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IT'S GOOD TO SMILE From Choristers

One Sunday the vicar of St John's
(*not Easingwold!*) - a keen abstainer—
preached that all beer and spirits should
be thrown into the river.

The choir then sang lustily:
'SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER'

A former chorister was asked why she
had given up singing in the church choir.
"I was absent one Sunday" she replied,
"and somebody asked if the organ had
been mended."

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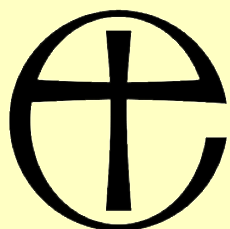
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OF ENGLAND

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**St John the Baptist and All Saints Church,
Easingwold and
St Mary's Church, Raskelf**

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From Rev'd Richard Grant



Hello!

By the time you read this, I'll have been licensed as Vicar of Easingwold and Raskelf, and will have moved into the parish. As I write this I'm still in Thirsk, surrounded by boxes, and life feels a little chaotic! I don't know what your experience of moving house is, but for me it's a real mix of emotions – it's sad to be leaving somewhere I have really grown to love and it's stressful to be uprooted and have to start over again with turning a house into a home, but I also love variety, and one of my favourite things to do is explore somewhere new. (I've already ordered a wall map of the area and am aiming to travel every path and road on it over the next few years.)



Underlying the whole move though is anticipation – I've had a few months to process the emotions, and I'm very excited to be joining you all in Easingwold and Raskelf. I've really appreciated the welcome I've already received from both the church and the community: at my interview, on my brief visits since, and more recently as I've start to talk to people and build a picture of the parish. It's fantastic to be joining such a friendly community, and I look forward to being settled in and able to offer hospitality as well as accept it.

My prayer for myself as I enter into my ministry here is that I would get to know people well, and that they will get to know me too. While I'm excited to explore this wonderful place, I'm here to serve the people – to serve you – and I can only do that well by spending time with you, whether it's in church, at the pub, in the street, at the parkrun...

So if you see me about, please do give me a wave, say hi, and tell me a bit about yourself – and be sure that I am praying for you, even though I don't know you yet.

Richard

REMEMBRANCE DAY IN EASINGWOLD

SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER



The parade will form up at **10.00am** in the Marketplace and depart to St John the Baptist and All Saints Church at **10.15am**

The Church service will start at **10.50am** but those not taking part in the parade are requested to be seated by **10.30am**

The parade aims to be back down in the Marketplace by **11:50am** for the wreath laying service

If there are any serving personnel, veterans or members of the public that would like to march with the parade or lay a wreath, please contact John Walker 01347 822949

ARMISTICE DAY

TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

There will be a service in Easingwold Market Place beginning at **10.50am**

A Piper will play from **10.45am**

A minute's silence will be incorporated into the service at **11.00am**



Chaplain's Corner

In Flanders Fields

By Lt. Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

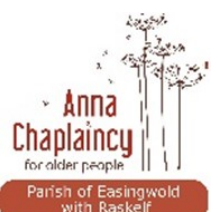
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Caring God, help us to remember the sacrifice made by others so we may grow old when they could not. Amen

Sara Beaumont
Anna Chaplain



Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal 2025



The shoe boxes to be filled are ready for collection and are in the church porch. There is a leaflet inside to explain what may go into your shoebox, and also a reminder that if you are able to contribute to the cost of sending, please do so by enclosing your donation in the envelope or, if you have paid on line include the bar code so the organisers know that your box is paid for.

Thank you to those who have already returned their boxes. All boxes, closed with an elastic band, need to be at church by the beginning of November.

If you are not filling a box this time, but would still like to support this project, then please put your donation into an envelope marked Samaritans' Purse and give to Chris Peel or put in the church pillar box.



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 October. A sum of £186 will be forwarded on behalf of the parish to this very deserving charity, bringing our total this year to £474. 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 (Tel: 01347 823548)

MIDDLESBROUGH ASYLUM PROJECT

A huge "Thank you" to all who have contributed to this important project, not just in October this year, but over the last ten plus years. The organisers have expressed their sincere thanks for all we have contributed over this time. This worthwhile project continues, and if anyone feels led to continue to take items to Middlesbrough 3 /4 times a year then do let me know.

