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December'23 & January'24



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and the New Year**

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Welcome to the "Bumper Issue" of the Parish Magazine which includes details of events for both December and January. Subsequent updates will be announced in church and displayed on the church website.

The Editorial Team thank all of our contributors for their input to the magazine, the Distribution Team for preparing and circulating the issues and to wish all of our readers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

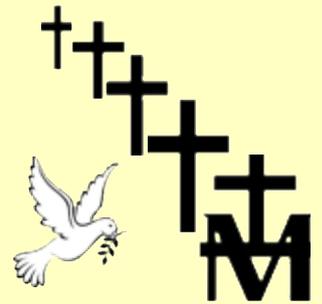
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From Rev'd Chris Peel



Dear Friends,

Margaret, our Vicar, has been unwell for some time, and wishes to apologise for not writing her usual letter for this magazine. We hope and pray that she will be fully recovered, and back amongst us, very soon.

Advent is traditionally a time in the Church's year of preparation, reflection and repentance as we look forward to Jesus' birthday at Christmas. Yet too often, we are swept along in the busy-ness of this season and miss the opportunities that Advent offers us to get ready for the coming of our Saviour. Will we be too busy buying presents and then wrapping and sending them, or perhaps ordering our Christmas food treats, or making cakes and mince pies? Or, will this Advent help us to stay focused and recover something of the mystery and excitement that Christmas itself ought to have? You may enjoy coming along to our Advent discussion on a Wednesday morning, which is advertised elsewhere in the magazine.

And this Christmas, will we make time to worship the Christ Child – the one born into our human world to teach us a better way of living? The one whose first and most important commandment is to "Love God and love your neighbour as yourself." What a different world we would live in if all followed this. With the birth of Jesus, we are also reminded of His death and resurrection through which we know Him as our Saviour; for He died so we can know our sins are forgiven, and He rose again promising us eternal life in His presence.

The New Year gives us the opportunity to give thanks for the blessings received (and we all receive some, even if it hasn't been an easy 2023). For the year to come – do we need to make any resolutions and if we do, can we keep them?! For me, I hope to be better at shining out my love of God, and His for me, among those I meet. I'd like to share more of this love with other Christians, and also those who struggle to believe. Joining the celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January is one chance to do that.

2023 has been a challenging year in so many ways, not least the natural disasters in many places and the wars in Ukraine, the Middle East and elsewhere. Jesus never promised our life would be easy! Let us hang on to the hope and joy that following Jesus brings us as we serve Him in this church and community, and let us continue to pray day by day for an improvement in the world situation.

Wishing everyone a joyous and peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Chris

EVENTS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



November:

Wednesday 29th, 10.30am Advent Course

December:

Saturday 2nd, 3.00 pm Easingwold Singers Concert
Wednesday 6th, 10.30am Advent Course
Wednesday 6th, 6.15pm Easingwold Tiddlywinks Christmas Service
Friday 8th, 11.00am Crib Service in the Market Place
Sunday 17th, 3.00pm Springhill Court Carol Service—all welcome to join us to help sing and enjoy a cuppa and mince pie afterwards
Monday 11th, 7.30pm Raskelf Carol Service with Easingwold Town Band
Wednesday 13th, 10.30am Advent Course
Thursday 14th, 11.00am Boot Shop Carol Service—Easingwold Church
All are most welcome to join this very special service
Saturday 16th, 5.30pm Easingwold Lions Carols in the Square
Sunday 17th, 6.30pm Easingwold Carol Service with Easingwold Town Band
Wednesday 20th, 10.30am Advent Course
Sunday 24th, 3.00pm Raskelf Christingle and Crib Service
Sunday 24th, 4.30pm Easingwold Christingle Service
Sunday 24th, 11.30pm Raskelf Midnight Eucharist
Sunday 24th, 11.30pm Easingwold Midnight Eucharist (*Also available on Zoom—TBC*)
Monday 25th, 10.30am Family Service at Easingwold (*Also available on Zoom—TBC*)



Advent 2023

Meeting in the Parish Church on Wednesday mornings

29th November, 6th, 13th and 20th December

at 10.30am

With conversation, coffee and cake.

We will be using the Advent notes from the Bible Reading Fellowship.

Books can be purchased for £2.99

CHURCH DECORATION

We will decorate the church for Christmas on

Saturday 23rd December from 10.00 am

All help will be appreciated



Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal 2023



A huge thank you to all who have provided a filled shoebox; items to fill boxes; a donation to help with transport and other needs; and time to help with sorting, packing and checking.

