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I am the Lord of the dancing fleas.
I'll eat you all wherever you may be,
I'll eat you all in the dance said He."**

*From "Bloopers and Blessings" compiled
by Judith Merrell*

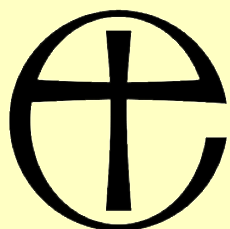
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From Rev'd John Hetherington



HALLOWEEN

We're now into the month of 'Halloween' which takes place this year on Friday, 31st of October, the very last day of the month. And it's followed on the 1st of November by All Saints' Day.

But what's the background to these two annual events?

No matter what the people of Southampton say, All Saints' Day has nothing at all to do with their Football Club. You might imagine that if it did, then they wouldn't be floundering at 13th place in the Championship (as I type this piece in September).

The old English word for Saints is 'Hallows' and in the past the 1st of November was always known as 'All Hallows' Day'. That's where Hallowe'en got its name – because it's the evening before All Hallows Day, hence 'Hallow – E'en'. This was the time that the baddies were allowed to get out and misbehave, causing mischief and distress, before the goodies came along the following day. It was a sinner/saint dynamic, with the good following the bad.

Now I've never yet met someone who wanted to be genuinely evil, but being a saint isn't high on the average list of ambitions either. Too nice. Too boring.

How about sleeping around instead? I know of someone who was brought up a good Christian, but then gave up, left university and started sowing wild oats... for fifteen years! Couldn't keep his trousers on - a mistress at home, and stacks of one night stands! How's about that?

Or how about another bloke I heard of, a chap whose Dad was very well-healed. He decided to spend a bit - well a lot - of Dad's cash. He bought any clothes he wanted, he bought the best food, the best booze. Party, party, party. Fancy that?

Or how about a girl I know of who was a real society type. Born into a posh wealthy family, she travelled widely over Europe mixing with all the right people in all the right places, being seen at all the posh do's.

There you go. Hallowe'en party types. You can keep the saints bit.

The problem is that God had other plans. The sex maniac became St Augustine, possibly the greatest Christian teacher of all time. He lived 1500 years ago.

The party animal became St Francis of Assisi, whose devotion to the poor and the animal world 700 years ago was immense.

And the bimbo? Well, she became the lady we used to call Mother Teresa prior to her death 20 years ago this month. And now she's known as St Teresa of Calcutta, a title given her that reflects a life of service to the needy people of Calcutta in the second half of the 20th and also the early years of the 21st century.

You see God has a habit of visiting the Hallowe'en parties to find recruits. Over hundreds upon hundreds of years it's people who seem to be the opposite of saints that God gets to work for him.

Too stuffy, too boring? Not on your life!

Just think, what might be God's plans for you . . . your badness clearly won't save you!

Rev'd John



ALL SOULS' SERVICE
EASINGWOLD PARISH CHURCH
SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER AT 4PM

This is a service to which family members whose loved ones have died in the past year are invited, but to which anyone who wishes to remember a loved one is most welcome to attend.

There will be an opportunity for you to light a candle in their memory, and for your loved one's name to be read out during the service.

A sheet for the names to be read out, in addition to those of people who have died in the past year, will be on the pillar noticeboard in church later this month.

Anna Chaplaincy – What is it?

Anna Chaplains are out and about visiting older people in care homes, cafes, groups and in their own homes. They visit those of faith or none and will talk about anything from God to 'what's for lunch'! Anna Chaplains love to talk but are mostly there to listen.

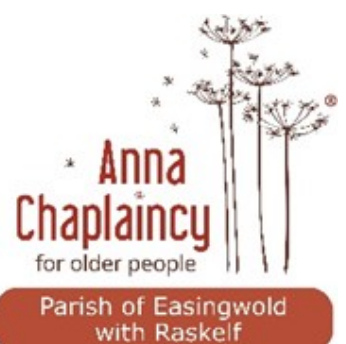
They hope to bridge gaps where other services are not able to help, to support the isolated, listen to the lonely, comfort the bereaved and sit with the dying.

They are privileged to walk alongside those in need.

If you, or someone you know, would like a visit from **Sara** our parish

Anna Chaplain please call 07985080161 or email

sarabeaumont.church@gmail.com



Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal 2025



Yes, it is that time of the year again. We have been asked by the local co-ordinator, Terry, if we will distribute Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes again this year, and receive the full ones. We are happy to do that, so the **boxes will be available from the church porch from mid-September**. Please read the leaflet that comes with the box. The full boxes need to be brought to church by the **2nd November** so they can be collected from us to go to the central collecting point.. Thank you for your support of this charity, needed more than ever this year.

