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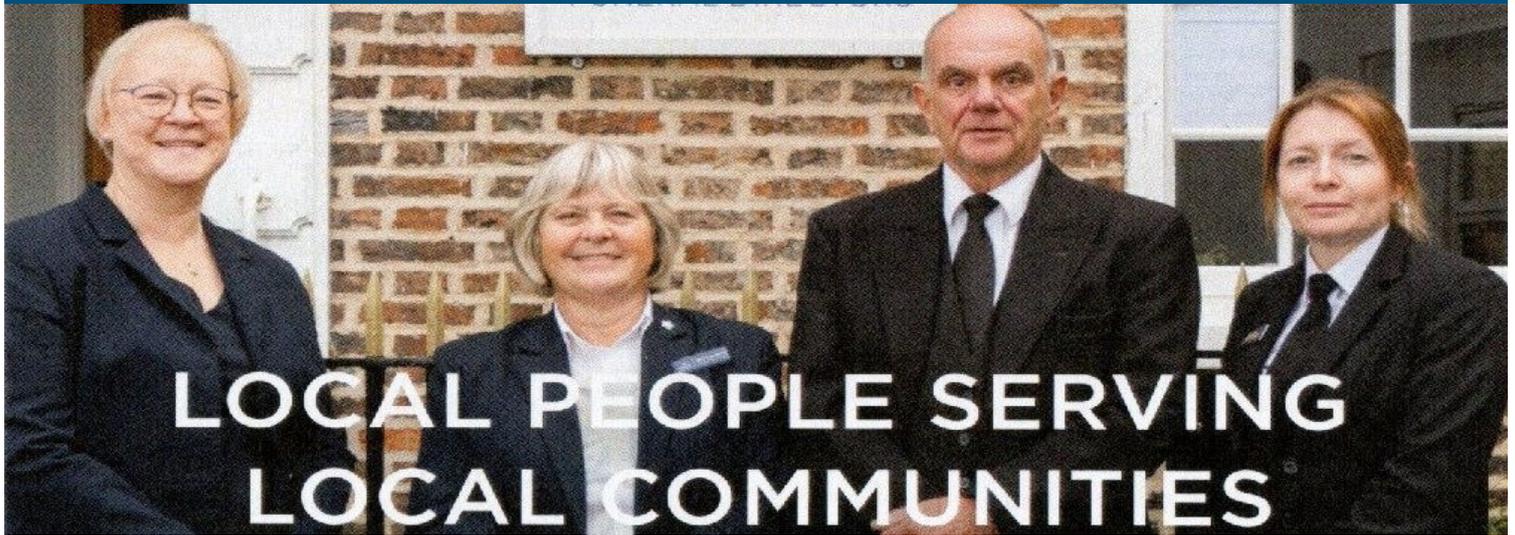
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Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows

ISAIAH 53: Verse 4

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		10.30am	Holy Communion with hymns
	Raskelf	9.30am	Holy Communion with hymns
2nd Sunday	Easingwold	9.00am	Holy Communion
		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



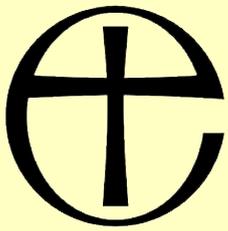
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Wednesday 9.00am Holy Communion

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

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

***Details of special services held throughout the year will be listed in
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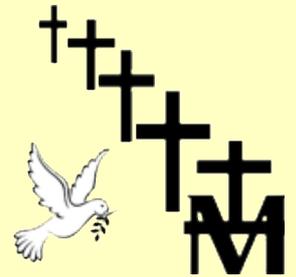


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St John the Baptist and All Saints Church,
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From Rev'd Richard Grant



Greetings from the Vicarage,

My ankle operation seems to have gone well, and I write this having made it back into church for the first time this morning. It's been frustrating being stuck at home, but the weather has been a help in that – I think there's only been one morning in the past three weeks where the sun shone and it seemed worth being outside!