We have sent 104 boxes to Samaritan's Purse for distribution around the world. In addition, there was a surplus (about £50) after meeting costs, which we have also sent to help this very worthwhile project. So many around the world have absolutely nothing except what they stand up in, and so you have brought a little joy to a child through your generosity.

With all my thanks,

Chris Peel (Tel: 01347 823548)

“GROUP OF EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN”

The Group of Extraordinary Women is an informal group which meets in the Parish Church, Easingwold and which looks to see how it can enhance the community.

It is an opportunity to meet and have a chat, to make friends and to learn new skills or pass the skills that you have on to others for the good of the community.

Normally 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 7.00-9.00pm

December date: 13th

January dates: 10th and 24th

OASIS COFFEE MORNING

Easingwold Methodist Church
Chapel Street

Friday 15th December

Friday 26th January

09.45 - 11.30

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tea and biscuits, with
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ALL WELCOME

Easingwold Methodist Church

are holding an

Advent Children's Workshop

for Primary aged children

on **Saturday 2nd of December**

starting at 9.30am

with pick up at 12.15

Crafts, baking, fun and games!

Jesus, 'light of the world'.



Contact: emchildren19@gmail.com

YOU and ME

.....bringing people together



For our first event of the 2023-24 season, we met in the George Hotel on Saturday 3rd September. Twenty four people spent a pleasant afternoon in convivial conversation and friendly fellowship. A very enjoyable few hours accompanied by a drink or two of choice.

Our next event was the Curry Night on Friday 27th October held at Easingwold Cricket Club. An excellent modern, light and airy venue with parking and a Bar! The evening was well attended. Forty five people, both church members and friends shared four different varieties of curry or a beef stew alternative, There was the usual accompaniments, of rice, naan bread bhajis and mango chutney followed by a chocolate brownie.

On Tuesday 12th December from 2.30pm to 4.30pm, there will be an afternoon of Christmas Crafts in church. An opportunity to make a Christmas card, a table centre, a wooden tree decoration and icing models for the top of your Christmas cake and to enjoy tea and cake.

On Saturday 27th January the film “Fishermen’s Friends” will be shown starting at 2pm in church. Don’t forget your Popcorn!!

Open to all, everyone is welcome, and don't forget to;

Bring a Friend

Hazel, Lottie, Christina, Julia, Sara and Caroline



BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

We meet as usual on the first Tuesday of the month at 11 Whiteoak Avenue, Easingwold

Tuesday 5th December and Tuesday 2nd January

We will be starting promptly at 10.00am and will finish at 11.15am. All are welcome to join this group to reflect on and discuss a passage from the Bible and its relevance for us today.

Contact Chris Peel (01347 823548) if you would like further information.

SERVICES AND EVENTS: DECEMBER 2023

To contact Rev'd Margaret Young, tel: 01347 821394
or email: vicar@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org
The Vicar's day off is Monday

Children are welcome at all our services



Services at Easingwold Parish Church

Sunday and Wednesday 9.00am—Holy Communion

Sunday 10.30am—Holy Communion

(This service is also accessible on Zoom on 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month)

Saturday 2nd December—Easingwold Singers Concert at 3.00pm

Sunday 3rd December— Please note, there will be no Evening Prayer

Sunday 10th December—Family Service at 4.30pm

Thursday 14th December—Boot Shop Carol Service at 11.00am

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Sunday 17th December—Carol Service at 6.30pm

Sunday 24th December—Christmas Eve

Christingle Service at 4.30pm

Midnight Eucharist at 11.30pm

Monday 25th December—Christmas Day

Family Service at 10.30am

(Please note that there will be no Café Church in December)

JANUARY 2024

Sunday 7th January

Holy Communion at 9.00am

Holy Communion at 10.30am when we will be joined by the Methodists

Epiphany Carol Service at 4.00pm when we will be joined by Bishop John

Sunday 14th January:

Covenant Service at the Methodist Church at 10.30am

Family Service at 4.30pm

Tuesday 23rd January—Café Church at 7.00pm

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RASKELF

Sunday 3rd December: Holy Communion at 9.30am

Wednesday 6th December:

Lite Bite Lunch at the Old Black Bull at 12 noon

Monday 11th December: Carol Service at 7.30pm

Sunday 17th December: Holy Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 24th December: Christingle and Crib Service at 3.00pm

Sunday 24th December: Midnight Service at 11.30pm



Wednesday 3rd January:

Lite Bite Lunch at the Old Black Bull at 12 noon

Sunday 7th January: Holy Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 21st January: Holy Communion at 9.30am

CHILDREN ALWAYS WELCOME



Raskelf Carol Service

with Easingwold Town Band

Monday 11th December at 7.30 pm

Mulled wine and mince pies to be served after the service

Christingle and Crib Service

Sunday 24th December at 3.00 pm



Mothers' Union



Please note that there will not be an MU service in December

Thursday 18th January at 10am

Holy Communion followed by Coffee in the Parish Church

All welcome

Readings for December 2023

Evening Prayer in Easingwold is on the 1st Sunday in the month at 4pm

3rd December

Advent Sunday

Isaiah 64.1-9

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Mark 13.24-37

Isaiah 1.1-20

Matthew 21.1-13

10th December

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40.1-11

2 Peter 3.8-15a

Mark 1.1-8

1 Kings 22.1-28

Romans 15.4-13

17th December

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11

1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

John 1.6-8, 19-28

Malachi 3.1-4.4

Philippians 4.4-7

24th December

4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8-11, 16

Romans 16.25-end

Luke 1.67-79

Zechariah 2

Revelations 1.1-8

Christmas Eve Midnight Service

Isaiah 52.7-10

John 1.1-14

25th December

Christmas Day

Titus 2.11-14

Luke 2.1-20

31st December

Christmas 1

Isaiah 61.10-62.3

Galatians 4.4-7

Luke 2.15-21

Isaiah 35

Luke 2.41-end

From the Registers

Baptism

19th November: Bobby Lawson



Funerals

14th November: June Mary Evans
15th November: Robert Thomas (Norman)
24th November: Gill Wansborough

Readings for January 2024

Evening Prayer in Easingwold is on the 1st Sunday in the month at 4pm

7th January

Epiphany Carol Service

Isaiah 60.1-6

Isaiah 60.1-9

Ephesians 3.1-12

John 2.1-11

Matthew 2.1-12

14th January

2nd Sunday of Epiphany (Methodist Covenant Service)

1 Samuel 3.1-10

Isaiah 60.9-22

Revelations 5.1-10

Hebrews 6.17-7.10

John 1.43-end

21st January

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Genesis 14.17-20

Jeremiah 3.21-4.2

Revelation 19.6-10

Titus 2.1-8, 11-14

John 2.1-11

28th January

Candlemas

Malachi 3.1-5

Haggai 2.1-9

Hebrews 2.14-18

John 2.18-22

Luke 2.22-40

Open The Book at Easingwold Primary School

14th December

Dates for the new term to be announced

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



Children's Church Services at Easingwold



LITTLE SEEDS

for 4 to 9 year olds on
Thursdays during term time
at 3.45pm
in the Parish Church

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Fridays during term time
at 3.45pm
at the Vicarage

Craft — Singing — Drama—Bible Stories — Prayers

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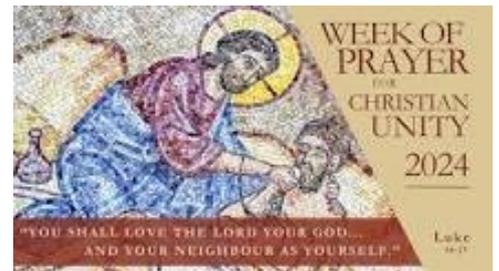
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WITH CAROLS AND READINGS
EASINGWOLD PARISH CHURCH**



**EASINGWOLD DEANERY ECUMENICAL CHOIR
SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY AT 4PM**

If you are available to sing in the choir on 7th January, please contact
Peter Smith at petersmith41@btinternet.com

**THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY
18TH – 25TH JANUARY 2024**



“GO AND DO LIKEWISE”

The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best known passages of Scripture, yet one that never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family.

In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity the Church is being challenged to stop and tend to the wounded and, in so doing, to recognise our own wounds as churches and as communities. Facing the reality of our own brokenness helps to connect us to the suffering of others from a place of humility and deep empathy, creating a sacred space of encounter inspired by Christ's healing love.

Dr Nicola Brady, General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

In choosing this passage of Scripture for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the churches of Burkina Faso have invited us to join with them in a process of self-reflection as they consider what it means to love our neighbour in the midst of a security crisis. There are also groups within communities, including people from ethnic minority backgrounds and people seeking asylum, who feel particularly vulnerable to violence or being displaced by the threat of violence.

