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 9th June at 3pm**  
in the activity lounge



*All are most welcome*

## BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

The next meeting for Bible Conversations will be on

**Tuesday 2nd June — 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)*

## Christians Together around Easingwold (CTAE)

The monthly prayer meeting will be on

**Saturday 13th June — 9.00am at the Methodist Church**



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

**'In unity God will grow his Church'**

# ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

**Sunday 7th June:** Holy Communion at 9.30am

**Sunday 21st June:** Holy Communion at 9.30am



*Children always welcome*

## **Ceilidh at the Village Hall**

A good night was had by all at Raskelf Village Hall on 1st May led by our very own vicar's ceilidh band 'Parakeet'. Over 60 people enjoyed the dancing with a pie and pea supper in between.

An amazing total of £1,036.70 was raised for St. Mary's restoration fund.

Our thanks go to the members of 'Parakeet', S&J Butchers, The Old Black Bull, BATA, Catch 22 and all who helped, volunteered and supported on the night.

*(Editor's note: I can confirm that this was a terrific night, some of us even managed to 'strip the willow' without getting too tangled up!!)*

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:a.nevillesmith@outlook.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.**



## *Readings*

### **Eucharist**

### **Evening Prayer**

#### **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

#### **14th June**

#### **Trinity 2**

Exodus 19:2-8a  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35-10:8

1 Samuel 21:1-15  
Luke 11:14-28

#### **21st June**

#### **Feast of John the Baptist**

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Acts 13:14b-28  
Luke 1:57-66, 80

Malachi 4  
Matthew 11:2-19

#### **28th June**

#### **Trinity 4**

Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

1 Samuel 28:3-19  
Luke 18:31-19:10

#### **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

## *From the Registers*



## *Funerals*

1st May: Peter Clifford King

6th May: James Murray

18th May: John Stephen Joy

## 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 southern area of Easingwold including those in the new housing off York Road;
- ◆ Outwood Academy staff and pupils; activities taking place out of school hours;
- ◆ St John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church; the Community Church; Hope Church;
- ◆ Those living at The Green, 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.



*Nancy, Sara and Chris*

There is a lovely old prayer used by fishermen on the coast of France:

*'O God, thy sea is so great and my boat is so small'*

The prayer goes no further. Some say this is not a prayer at all. Yet we have here the groundwork and basis for all prayer: man standing consciously in the presence of God.

*Copied from the June 1982 'Church News Easingwold and Raskelf' (forerunner of the Parish Magazine)*

# Parish Magazine

I would like to acknowledge the thanks kindly given to me by Rev'd John at the recent APCM for the production of the monthly parish magazines. His words are greatly appreciated.

However, I couldn't do the task without the help of others and I would like to include John's thanks to the following:

- ◇ Allan for the production of the superb front covers
- ◇ Kamal for his help to Allan in those productions;
- ◇ Ian for proof-reading the copy before I send it to print —it's amazing how easy it is to miss those little typos (did anyone spot that the 2024 Christmas midnight service showed that it began at 11.30 am? That was the year before Ian stepped in to help!);
- ◇ Michael and Peter for organising the advertisements which help to pay for the production of the magazine;
- ◇ Everyone who I nag to get information to me before the deadline;
- ◇ Margaret and her team of volunteers who distribute the copies to magazine subscribers and finally,
- ◇ GH Smith and Son for the printing services and always having the copies ready by the deadline.

We work as a team, I simply enjoy gathering and co-ordinating the information so, thank you to all of you and thanks again to Rev'd John for your kind words.

If you have anything that you would like to be included in the magazine— a short article or maybe a poem, you can always send it to me at:

[magazine@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org](mailto:magazine@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org)

and, space permitting, I will endeavour to include it.

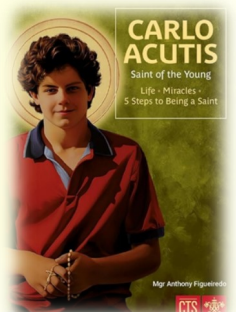
SueT, Editor

## BOOK REVIEW

Following the review on 'Listening to the Music of the Soul' submitted by Chris which appeared in our April magazine, one of our subscribers, Freda Waite of St John the Evangelist RC church, has kindly sent this review of a book which she has recently read.

*During Lent I have been reading 'Carlo Acutis - Saint of the Young' written by Mgr Anthony Figueiredo. Carlo has become the first Roman Catholic Millennial Saint. He was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1991 in London, then his family moved to Milan. He died on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2006 of Leukaemia. His beatification took place in Assisi on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and, on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025, Carlo was canonised by Pope Leo XIV.*

*Carlo had the ability to integrate his faith with modern technology. He was a skilled computer programmer. He managed to do this whilst remaining committed to prayer and devotion, earning him the title 'Saint of the Young'. Carlo would say: "Why do people worry so much about the beauty of their own body and not about the beauty of the soul?" Chris's choice of book, 'Listening to the Music of the Soul' was also a good reminder of this.*



## Easingwold & District u3a

The next speaker meeting at the Methodist Church is on  
**Tuesday 16th June 2026 at 2pm**

**From Page to Stage - 25 years of Costume  
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## OASIS

### Coffee Morning

Easingwold Methodist Church  
Chapel Street

**Friday 26th June: 0945-11.30**

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



## 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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or by telephoning 01904 557275

## IT'S GOOD TO SMILE

A little boy arrived home from Sunday School in tears.

"What's the matter?" his mother asked.

"Teacher asked all those who wanted to go to heaven to put up their hands."

"You put up your hand, I hope," said his mother.

"No," he sobbed, "You told me to come straight home."

*Copied from the June 1982 issue of  
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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](mailto:ecl.generalenquiries@gmail.com) with your contact details.**

One of our volunteers will be in touch.

## EDCCA: Easingwold District Community Care Association



### What can we do for you today?

**Foodbank/Foodshare:** For those in need. Available 24/7 call message line 07724 444750

**Befriending Scheme:** For those who would like someone to chat with

**Hub Club:** Tuesdays & Fridays, for people living with Dementia

**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

**Wheelchair hire**

**Knit & Natter Club**

**Weekly Crossword Club**

**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

**EDCCA's Coffee Morning:** Next monthly get together with cake: **9th June!!**

**Our next excursions are to Grassington on Thursday 25th June and**

**Bridlington on Thursday 9th July. Cost of each 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**

**or for car scheme on 01347 822598 or by email [info@edcca.org.uk](mailto:info@edcca.org.uk)**

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