But the seasons will change – as we move through Lent, the weather will improve and by Easter, Spring will be in full swing. Lent is an in-between time, of tension between winter and spring – and as T.S. Eliot put it, it's also 'a time of tension between dying and birth.' On Ash Wednesday we mark the start of Lent by reminding ourselves of our human frailty – that 'you are dust and to dust you shall return'. At the end of Lent we have Easter, when we celebrate the promise of new life in Christ. In between, we are invited to hold that Godly promise before us, and resist human temptation, just as Christ did in the wilderness.

Neither Easingwold nor Raskelf can offer much in the way of wilderness. However, I think it's still important for us to seek some form of wilderness – empty spaces where we can reflect, where we can focus on God. I wonder where that place is for you?

For me, that place has been running – pushing my body allows my mind somehow to shut out the world, and to place God back at the centre. Being unable to run means I'm missing that – something I need to do this Lent is find a new wilderness, where I can meet God without distractions.

Isaiah 40 reminds us that:

***'Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.'***

It seems odd to suggest that it is staying still which allows us to move, but that's exactly how it does work – the bulbs which have lain still under the soil are bursting into new life. I hope that you find a wilderness of your own this Lent, in which you can wait for the Lord, and in which you shall find yourself new strength and energy.

With my prayers,

Richard

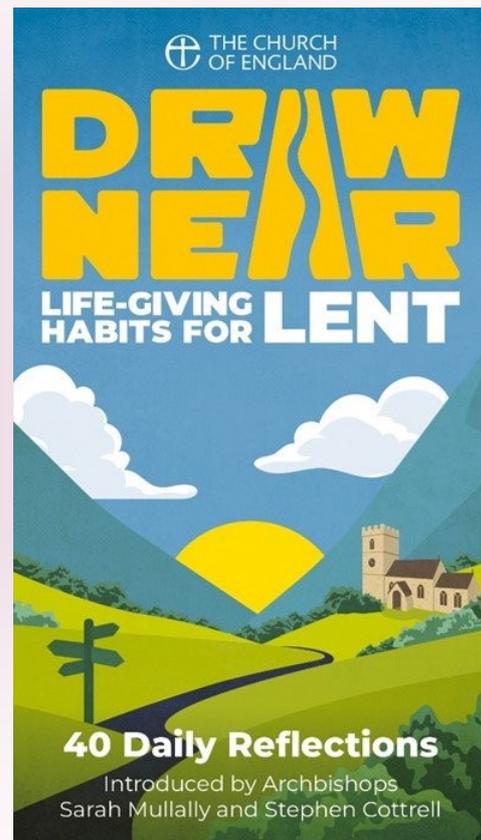
LENT COURSES 2026

This year's Lent Course uses material from 'Draw Near', copies of which can be found at the back of each of our churches.

We're meeting at
2:30pm on Wednesdays
in **Easingwold church**

to reflect together as we move through Lent
and explore different themes.

- 25th February: Sharing in Prayer**
- 4th March: Sharing in the Scriptures**
- 11th March: Sharing Communion**
- 18th March: Sharing in Service**
- 25th March: Sharing the Good News**
- 1st April: Affirming the Christian Way**



CHORAL EVENSONG FOR PASSIONTIDE AT EASINGWOLD PARISH CHURCH SUNDAY 22ND MARCH AT 4PM

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Please contact Peter Smith at
petersmith41@btinternet.com
to confirm if you are available to sing

Introit: Drop, drop, slow tears *Orlando Gibbons*

Opening responses: *Tallis*

Hymn: In the Cross of Christ I glory

Psalm 130: Chants—*H Purcell and E Rimbault*

Magnificat: *Thomas Walmsley in D minor*

Nunc Dimitis: *Thomas Walmsley in D minor*

Anthem: God so loved the world—*John Stainer*

Hymn: There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymn: Praise to the holiest in the height

All are welcome



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH—2.15PM

AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST & ALL SAINTS CHURCH
CHURCH HILL EASINGWOLD.

