

Easingwold with Raskelf Churches

2023 Annual Reports

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St John the
Baptist and
All Saints,
Easingwold



St Mary's,
Raskelf

REPORT OF THE EASINGWOLD & RASKELF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St John the Baptist and All Saints Church is situated in Easingwold and St Mary's Church is situated in Raskelf. It is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Church Hill, Easingwold, York YO61 3JT.

PCC Members

The following persons served as members and trustees of the PCC during 2023

The Rev'd Margaret Young (Vicar and Chairman)

The Rev'd Charlotte Cranfield (Associate Minister)

Pat Allen (Churchwarden till May 23) (26)

Diane Gallon (lay chair) (24)

Alan Hake (and Deanery Synod Representative) (23)

Ken Gillance (25)

Pat Gillance (25)

Hazel Henebury (Hon. Secretary) (25)

Peter Simpson (26)

Michael Hughes (and Deanery Synod Representative) (23)

Kamal Antoun (Hon. Treasurer) (26)

Alizon Leese (Church Warden and Deanery Synod Representative) (24)

Barbara McPherson (24)

Lynne Price (26)

Shirley Shepherd (24)

Laura Varney (Churchwarden from May 23)

Sara Beaumont (26)

Safeguarding officer: Laura Varney

All clergy in the Deanery are Ex Officio but only the above take up their right to come to this PCC.

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission.

Elections to the PCC are held annually. All members of the church electoral roll are entitled to vote and stand for election. They can serve for either one, two or three years, except for the ex-officio Deanery Synod members who are elected for a period of three years. A person who has served as a churchwarden for six successive periods of office is disqualified from being chosen for the office until the annual meeting of parishioners to elect churchwardens in the next year but one following the date on which that person vacated office at the end of the last such period. This is in accordance with The Churchwardens Measure 2001.

There is also provision for the co-option of members onto the PCC and the Incumbent is the Chairman and an ex-officio member.

The PCC is responsible for:

- the financial management of the church
- the care and maintenance of the church fabric
- the care and maintenance of the churchyard

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The object of the PCC, administering the affairs of St John the Baptist and All Saints Easingwold, together with the Church of St Mary at Raskelf, is to further the work of the Church of England in the Parish and to do this in co-operation with the Vicar in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

To discharge these responsibilities, under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, powers have been conferred on the PCC to:

- acquire,manage,and administer property for ecclesiastical purposes affecting the parish.
- formulate and approve an annual budget for the maintenance of the church work.
- levy and collect a voluntary church rate.
- make representations to the Bishop, with regard to matters affecting the welfare of the parish.

4. REVIEW OF THE YEAR

There has been a regular weekly pattern of worship throughout the year and the general work of the parish has been maintained. For the details relevant to 2023 see the separate reports which include comments from the Churchwardens, PCC, Secretary and others.

5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The net result for 2023 across all funds is a surplus of £35,132 (2022: a deficit of £1,134). However, without the benefit of a generous legacy amounting to £25,000, fundraising income in Raskelf of £5,077, grants received from the two councils of £6,124 and drawdown from the three Easingwold trusts of £21,494, the net result across all funds would have been a deficit of £22,563.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds, including legacies, were £104,102 (2022: £88,272), of which £41,169 (2022: £41,968) was unrestricted planned voluntary donations, and a further income of £10,274 (2022: £10,051) from Gift Aid. Overall giving to support the work of the two churches has been maintained at a very similar level to 2022.

The Diocesan Free will offering for the year 2023 was £67,000 (2022: £66,000). For 2024, the payment has been increased to £68,000. This contribution goes towards provision of stipends, housing and Diocesan expenses and is a voluntary but expected contribution. The Diocese have indicated that a contribution of £70,000 would be expected by the year 2030.

5.1 Restricted and Other Designated Revenue Funds:

Under the Charities Act accounting regulations, the restricted and designated funds must be identified separately.

The restricted funds are the Church Fabric Fund, Missions Fund and the Raskelf R&D Fund. The designated funds are the Parish Church Rooms Fund and the Raskelf General Fund.

Following the sale of the Parish Church Rooms (PCR), the PCC passed a motion on 20th March 2024 to close the no longer needed PCR Fund and to transfer its balance (around £5.5K) to the Easingwold General Unrestricted Fund.