A CLEAN SWEEP

Over the coming weeks at St John's we are gradually introducing 'Eco' cleaning agents and cloths into the kitchen and toilet areas at the back of church as we respond to the call to integrate **creation care** into our daily lives as an act of worship and obedience to God.

In the loo we will be using toilet paper made from recycled paper and handwash soap made from plant materials in a recycled plastic container. The toilet cleaner is made by Ecover.

In the kitchen there will be eco surface cleaner and washing up liquid and reusable dishcloths so please remember to take the dishcloths home and wash them with the tea towels after Sunday morning coffee.

I hope you will support us as we move forward with this small but important change.



Sara
Authorised Lay Minister

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. It only costs £13.80 a year for 365 daily readings – less than 4p a day.

Gina Smith - 01347 823843—BRF Co-ordinator



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Our next events will be

Guided Tour of Ampleforth Abbey

Thursday 9th October at 2pm (pre-booking required)



Beetle Drive

Friday 21st November from 6.30pm—8pm

At The Galtres Centre

Come and join the fun of this favourite family game

Hazel, Christina, Caroline, Julia & Sara



MIDDLESBROUGH ASYLUM PROJECT

We are going to Middlesbrough Asylum Project on Wednesday 8th October with winter clothing and bedding.

If you have any items to donate, please ring Chris Peel on 01347 823548.

Chaplain's Corner

Fall, leaves, fall

By Emily Brontë

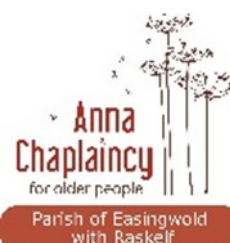
Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.
I shall smile when wreaths of snow
Blossom where the rose should grow;
I shall sing when night's decay
Ushers in a drearier day.

Loving God, bless us in this season of mellow fruitfulness. May the beauty of this world and the love that created it be expressed through our lives, now and always. Amen



Sara Beaumont

Anna Chaplain



SERVICES AND EVENTS: OCTOBER 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



Normal Services at Easingwold Parish Church

Sunday and Wednesday 9.00am—Holy Communion

Sunday 10.30am—Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd November at 4pm — All Souls' Service

See separate notice at the beginning of the magazine

Caring and Sharing

(formerly known as the Widows' Group)

will meet again on

Sunday 5th October

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

**Sunday 5th October
at 3pm**

Harvest Festival

**Tuesday 14th October
at 3pm**

Holy Communion

All are welcome at both services

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@btinternet.com
for more details or just turn up

Open The Book at Easingwold Primary School

Forthcoming dates:

16th October; 6th & 20th November; 4th & 18th December



Open the Book (OtB) offers primary school children an opportunity to hear key Bible stories told by a team of Christians from local churches, who present the stories during assemblies or acts of collective worship. Each presentation takes around 10–15 minutes and can be incorporated into a wider school assembly, or can be stand-alone.

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Friday 3rd October: Harvest Festival at 7pm

Sunday 5th October: Holy Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 19th October: Holy Communion at 9.30am

CHILDREN ALWAYS WELCOME



RASKELF— HARVEST FESTIVAL

Friday 3rd October at 7pm

donations to RABI (farmers' benevolent fund)
Refreshments will be served after the service.



NOTE FOR YOUR DIARIES

RASKELF CURRY NIGHT

FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER at RASKELF VILLAGE HALL

*All proceeds to
Raskelf Church Restoration Fund*



FURTHER INFORMATION TO FOLLOW IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE

WEEKLY EMAIL NOTICES

If you would like to receive the weekly email notices, which includes details on how to access "Zoomed" church services, please contact Sara Beaumont on this email: sarabeaumont.church@gmail.com

Christians Together around Easingwold (CTAE)



The monthly prayer meeting will be on

Saturday 11th October at 9am at the Methodist Church

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

Thursday 16th October 7.00pm
CTAE meeting at the Methodist Church

Come along and offer your ideas

"In unity God will grow his Church"

Readings

Eucharist

Evening Prayer

5th October

Habakkuk 1.1-4, 2.1-4
2 Timothy 1.1-14
Luke 17.5-10

Trinity 16

Nehemia 5.1-13
John 9

12th October

2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c
2 Timothy 2.8-15
Luke 17.11-19

Trinity 17

Nehemia 6.1-16
John 15.12-25

19th October

Genesis 32.22-31
2 Timothy 3.14-4.5
Luke 18.1-8

Trinity 18

Nehemia 8.9-18
John 16.1-11

26th October

Isaiah 45.22-end
Romans 15.1-6
Luke 4.16-24

Bible Sunday

Ecclesiastes 11, 12
2 Timothy 2.1-7

From the Registers

Baptism

21st September: Vincent Bower-Bulmer

Marriage

6th September: Kerry Galley and Nigel Burton-Power



Funeral

23rd September: Edward Addison

Interment of Ashes

5th September: Ishbel 'Anne' Craig
7th September: Kenneth Hardy

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:

- ◇ Those unsung heroes in the area who raise money for a variety of charities during the year
- ◇ All who make music for our enjoyment; those who belong to the amateur dramatics
- ◇ All businesses situated along Long Street;
- ◇ Raskelf village hall and its activities

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.