This ecumenical service is celebrated annually in over 130 countries, prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria. This year, the theme is

TOGETHER IN PRAYER, "I WILL GIVE YOU REST, COME"

This is usually a very moving service as we hear from different women about their lives and how their faith sustains them in the challenges they face.

A collection is taken and grants are given to various projects who assist women world wide.

All are welcome to join us.



Image from
<https://www.wwdp.org.uk/2026-theme-and-country-nigeria/>

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 in May. 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)

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 onerous 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 can help.

YOU and ME

.....bringing people together

Cake, conversation and games of cards took place in the Function Room at the Galtres Centre on Wednesday 21st January. It was very pleasing to see some people join us who have not been to "You and Me" events before. They were most welcome and we hope they will join us again. Everybody enjoyed the fun and especially the cakes!

A wide range of games were played including UNO, Flush the Rat, Snap as well as traditional games such as Whist, Gin Rummy and Black Jack. Canasta and Crib were also available. One table chose to play Dominoes.

A bright spot on a dull and damp January afternoon.

Our next event will be

Easter Eggstravaganza at Springhill Court on Saturday 28th March 2pm-4pm

Come and join the fun—everyone welcome



The You and Me Team

Chaplain's Corner

Hello! Have you missed me? It's good to be back.

Some of you may already know, but if you haven't heard, in the middle of January I sat in front of a consultant being given a diagnosis that no one wants to hear. Wham! I felt like I'd been hit by a bus and was never going to recover. Overnight my prayers changed. I wasn't angry with God and I didn't ask for cure just the strength to cope with whatever faced me and gradually with the love, prayers and endless patience of family and friends I started to dust myself down and get going again.

Two weeks after the initial diagnosis I saw an oncologist. Double Wham! This time it was a steamroller that hit me. Even with my nursing background I was overwhelmed by the volume and complexity of the information I was given. How was I going to cope?

God's answer came in the form of a friendly voice down the telephone offering me an invitation to join a research project at the end of my treatment. End! Someone was talking about the end of treatment. End! Such a simple word but to me so full of hope and promise.

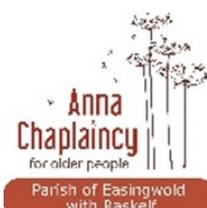
As you read this, I'll be a month into chemotherapy treatment and I know I'll have the strength to cope because I have the love of family, friends and my faith.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Sara Beaumont



SERVICES AND EVENTS: MARCH 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 15th March: Mothering Sunday service—10.30am

Holy Week

Sunday 29th March: Palm Sunday service—10.30am

2nd April: Maundy Thursday service—7.30pm

3rd April: Good Friday

Ecumenical service in the Market Place at 11pm

Service at St John the Baptist —2pm-3pm



Caring and Sharing

(formerly known as the Widows' Group)

will meet again on

Sunday 1st March

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 10th March

at 3pm

All are welcome, especially those who are unable to attend Church

Christians Together around Easingwold (CTAE)

The monthly prayer meeting will be on

Saturday 14th March 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"

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Sunday 1st March: Holy Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 15th March, Mothering Sunday:

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

BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

The next meeting for Bible Conversations will be on

Tuesday 3rd March —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)



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

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

1st March

Lent 2

Genesis 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

Numbers 21:4-9
Luke 14:27-33

8th March

Lent 3

Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Joshua 1:1-9
Ephesians 6:10-20

15th March

Lent 4: Mothering Sunday

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Micah 7
James 5

22nd March

Lent 5: Passiontide

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Lamentations 3:19-33
Matthew 20:17-34

29th March

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-end of 27

Isaiah 5:1-7
Matthew 21:33-46

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

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 within the area bounded by Uppleby, Spring Street and Crabmill Lane
- ◆ Those who use the cricket ground, tennis courts, bowling green and Memorial Park
- ◆ Those who work at, or visit, the Health Centre; district nurses and chiropodists; all those struggling with dementia and those who care for them
- ◆ Those in Raskelf who live in Westmoor Lane and its associated roads

One of many ways to pray

There are many ways we can pray and there are wonderful resources available. Here is one simple suggestion with a follow on next month.