Ian and I know it is the right time for us to stop delivering – partly through increasing age, though it was confirmed when we learnt this time, that from the end of this month, the M.A.P. base will be in Linthorpe Methodist Church and not where we are used to delivering to.

Thank you,

Chris and Ian (01347 823548)



YOU and ME

.....bringing people together

Drinks at the George

We started the 2025/2026 season with a gathering in the George Hotel on Saturday 20th September, a get-together for two hours which lasted a while longer!. It was a pleasant afternoon spent with a convivial lively group of people who discussed a wide range of topics.

An afternoon of peace and reflection



On Thursday 9th October a group of 18 people visited Ampleforth Abbey. The surrounding valley and Howardian Hills looked superb in the sunshine. The Abbey has stunning architecture, a peaceful atmosphere and beautiful natural grounds. It has been home to a community of Benedictine monks since 1802 but whose origins go

further back.. It remains a vibrant, working monastery that extended us a warm welcome. We had a guided tour led by Father Christopher which lasted an hour and a half. He explained how the abbey building developed, the normal day's routine for a monk and told us the lengthy process followed by anyone seeking to join the Order.

It was interesting to learn that the Abbey Church was designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott (famous for Liverpool Anglican Cathedral and the red telephone box.!) and contained extensive oak furniture by Robert 'Mouseman' Thompson. We looked closely for his signature carved mouse on the various pieces.

It was a lovely informative afternoon out, in good company, peaceful surroundings and crowned by a visit to the Abbey Tearoom to indulge in a variety of excellent homemade cakes!

It was very pleasing to see that for a few people, it was the first time they had come to a YOU and ME event.. We hope you will join us again. All are welcome.

Our next event will be

Beetle Drive

Friday 21st November from 6.30pm—8.30pm

At The Galtres Centre



Come and join the fun of this favourite family game

Hazel, Christina, Caroline, Julia & Sara



SERVICES AND EVENTS: NOVEMBER 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—All Souls Service at 4pm

A time to quietly light a candle and remember loved ones

Sunday 9th November

Holy Communion at 9.00am

Remembrance Sunday Service at 10.50am



Sunday 30th November

Advent Procession with Carols at 4pm

Caring and Sharing

(formerly known as the Widows' Group)

will meet again on

Sunday 2nd November

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

Tuesday 11th November

at 3pm

Holy Communion

All are welcome

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**

One of the most important aspects of our club, as far as the children are concerned, is the food. The children have a snack when they first arrive. However to go with the story of the Wedding in Cana we decided to give the children a bit more of a feast. They did enjoy that!



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

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Sunday 2nd November: Holy Communion at 9.30am

**Sunday 9th November:
Remembrance Service at 10.45am**

Refreshments available after the service



*CHILDREN
ALWAYS WELCOME*

Sunday 16th November: Holy Communion at 9.30am

RASKELF—ORGAN RECITAL

On Saturday 27th September St Mary's, Raskelf played host to a wonderful organ recital 'Heroism and Gothic Fantasy' given by John Dunford.

The recital was well attended and enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served after. A total of £376 was raised for the St Mary's restoration fund. Many thanks to John and all those who supported the event.



RASKELF CURRY NIGHT RETURNS

FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER at RASKELF VILLAGE HALL

DOOR AND BAR OPENS AT 7PM TO EAT AT 7:30PM

TICKETS £20 PER PERSON

To book tickets contact:

Judith Hawkhead 01347 824534 Pat Allen 01347 821139 Lynne Price 07807 217167

Email: Judith.hawkhead@gmail.com

*We rely on volunteers willing to cook a curry usually for approx 8 people
If you think you can help out please contact the above for more information*

All proceeds to Raskelf Church Restoration Fund

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Raskelf Carol Service with Easingwold Town Band