Full details of income and expenditure are provided in the financial statements and a summary with reconciliation figures to the net assets is shown in the report.

5.2 Investments & Capital Reserves:

These are shown at cost value in the PCC Balance Sheet of the Financial Statements. Market valuations, where available, are shown in the notes to the accounts, for information.

5.3 Revenue Reserves Policy

It is the PCC policy to maintain a balance on non-restricted funds which equates to approximately six months' unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance on unrestricted and designated funds as at 31st December 2023 is satisfactory for this purpose.

5.4 Other Accounting Considerations

As in previous years, the accruals basis of accounting has been applied in the production of the Financial Statements and the PCC is registered with the Charity Commissioners in accordance with The Charities Act 2011, the registration number being 1145021.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The full PCC met seven times during the year in addition to the annual meeting held in May.

AIM AND PURPOSES

Easingwold and Raskelf Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Margaret Young, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Parish Rooms on Tanpit Lane, Easingwold.

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Easingwold and Raskelf PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the “Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishop’s guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).”

The Diocese provides information and support.

The PCC has put processes in place for the assessment of the Disclosure and Barring Service through the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service. All members of the PCC are required to have DBS clearance.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

During the past year all DBS checks have been processed in line with the Church of England’s new guidelines. All renewals are now up to date and will be renewed on a three yearly basis from now on. Training is now online and can easily be undertaken in manageable chunks at home. Basic and Foundation training is renewed when DBS checks are updated, keeping all PCC members and those working with children abreast of the latest procedures. Diocese have introduced regular sessions for safeguarding leads and these take place on zoom.

It is possible to sign up to these sessions when convenient enabling all members to share good practice (<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>). Also the safeguarding week continues to run in November offering all church members a weeks’ worth of safeguarding training to sign up and attend. These sessions are largely also online, allowing for folks to attend from the comfort of their own home. I have found the new online safeguarding dashboard to be a useful tool for checking that guidelines have been followed and procedures are in place. Thank you to all members of the congregation and volunteers for their understanding of our safeguarding procedures and for completing the online forms and webinars when requested.

Laura Varney

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week that our community find beneficial and spiritually fulfilling and that everyone will be welcomed at. For example: Evensong provides a quieter meditative space whilst our mid-morning Sunday services provide outgoing worship which is more attractive to younger people.

We continued with Ignite, our Fresh Expressions, for the young people, and we have started a new group for infant school ages on a Thursday night called Little Seeds. Our monthly afternoon family service is better attended.

Marko looks after our meditation group at the Galtres. Our new Women's group continues with new craft skills being learned at these sessions.

We still hold our 10.30am service on Zoom twice a month.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

IGNITE

Ignite continues to meet on a Friday afternoon during term time. Andrew Neville-Smith and Margaret Young lead this with help from others when one of us is away. Andrew has been helped by several volunteers during Margaret's illness. The session involves a Bible reading, discussion and some form of activity ranging from games on the computer to cooking. Ignite remains at 5 or 6 children with an age range of approx. 9-15 years old. As the children are getting older, we have been able to start thinking about ethical issues as part of our discussions.

LITTLE SEEDS

Andrew Neville-Smith has taken the lead with along with volunteers. This group was set up in 2022 and has grown, it takes place on a Thursday night during term time and 12-14 children now attend regularly. Their ages are around 4-8 years old. and is held in the church. The activities and discussions are age related. We are at the stage where it would be difficult to accommodate more children.

FAMILY SERVICE

This takes place on the second Sunday of the month in the afternoon. Children who have been baptised and their families are invited to this service. The numbers are slowly declining, especially in the last few months coinciding with Margaret's absence. There are always refreshments at the start of the service. This service has a more formal structure than the other groups but is only for 30 minutes.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The CHILDREN'S SOCIETY, formerly known as The Church of England Children's Society, is a UK charity, allied to the Church of England. Its aims are to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people, and to create a positive shift in social attitudes towards them. We as a parish have supported it for many years both through direct donations, and through individual collection boxes which are held by parishioners and in which loose change can be collected.

I am pleased to report that in the past financial year a total of £810.76 has been forwarded to the Society accordingly. This does not include private donations by individual members of the parish.