Take one hand and look at:

- ◇ your thumb - pray for your church and community and family
- ◇ your first finger pray for the NHS and all medical researchers
- ◇ your second finger - pray for the Government and all those making tough decisions
- ◇ your third finger - pray for those in care homes and those working with the most vulnerable in our communities
- ◇ little finger - pray for individuals known to you and yourself

Each prayer focus for your thumb and each finger could itself open up into prayer personally, locally, nationally and globally.



Nancy, Sara and Chris

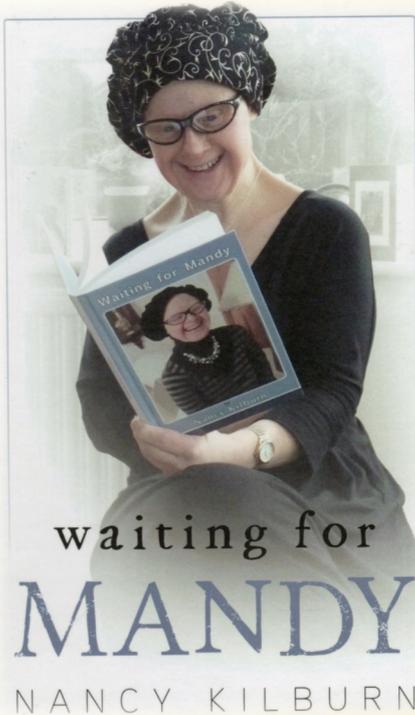


From the Registers

Funeral

3rd February: Kathleen Currie

“Waiting for Mandy” by Nancy Kilburn



“The beginning was when a tiny, blue, baby girl was put into my arms, on February 19th, 1964. The place was Iserlohn Military Hospital in Germany. I was looking at my new daughter and the newest addition to our family - now five of us.”

This is the opening to a book I have written about my daughter, Amanda Jane Marshall Kilburn who died on 10th March 2025 at the age of 61 years.

I wrote and published most of the book a number of years ago. It was written for my family and friends to read and learn about Mandy’s life and how important she became to all who knew her. It is also about her life as a Down’s Syndrome person. However, she was only forty eight when I did that and she then lived for a further thirteen years. I felt that it was only right that I should write about her later years.

The book is now complete and, at the suggestion of my great niece Rebecca, I have had it published on Amazon so that people can buy it direct from there if they choose. I also have a number of copies, all of which I am hoping to sell. Any money raised will be donated to the Alzheimer’s Society for their research programme.

I hope that I have done Mandy proud and that she would enjoy reading the book. She was a very special person and enhanced everyone’s lives with whom she came into contact. She loved being with us and enjoyed relationships with sometimes the unlikeliest of people.

I have called the book “Waiting for Mandy” because during her lifetime we spent a lot of time doing that but, as I say at the end, “it was always worth it.”

Nancy Kilburn

Spring is just around the corner.
Longer, brighter and warmer days



*“...all at once I saw a crowd,
a host, of golden daffodils...”*

William Wordsworth



***Don’t forget,
Sunday 29th March
clocks spring
forward by
one hour as we
enter
British Summer Time***

Easingwold & District u3a

The next meeting is on
Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 2pm
 when **Mary Smith** will speak about
A Schoolgirl's War through a unique archive of
 teachers' paintings and pencil drawings

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

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Coffee Morning

Easingwold Methodist Church
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Friday 27th March: 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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01347 239178

IT'S GOOD TO SMILE

A local newspaper report:

"The church was unable to obtain a donkey to lead the Palm Sunday procession, so it was lead by the vicar.

.....

A Sunday School teacher asked her young class how they thought Noah spent his time in the ark.

"Do you suppose he did a lot of fishing?"

"What?" said a lad, "with only two worms?"

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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

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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

Tea and Tarts: Next monthly get togethers with cake are **10th March and 14th April!!**

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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