Monday 8th December at 7.30pm

Mulled wine and mince pies after service



Christians Together around Easingwold (CTAE)



The monthly prayer meeting will be on

Saturday 8th November 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"

Readings

Eucharist

2nd November

Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18
Ephesians 1.11-end
Luke 6.20-31

Revelation 21.1-7
John 14.1-6, 27

9th November

Job 19.23-27a
2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17
Luke 20.27-38

Micah 4.1-5
John 15.9-17

16th November

Malachi 4.1-2a
2 Thessalonians 3.6-13
Luke 21.5-19

23rd November

Jeremiah 23.1-6
Colossians 1.11-20
Luke 23.33-43

30th November

Isaiah 2.1-5
Romans 13.11-14
Matthew 24.36-44

All Saints

All Souls' Service—4pm

3rd Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Service—10.50am

2nd Sunday before Advent

Christ the King

Advent Sunday

Evening Prayer

Nehemia 5.1-13
John 9

1 Kings 3.1-15
Romans 8.31-39

Daniel 6
Matthew 13.1-8, 18-23

1 Samuel 8.4-20
John 18.33-37

Isaiah 52.1-12
Matthew 24.15-28

From the Registers

Baptism

5th October: Evelyn West/Barker



Funerals

15th October: Maureen Davies
28th October: Dorothy Cariss
28th October: Kathleen Baines

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 Councillors serving the town and area - their meetings and decision-making; their arranged activities
- ♦ The elderly living in the Park Close, Paradise Fields, Croft Close and St. Monicas's Garth area
- ♦ Youth work in Easingwold and Raskelf; all the uniformed organisations; COZIE
- ♦ Raskelf villagers' outreach and fund-raising activities for the church

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

BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

The next meeting for Bible Conversations will be on
Tuesday 4th November —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)

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT EASINGWOLD

We recently celebrated our Harvest Festival at Easingwold when a generous donation was made to Carecent and gifts of food were donated to the Easingwold Foodbank.

Afterwards we were treated to a harvest lunch of a superb selection of tasty soups followed by an equally superb selection of scrumptious desserts.

Many thanks to those who provided the food and also to those who served us and who had the job of clearing up afterwards. I am sure I speak on behalf of everyone who attended when I say how lovely it was to have this opportunity to share each other's company.

SueT



*The "You and Me" Team in
preparation for the Harvest Lunch
Photograph by Sara Beaumont*

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.

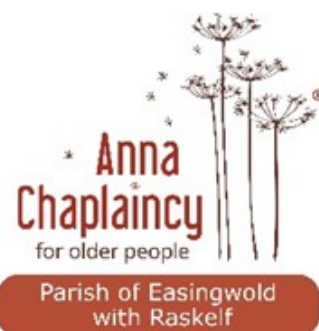
They hope to bridge gaps where other services are not able to help, to support the isolated, listen to the lonely, comfort the bereaved and sit with the dying.

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



Open The Book at Easingwold Primary School

Forthcoming dates: 6th & 20th November; 4th & 18th December

For further information please contact Andrew Neville-Smith at
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Easingwold & District u3a

COME & JOIN US - £15 per year

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 18th November

**Hiding in Plain Site
(story of the humble milestone)
by Hilary Jones**

easingwold-u3a.org.uk



OASIS

Coffee Morning

Easingwold Methodist Church
Chapel Street

Friday 28th November 2025

9.45am to 11.30am

All are welcome to join us and enjoy a friendly chat.



There will be an opportunity
to buy Christmas cards and
assorted chocolates,
supporting local charities



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.

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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 0772 44 44 7507

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

Tea and Tarts: Monthly get together with cake!!

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

Minibus: There are regular trips to various destinations : On 5th November we head to Northallerton where you can pick up a bargain at the market, go to the cinema or browse the shops. Then on 20th November York Designer Outlet, why not do some early Christmas shopping. The cost of each trip is £20.

On Saturday 6th December, we will be having a stall at the Galtres Christmas Fair. We will have our popular bottle tombola plus a selection of beautiful handmade knitted items.

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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