With many thanks, Ian Peel

EASINGWOLD CHRISTIAN YOUTH

The situation with JAM (Jesus And Me 11-18, Churches Together Youth Club) remains the same. We only have me, so we are unable to offer a church youth club. In the meantime, I continue to run the local Youth Club Cozie which is now twice a week and provides excellent support for the type of youngsters who used to come to JAM. There are a variety of activities, and we now use the Galtres football pitch once a week. We did lots of trips and recently the youngsters were involved in running our Christmas buffet for senior citizens which was held at the Galtres Centre. At Cozie we are lucky to have 4 paid youth workers. We also appreciate the donation we receive from the Church.

Alan Hake

OTHER SERVICES

As well as our regular services, there have been 1 wedding, 26 funerals, and 6 baptisms at Easingwold and 1 Baptism 2 Weddings and 1 Funeral at Raskelf

Our Harvest service at Easingwold was well attended and the Harvest service at Raskelf was followed by refreshments.

The Remembrance Sunday service in person and on Zoom, and the Armistice Day service was in the Marketplace.

Our Christmas Carol Service at Easingwold was online and in person. The Town Band were only able to get to the Raskelf service.

We joined with the Lions to have a Nativity from scratch in the Marketplace. This was very well received.

Our Advent Course and Lent courses were organised by Charlotte Cranfield and were well received.

Sunday afternoon services have a different feel, the 1st Sunday of the month is Evening Prayer or Evensong, and the 2nd. Sunday is the family service. We have moved Café Church to the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This is a service for those new to faith.

CHURCH MUSIC

I am grateful to our other organists – Bill Henebury, John Dunford and Ray Ross. We have managed to cover all the services at Easingwold and almost all at Raskelf. Thanks are due to Geoffrey Coffin for his continued maintenance of the pipe organ in St John's.

At Easingwold a small number of volunteers have sat in the choir stalls at the Sung Eucharist and given a good lead to the singing of the hymns and Eucharist setting. My thanks to them for their valuable support. We had five choral services sung by the Deanery Ecumenical Choir. This choir is made up of representatives from Easingwold and the surrounding villages. I am pleased to say that we have recruited more singers this year and this has resulted in a higher standard of performance. Peter Fletcher kindly accompanies the choir on the organ, and I conduct them. An Epiphany Carol Service in January was a new departure, and it went very well. We did a meditation in words and music on Palm Sunday entitled 'The Cross of Christ'. We also had Choral Evensongs in June for the Sunday designated 'Music Sunday' by the Royal School of Church Music, then in September and November (All Saints Sunday). I am pleased to report that the congregations at these special services have increased significantly this year.

At Raskelf in September we had an enjoyable concert featuring several local musicians including John Dunford on the organ, Ray Ross and Reverend Margaret. The church was virtually full.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Margaret, our Vicar, for her unstinting support of the music.

Peter Smith, Organists' Coordinator

BELL RINGING

The number of band members was well below pre covid levels.

We were grateful for support received from neighbouring towers, especially Thirsk and Kilburn. Regretfully, even with support, we were not always able to raise a band for Sunday Service ringing. There were just two wedding parties who requested bells in 2023, the lowest number in recent years. On the 6th of May, along with churches throughout the land we rang to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The condition of the bells has deteriorated, and they are becoming increasingly difficult to ring. In September, they were inspected by a firm of bellhangers who

identified work necessary to restore them to good working order The Church Clock was stopped for most of the year while the maintenance company sourced/fabricated spare parts.

Postscript 1: Good news! It became fully operational on the 5th of January 2024

Postscript 2: We are always looking for new recruits. Ringing is well within the capabilities of most people (ages 10+) and great exercise. Why not climb the few steps up to the ringing room on a Thursday evening? We are a friendly bunch, and you will be most welcome.

THE PARISH ROOMS

The Parish Rooms were sold at end of the year.

PUBLICITY

Tim Young has set up and continues to develop the Churches' website. The site can be viewed on the link: <http://easingwoldraskelfanglican.org/>.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER'S and DEACONS' REPORT

Lottie Cranfield - Assistant Minister and Chris Peel - Vocational Deacon (retired but busy and active!)