Saturday 20th January in the Catholic Church

Fr George is holding a quiet morning for people to attend
and reflect on the Good Samaritan story in the context of the week of Prayer.

Sunday 21st January at 3.00pm in the Methodist Chapel

Ecumenical service led by the Community Church

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 circle of people will pray for you/them.



If you would like prayers, please contact Rev'd Lottie Cranfield on 07807 941528.

Please include in your prayers for December:

- ◆ All Christmas planning and activities; that all may think of others less fortunate than themselves
- ◆ Those who will be alone this Christmas - the poor; the homeless; refugees; all those who feel forgotten and unloved
- ◆ Easingwold and District Churches Together – shared worship and activities
- ◆ Charities and individuals who support not only those especially in need at this time, but also throughout the year

...and for January:

- ◆ All who live and work east of Crabmill Lane, York Road and along the Stillington Road.
- ◆ Those who use, and those who work at, the Golf Club and Football Club.
- ◆ All who maintain essential services – water, gas, electric, street cleaners, refuse collectors, post office workers
- ◆ Those who live by the Easingwold Road in Raskelf; the cricket club

MEN'S SHED—EASINGWOLD

The Easingwold District Community Care Association have kindly funded a Men's Shed which is now positioned in front of Easingwold football ground on Stillington Road.



Men's Sheds are similar to garden sheds – a place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practice skills and enjoy making and mending. The difference is that garden sheds and their activities are often solitary in nature while Men's Sheds are the opposite. They're about social connections and friendship building, sharing skills and knowledge, and of course a lot of laughter.

The Shed is open on Mondays between 10am and 4pm

Should you be interested in attending (or have any tools to donate) then please email shed@edcca.org.uk or contact either

CHURCH SERVICES



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| 1st Sunday: | <i>Easingwold</i> | 9.00 am Holy Communion |
| | | 10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns |
| | | 4.00 pm Evening Prayer/Evensong |
| | <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) |
| | | 4.30 pm Family Service |
| 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:

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| 4th Tuesday | 7.00 pm Café Church—for those exploring faith |
| Wednesday | 9.00 am Holy Communion |
| 2nd & 4th Wednesdays | 7.00-9.00pm—Women's Group in the Parish Church |
| 3rd Thursday | 10.00 am Mothers' Union Holy Communion |
| Thursday | 3.45 pm in church—Little Seeds for 4-9 year olds (term time) |
| Friday | 3.45 pm at the Vicarage —Ignite for 10 years + (term time) |



Christians Together

United in prayer for the Community of Easingwold

Saturday 9th December and Saturday 13th January

at The New Inn (Morning Coffee—Afternoon Tea) on Long Street
from 8.45am for coffee/tea—prayer begins at 9.00am until 9.45am

*Please contact Rev'd Lottie Cranfield on 07807 941528 if you have any questions
or would like to find out more information about Christians Together.*

"In unity God will grow his church"

Christians Together Men's Breakfast



The next men's breakfast meetings are to be held on

Saturday 9th December and Saturday 13th January

**at 10am following the Christians Together prayer meeting
in Morning Coffee Afternoon Tea, Long Street Easingwold.**

Anyone is welcome to join us for breakfast and a time of fellowship.

If you would like to join us then please just come along or, if you would like further details,
please contact me, **David Brown**, at david@dkbassociates.co.uk or on **07789 900 939**.

How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity (Psalm 133v1)

JOSEPH AND THE MINCE PIES

I hoped my mum was not going to be angry with me. It was my birthday and she wanted me to have something special, but she doesn't have very much money. Since my Dad died a couple of years ago, she has struggled to make ends meet. She takes in washing and sells some of the stuff she can grow, as well as eggs from the chickens and some milk from the cow. I help her as much as I can, but she says I must go to the little school that the Rabbi runs, so I can't help her all the time. And I want to learn as much as I can so that when I grow up I may be able to get a proper job and look after her when she gets old.

But, as I said, it was my birthday, so she got out her last few coins and said:

"Joseph, run down to the Bethlehem Bakery and get two of those little pies he makes, with the figs and dried fruit. We can have them as a special treat for your birthday, after supper."

So I held the coins very tightly and set off through the village. It was very busy, with lots of people about, because the Roman Emperor had said that everybody had to go back to their home village to be counted (so the Romans can get more money out of us, the Rabbi says). Also, the Roman soldiers around were drinking and making a lot of noise: I heard somebody say that they are celebrating the feast of one of their gods - Saturn. It's very strange that the Romans have many gods, surely they can't worship them all? Anyway, there is of course only one God, as the Rabbi says, who helped get our people out of Egypt a long time ago.