We give thanks that a new Vicar, Richard Grant, has been appointed and we await the date of his coming to us with his wife, Tess. Please pray for them both as they plan this move and for us as a church, that we will be ready to welcome them among us, and to support their ministry. Please continue to pray for all who have already volunteered to help in a variety of ways, and that more will offer their abilities to enable us to fill the gaps. Our new vicar will not do that!!

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 in the month (11th October), as we meet to pray with folk from the different churches.

Nancy Kilburn, Sara Beaumont, Chris Peel

BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

The next meeting for Bible Conversations will be on

Tuesday 7th October — 10.00am to 11.15am

at 11 Whiteoak Avenue, Easingwold

Please arrive early so we can start promptly at 10.00am

If you would like further information, contact

Chris Peel (01347 823548) or Sara Beaumont (sarabeaumont.church@gmail.com)

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

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

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Why Not Pray?

Did you know that over half the people in the UK say they pray at some time or other and among these 20% identify as having no faith?

So why do they pray?

They pray because they believe God hears their prayers. He may not answer immediately or in a way that can always be understood, but he does answer.

There is no great mystery to prayer, it is simply a conversation with God and no special words are needed. You can pray silently or out loud, at home or out and about, but what is important is that you start the conversation.

If you would like to some help to get your conversation with God started please speak to one of us and we are happy to help.



Nancy, Sara and Chris

HRH THE DUCHESS OF KENT

Following the sad news of the death of HRH The Duchess of Kent on the 4th September, the Archbishop of York issued the following statement:

"Today, we mourn the death of Katharine, HRH The Duchess of Kent, who was born here in Yorkshire and whose Royal Wedding was held at York Minster in the city whose freedom she held. Katharine was an advocate for children and young people's welfare throughout her life. She taught and encouraged generations of young musicians. Millions will remember her comfort and kindness exemplified in her embrace of Jana Novotna in the final at Wimbledon whose Patron she was for many years. In 1994 her own deep and profound faith led her from Anglicanism to Roman Catholicism a moment the then Archbishop of Canterbury described as a 'personal decision of a devout Christian on a spiritual journey'. She was held in high esteem by all who met her and knew her. I pray for the repose of her soul, and that HRH The Duke of Kent, their children and all the Royal Family may know the consolation and comfort that comes from our common Christian faith. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory."

Stephen Cottrell
Archbishop of York

(<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/press-releases/death-hrh-duchess-kent>)

Easingwold & District u3a

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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 21st October

**The MG Sportscar
by Anthony Wood**

easingwold-u3a.org.uk



OASIS COFFEE MORNING

Easingwold Methodist Church
Chapel Street

Friday 31st October
0945-11.30

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**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.

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One of our volunteers will be in touch.

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Easingwold District Community Care Association



EDCCA are able to provide a number of services that can help provide support to the local community.

- ◇ Whether you are interested in having a **befriender** to give you some company or using our **volunteer car scheme** to get you to medical and other appointments.
- ◇ Our **Meals on Wheels service** provides a 2 course nutritious freshly cooked meal delivered Monday to Friday.
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- ◇ The **charity boutique** offers a wonderful selection of pre loved items, pop by and grab a bargain.
- ◇ We are able to **collect and deliver to you your prescriptions**, and carry out **small shopping tasks**.
- ◇ **Wheelchairs** can be hired from us for a small fee, our **Crossword Club** meets on a Monday, whilst the **Knit and Natter Group** meet locally.
- ◇ Our **Men in Sheds** project meets on Mondays offering friendship and chance to make things.
- ◇ We use local company Morse to provide our minibus outings, why not try somewhere new?
- ◇ Our **Food Share stalls** prevent food waste whilst our **Food Bank** can provide food.
- ◇ **Citizens Advice bus** visits the Galtres Centre once in a month.
- ◇ **Tea and Tarts** provides a monthly get together at the Galtres Centre, with hot drinks and cakes, free to attend, all very welcome. Tea and Tarts this month is on **Tuesday 14th October**.

The trips departing in October are to **Scarborough on 9th October**. Have a wander along the beach or take a stroll in the Italian Gardens or explore the castle. Don't forget the fish and chips and ice cream.

On **16th October we go to Harrogate** have a stroll on the Stray, wander around the shops and have tea at Betty's. The cost for both of the trips is £20 per excursion.

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

Weekdays in Easingwold:

Wednesday	9.00 am	Holy Communion
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 and the inclusion of special services which will be listed on page 8 of the parish magazine..

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



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