Visiting is a very important part of our outreach and we have been taking communion to people in their homes. Alongside the usual visiting,

Primula plants for Mother's Day were given to the ladies at church but also delivered to the ladies of the church family who we visit regularly throughout the year.

The Monthly services in Springhill Court continue, with many of the residents coming to join in and receive communion. Chris has been helped in this outreach by Sara Beaumont, and others There are also the special services for festivals, shared with people from the Methodist Church

I have visited St Monica's hospital as Chaplain most weeks, this is a great privilege and I meet patients who are local to Easingwold but also some come to St Monica's via York hospital to continue their recovery before going home; from as far away as Helmsley, Sproxtun and Hovingham.

Story time at the four pre-school nurseries in Easingwold is an absolute delight, the children welcome me with open arms. I visit twice a term to read a story and then we have a song. We had the children from Tiddlywinks do their Christmas concert for parents in the Parish Church.

The Primary school came again at Christmas this year and they did things a little differently because the classes are so big. They did three concerts back-to-back in order that every parent was able to come and watch.

The monthly Breakfast-time Prayers has been held at the New Inn on the 2nd Saturday of every month with a regular group of people meeting together, praying for each of the churches and for situations nationally and internationally. We missed the November meeting so that people could join in the Prayers for peace on the Galtres Centre Lawn.

The Prayer Circle is made up of a group of people who feel that prayer is part of their ministry. Each month, requests received from anyone in the community and the church family, and those requests, are circulated confidentially to this team. If you would like us to pray for you or someone close to you.

Rev'd Lottie Cranfield

CLERGY

The year has been one of optimism with an 'eye' looking to the future. Things are virtually back to normal after Covid with the option of wearing a mask being a personal choice. In May/June time there was a straw poll and people still wanted to have the bread intincted by the priest rather than share the communion cup.

We had a special service in February for everyone who has stood down from ministry. It was a service to give thanks for the work of Deacons, choir master and members, people on rotas, general helpers and everyone who has given their time in some way to the church.

Our Lent Course was on the film Rocket Man. This was about the life of Elton John and how we can see God in circumstances different to our own. It was well attended even though some people were not keen on the subject.

Our services at Easter were well attended, and the churches in Easingwold, all symbolically brought the same light into their churches. The Roman Catholics brought the flame from their service on Easter Eve to the Dawn service in the Marketplace. All of the other churches brought lanterns to take the flame back to their own churches.

Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Ascension Day services were not as well attended as they could have been, which was sad as they are some of the most important days in the Christian calendar.

Bishop John of Selby visited us on the Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist, and he stayed for the You and Me lunch afterwards. This was the last communion service that Bishop John would do for us as it was announced that he will be retiring in July 2024.

In September we had a baptism in our main service, it was a joy to have Myah Bavister and her family, and friends join us for this event. This was followed a couple of weeks later by Harvest Festival, at which some of the members of Little Seeds and The Boot Shop sang at the service. This was followed by a Harvest lunch of soup and bread and donations from this were sent to Carecent. Harvest was complimented on the Saturday evening with a You and Me gathering at The George.

In September Sara Beaumont began the Deepening Discipleship programme to develop in faith and service.

The PCC agreed that they would fund an administrator for the church, no one has been appointed since Sally Dixon stepped down, but Sara Beaumont has now filled this position.

It was with great sadness that we heard that our Associate Minister Lottie Cranfield is leaving us in the forthcoming year. We thank her for all that she has done for this church, especially when I have been on sick leave, and we wish her all the best for her new role.

Rev'd Margaret Young

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

October to December 2023.

Grateful thanks go to so many people for taking on different responsibilities during Margaret's illness. Alizon, Laura and Hazel to name but a few.

With the help of the retired clergy with PTO (Permission to Officiate) all the services planned from All Saints to Christmas apart from the Raskelf Christingle went ahead as planned. Robin Davill took the Remembrance Day service and the Weekend of Peace, with each of the Churches in Easingwold having displays in their churches. Thank you to the retired clergy.

Thank you to Chris Peel for creating and co-ordinating the rota and contacting the clergy, asking for their availability and filling the spaces. And ensuring that the church was opened daily.

During a very busy time with funerals, it became obvious that the extension to the graveyard, consecrated in 2012, will be needed sooner rather than later as spaces in the existing part were not immediately obvious. The extension needs a lot of work doing to it. A resolution has been found for graves in the immediate future which will give breathing space until the new area can be made ready but remedial work hedging is needed.