I went very carefully, trying to avoid the crowd and the soldiers who were staggering around. You have to be very careful not to upset the Romans - a while ago my friend little Samuel accidentally kicked a ball against a soldier's legs and he got a real thrashing.

Anyway, I bought the last two pies in the shop (he had almost sold out because of all the people around) and set off back past the inn. It was dark by this time. Next to the inn there is an old lean-to stable, where the innkeeper puts a few animals during the winter and I was surprised to see there was a light flickering inside (the animals don't usually read bedtime stories!) So I looked inside and there was a beautiful lady dressed in a blue robe, with her husband! And in the manger used to feed the beasts there was a tiny baby, wrapped in cloths and lying on some straw to keep him warm. They told me that there were no rooms free at the inn next door, but the man had said they could shelter in his stable. I said I was sorry I didn't have a present for the baby, but they both looked a bit hungry, so I asked if they would like the pies, and they were very grateful.

I thought I was going to be in big trouble when I got home and told my mum about the baby and what I had done. But she gave me a big hug and a kiss - and started crying! Funny things, mums!





The PCC are looking to move the management of regular donations to the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). A secure and simple way of giving to your local church, with no extra cost to you and cost-savings for your church.

During December information will be given out to the congregations in both Easingwold and Raskelf with a view to starting the change over in the new year. For those who are existing regular donors this will replace your standing order. The PGS is also open to new donors for regular giving and one-off gifts.

For more information, visit parishgiving.org.uk or email Christine Hake (our PGS Lead) at chrislomax.hake@gmail.com

YPRES POPPY PARADE AND REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

Last month I joined with others at the Menin Gate, Ypres for the annual Remembrance ceremony which this year was the 105th Anniversary of the Armistice.

On the previous day we went on a tour of the battlefields which included a visit to Langemarck German War Cemetery where more than 44,000 German soldiers are buried. This brought home to me that it was not just “our boys” who gave the ultimate sacrifice but that Germany also lost young men who left behind grieving families.

The weather that day was atrocious, heavy rain filling the fields with standing water. It made me appreciate that, whilst we on the tour could shelter in the warm coach, those men out in the field had nowhere but muddy trenches. They existed in the filth, the cold and the knowledge that at any time they would die, if not from direct shell fire, from disease or drowning in the mud and water filled craters.

We also visited Tyne Cot Cemetery where I paid my respects and laid Remembrance crosses for 2/Lt George Sturdy from Easingwold and to my maternal grandmother’s first husband, L/Cpl Harry Lee. Harry’s sacrifice meant that four generations of my family now live. None could be more true than the line from the Kohima epitaph, “For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today”

On Armistice Day itself we were blessed with sunshine. After attending a service (in Flemish) at St Martin’s Cathedral, we watched the Parade, led by Ypres Surrey Pipes and Drums band, to the Menin Gate where the 11 o’clock Service of Remembrance was held which included a “poppy drop” from the bell tower of the Cloth Hall and the unfurling of the Ypres Peace Flag.

At 8pm, we attended the “Last Post” ceremony. Whilst held every night at that time, this was a special Armistice Day ceremony which included the Piper playing “Highland Cathedral” accompanied by the Devon Fire and Rescue Service Band and the West Yorkshire Police Band.

Sue Thorn



(Due to current restoration work on the Menin Gate Memorial, the ceremony and wreath laying took place at the far side of the Memorial.)

Food for thought?

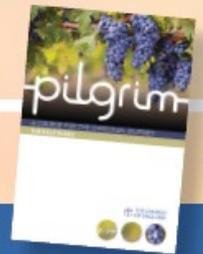
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Join a small group exploring The Pilgrim Course

Where? 6 The Pastures, Easingwold, YO61 3SH

When? 7pm on 25 January 2024

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Sara Beaumont on 07985 080161 email: sarabeaumont13@gmail.com

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Easingwold District Community Care Association

*Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
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01347 822875 or by email info@edcca.org.uk*





MORNING COFFEE AFTERNOON TEA AT THE NEW INN

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Thursday 8.00am to 7.30pm

Friday & Saturday 8.00am to 8.30pm

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Driven by our Christian faith we support the community in offering voluntary placements and funding to local organisations.

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Christian Meditation



Most Fridays at
2.30 pm to 3.15 pm at the
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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!

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