Thank you to the You and Me committee who have organised some good social events that have been well attended. A drink at the George and then the Curry night at the Cricket club were very successful and the talent afternoon was great fun and enjoyed by all.

The family service has seen a steady decline in attendance since June. The Women's group which meets on Wednesday evenings has worked hard knitting and crocheting to decorate the church for the coronation celebration and then with the poppies at Remembrance. This has all been greatly appreciated.

Rev'd Lottie Cranfield

RETIRED CLERGY

Thanks go to the retired clergy who have covered the necessary holidays and sickness Margaret has had. They, along with Lottie had ensured the services ran as normal. Robin Davill, John Hetherington and David Senior have continued to be exceedingly supportive in their ministry here along with Trevor Lewis who is often in the area and helps out. Easingwold is extremely fortunate that Robin, John, David and Trevor are here. They are very much appreciated by the vicar and all who attend their services.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are always needed. We would like to thank everyone who works so hard to make the church a lively and vibrant community. They include readers, intercessors, sidesmen, transport, flowers, visiting, teas etc. I am very grateful to you all and that you practice your ministry to others this way. This past year, Keith Atkinson has stood down from organising the readers rota. He has been a joy to work with and I thank him for his work and for Chris Peel who has taken this on.

I would like to thank everyone who helps by name but it is not practicable but there are a few that I would like to mention; Claire Harrison had volunteered to take on the role of a PCC Treasurer but due to personal circumstances had to step down at very short notice. Kamal Antoun has reluctantly agreed to take on the role but would like to stand down as soon as possible. Kamal is now being supported by Bill Henebury, Peter Simpson and Laura Varney. Alizon Leese and Pat Allen and latterly Laura Varney have been the churchwardens and have worked very well as a team, encouraging one another as they come across difficult situations. Hazel Henebury has been our secretary this last year and has been very supportive whilst in this role. Chris Peel deserves a special mention as she has liaised with many different people arranging cover whilst Margaret has been off. Thank you all, you have been lovely to work with too.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Zoom continues twice a month, and this has also been requested for some weddings and funerals and I would like to thank Tim Young.

Our magazine remains both in print and online. Many thanks go to those who deliver it, edit it, and provide information for it. Sue Thorn spends her time on the editing, assisted by Rev'd David Senior, Margaret Summerscales organises the delivery, and Michael Hughes who liaises with the advertisers. Thank you to you all.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Plans for 2024:

- To promote the Gospel and Christian understanding in the Parish.
- To make the church as welcoming as possible for families and young people.
- Continue to provide services on Zoom a couple of times a month so that the services are accessible to those who cannot attend in person.
- To provide a supportive environment for clergy to be trained, develop and flourish.
- To nurture people's faith.
- To continue to run services for new Christians and those looking at the Christian faith and see how this may be adapted to suit the needs of the community.
- To investigate further general improvements for Raskelf Church.
- To continue being an inclusive, welcoming church community to all who walk through the church door whatever age, gender or social background.
- To care for the lonely and those in despair
- To continue to give to those in need.
- To encourage schools and youth groups to come into church for special services.
- Look at ways to make the church more eco-friendly.
- To think about the future and how the church members can work together and plan for the changes that have taken place, are taking place and will take place in the future.

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

Laura became a Church Warden in April, and attended a workshop arranged by the diocese, with talks about money, building requirements and possibilities, and spiritual leadership.

Margaret, our vicar became ill in October, we must thank Lottie, who has since moved on, and Chris Peel for their hard work in either covering or arranging cover for our services.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ALL SAINTS EASINGWOLD

The churchyard has had problems this year. The path to the lychgate needs relaying, work with the architect on redirecting the water supply and an electricity supply to the lychgate started in 2023 and is ongoing. In the autumn our neighbour informed us that the lime trees had lost branches in a storm on to his drive. They have been checked by tree surgeons and were lopped and trimmed earlier this year. The dead ash tree has also been checked with a view to its removal. The fence round the closed part of the graveyard had been mended and the kissing gate replaced.

In June we had the inspection for the quinquennial report which we have since received we are now looking into it's recommendations.

The church clock has been silent for this year waiting for parts for the striking mechanism and was also stopped for six months, again waiting for parts but has been running since October.

The Parish Rooms were sold in December and the net proceeds lodged with the Diocesan Board of Finance.

ST MARYS RASKELF

There is on-going fund raising for the redevelopment. The alarm has been switched to remote maintenance and the lychgate has been mended with funding from the Parish Council.

Services continued the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at the new time of 9.30am. Coffee served after the service.

We had a special service for Easter day with over 20 people attending. The children enjoyed the Easter egg hunt after the service.

The Harvest Festival was in October with refreshments after the service. The collection for RABI was £245.

At the service for Remembrance the collection was for the British Legion.

The Carol concert with Easingwold town band was well supported and everyone enjoyed the mulled wine and mince pies.

Unfortunately, we were unable to have a Crib and Christingle service this year as there was no available clergy.

The Christmas Eve Eucharist was again held at 11.30pm and we thank Lottie for taking the service.

The Litebite continues the first Wednesday of the month at The Old Black Bull.

Various Restoration fundraising events took place including a Beetle drive, cake stall, Baroque Concert, afternoon teas and stalls at the Village Scarecrow festival and a curry night. One of the children in the village did a sponsored swim raising over £800. A birthday party held in the village had donations in lieu of presents and £844 was donated towards the Restoration.

We were also left a legacy of £25k towards the Restoration.

A meeting was held in the church (MY, PA & AL) with Irving Patrick Consultants to see if they could help us get the funding required to restore St. Mary's. They have experience of helping churches and were recommended by Keith Halliday at the DAC. They have produced a plan for helping us to apply for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and a small grant from the National Churches Trust.

The PCC agreed with Alexa Stephens (church Architect) to draw up the specification for all works and drawings. Volunteers still come in regularly to tidy and cut the grass around the church.

The lychgate panels and gate were finished in August and we thank the Parish Council for funding this project.

SSE fitted a new smart meter on 26/4. We are still waiting for it to be commissioned to work as a smart meter.

The alarm had an annual maintenance check and has now been set up for remote maintenance. It was suggested the system be wired into the mains. PAT test was carried out in April. The fire extinguishers have been serviced and the annual lightening protection check has been made.

MOTHER'S UNION

This past year we met monthly on a Thursday morning except in December. We held our annual lunch at "The George" on a Saturday in March rather than in January as previously happened. This was very successful.

In April we celebrated the annual Wave of Prayer carried out worldwide when we lit candles and heard stories about other members in Africa and Guyana & Suriname.

On the Sunday after the coronation of King Charles 111 we hosted the refreshments after the special service, and of course baked cakes to celebrate the occasion.

Our main fundraising event was a Coffee Morning in August. The congregation provided bottles for the bottle stall which was organised by Chris & Ian. Our thanks to them and everyone who contributed. We raised £350.00 towards the cost of maintaining the caravan in Filey.

The nationwide Christmas Appeal was to assist the expansion of an existing credit union in Tanzania. We contributed £35.00 from our existing funds, and this was doubled by the Big Give Trust.

We are very grateful for the support from Margaret and John.

New members are always welcome.

Margaret Summerscales

CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND EASINGWOLD (CTaE)

We are a committee whose aims are:

- to enable the churches in Easingwold and District, as pilgrims together, explore the Christian faith together, to develop mutual relationships, to seek a common mind and to make decisions together.
- to encourage the churches to worship, pray and reflect together on the nature and purpose of the church in the light of its mission – each church sharing with the others the treasures of its traditions.
- to take further steps towards fuller unity.
- Again, another busy year.

On the second Saturday of every month a group of people from the four churches who work together, meet for prayers at the New Inn (MCAT) at the beginning of the day for approximately an hour gathering to pray for the community, our churches, the world and each other.

Starting with The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Joint service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on 22nd January held at the Parish Church led by Rev'd Lottie Cranfield, with the Methodist Lay Minister Alyson Christie leading the prayers.

The Good Friday service in the Marketplace was arranged and led by Fr George. The Service of Light at 7.30am on Easter Sunday morning on the Market Green was led by Rev'd Margaret Young. Kathryn Lynam from the Catholic church brought the 'light' to share with us.

At the AGM Rev'd Lottie Cranfield was re-elected in role as Chairman, Brian Taylor re-elected in his role as Treasurer; We were delighted that Rev'd Ruth Duck the retired Methodist Minister is happy to continue as Secretary. The meeting started with refreshments and people sitting together in groups of four or five and chatting about what the Churches together would like to do in future.

Suggestions such as a quiet day and as Armistice Day falls on a Saturday, having another Peace Weekend. It was agreed that there would be no Pet service in 2023.

The Priory Garden Service took place on Sunday 10th September, on a very windy and wet afternoon, so the service took place in the Catholic Church and was very well attended, thanks to the RC church for their hospitality, the clouds disappeared, and we were able to sit outside with our drinks, it was organised by The Community Church and the speaker was Janet Crane.

On Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November a weekend of peace took place with the churches having displays for people to visit and see the different artwork poetry and stories. There was the gathering on the Galtres lawn linking hands and sharing prayers for peace.

At Christmas time, the Crib Service in the Marketplace was led by Fr George of the Catholic Church. The Secondary school band came and played the music, The children from the Primary school did the readings. The Town band joined us for the Carol service in the Parish church on Sunday 17th December.

Rev'd Lottie Cranfield

DEANERY SYNOD

The Deanery Synod met 4 times during the year as well as organizing 3 developmental days in January, April and September. Many important issues were discussed including:

- Generous churches
- Help with social media and communication.
- The role of the deanery synod and how we fit in
- Supporting lay and ordained ministry
- Growing our deanery
- York Diocese Rhythm of life
- Funding
- Making our provision as effective as possible across the deanery
- Planning for future whole deanery activities

At all the meetings there is an element of worship and fellowship that is always uplifting and the chance for all members to learn what each individual parish is doing.

Alan Hake

YOU AND ME

2023 saw the launch of You and Me. An initiative postponed owing to the Covid Pandemic. The aim was to rebuild the church community socially post Covid whilst reaching out to the wider community. All the activities did not appeal to everyone. It is not meant to be a 'club' as such but rather a hotch - potch of various events to pick and choose from. The aim was and is to bring along a friend or neighbour and transport can be provided.

The events held were an Afternoon of Poetry and Prose, an afternoon of 'My favourite Music', a walk at Sutton Bank, a Picnic in the park, Drinks at the George, a Curry Night held at the Cricket club, a Talent Show and a Christmas Craft afternoon.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - REPORT 1

The relevant guidance in the H&S Policy document has been followed, bearing in mind that the latter needs revision in the light of such changes as the disappearance of the Parish Rooms from our responsibilities.

In no particular order of importance, we can report the following.

1. The burglar alarm system, part of a church shared system overseen by Tim, appears in good order.
2. Ken arranged for the gas boilers in Easingwold Church to be serviced by Glovers of York at a much-reduced rate compared with what we had been paying British Gas. In any case, British Gas had ceased providing this service for some time without informing us of its withdrawal.
3. The lightning conductors have been checked.
4. PAT testing has been carried through Alizon. A few items have been added to future testing lists. It is not imperative that this is carried out every year although we have opted for an annual test up to now. Occasionally we find the odd danger which could be potentially lethal. This has always been, in the past, due to old equipment brought into church with faults such as faulty wiring and damaged cable. We still find equipment which looks as if it has been donated or just left casually.
5. Most fire extinguishers have been tested. Those not tested were not accessible at the time.
6. A fire safety review was carried out retrospectively for 2023 following the document devised by Ian Peel. No issues were found for Raskelf Church and no significant ones for Easingwold.
7. First Aid boxes were checked and found to be present and correct.

Ken Gillance, Alan Summerscales

HEALTH AND SAFETY - REPORT 2

Church List of H&S Items for Annual AGM Report – Part 1:

AUTHOR: Mr Kenneth GILLANCE –appointed at Last APCM (2023) .

I am grateful for the assistance I have received, in preparing PART 2 of this Report, from former Health & Safety Officer (Mr Alan Summerscales - AS).

In compiling the Report I have adopted the necessary Lay out of style and arrangement which have been used over several years.

In addition, I was provided by (AS) with (a) a set of keys to the H&S stored Filing Cabinet and also with records relating to the Protocols and published material applicable to the work of the H&S Officers. (b) Relevant security in relation to security in parts of the Easingwold Parish Church, and when required the Raskelf Parish Church (c) An excellent tool provided by AS in the form of a set of spread sheets, making simple the recording of the essential abbreviated data and Brief Notes fill out the pathways to the various Items for inspection and attention.

LISTS OF ITEMS TO BE MONITORED:

During the current/first year, and where necessary, an abbreviated 'Note to PCC' was prepared for the Meeting.

Since taking on the H&S "Annual Maintenance Schedule" a total of 15 primary Items were ongoing for attention in the forthcoming Church Year of 2023.

Previously – Schedule No.4 "Parish Rooms"

I have not taken on any part of the transfer by sale of the Land and Building long known as 'The Parish Rooms', situated at 'Tanpit Lane.' Which will now be removed from the H&S Maintenance Schedule.

Other Miscellaneous Items on the 'Current Maintenance Schedule' – (Schedules 10 – 15.)

Schedules 10 - 11: For many years the main Organs – E (Easingwold) have been cared for by the Resident Organist (Mr Peter Smith) calling on expert tuners and others as needed. Likewise with Organ – R (Raskelf). The same applies to Piano's in the two Churches as needed. I have no instructions to interfere with that method.

Schedules 12 – and 13: As Church Wardens, acting under the delegated authority of the Archbishop, within and without 'Church Buildings, Grounds' and 'ground works', they carry out their duties and have in general a heavy responsibility, bound by many Church Orders and Ecclesiastical Statutes. Within those powers and duties, carefully carried out, they should be able to execute good 'stewardship' for the benefit of the Church and Parish.

Schedules 14 and 15: These two Schedules relate to Schedule 14: The maintenance and care of the 'in house' Photocopier. This was supplied with a contract and is still under the period of the Contract.

Schedule 15: This Burglar Alarm System is still under contract and in good order so far as we are aware.

The Remaining No. 3, this 2023 Current year, the "Maintenance Schedule" Can be summarised Below:

Schedule 3: Gas Boilers - Easingwold Church - The two new Worcester Boilers installed in approx. 2015, were initially serviced by British Gas. Shortly afterwards, during the Covid 19 epidemic, British Gas withdrew all Contracts for Maintenance with "Commercial Contracts", leaving those customers without the help of annual Servicing. As a result, many firms were unable to get help with Commercial Servicing. Consequently, Easingwold Parish Church, like all others had no servicing or repair assistance from British Gas. They were unable to find alternative Engineers to replace British Gas. During midsummer 2023, we sought good commercial Boiler experts in York and engaged Glovers of York who can provide the specialist Service Fitters for our purposes. They were very willing to take on our Boiler Servicing and attended on 9th November 2023 after offering to provide this Service at an estimated price £125 for each Boiler, subject to any additional work which may be required. None was discovered. Church Warden Alizon was consulted and agreeable to the Job being Done. I was present throughout that afternoon 9th November 2023 when the Servicing was completed.

Schedule 2: Lightning Conductors – Easingwold and Raskelf Churches – Stone Technical Services - These contractors in Darlington are experts in the servicing of Lightning Conductors and are currently working here under a 5-year contract, attending each year. Their Administration Dept are highly organised and extremely helpful in every aspect of the arrangements. With a well ahead List of similar work, they provided a diary date for their attendance. They arrived promptly at 13.00 hrs and spent about 2 hours dealing with the Easingwold Church, before moving off to Raskelf where a similar exercise took place. Both jobs were completed within the afternoon.

Schedule 8: Electrical Circuits testing for both Easingwold Parish Church and Raskelf Parish Church - These tests are normally carried out at five-year intervals. The latest were tested last in Sept 2019 and the contractor MG Electrical (Easingwold) Ltd have been contacted by me with a view to checking whether they need to be tested this year. The contractor Simon advised that unless there are any hints of a fault in the Circuits, then they do not need to be testing until mid-2024. This is a very expensive process.

Schedule 9: Portable Appliances – Often referred to as PAT Testing - Normally done annually - These have been done for this year arranged by Alizon Church Warden. They will be arranged again during 2024.

Schedule No, 5 Fire Extinguishers both E & R - All have been attended by experts and all were certified as “in good condition”;

Schedule No. 6 Fire Safety - Dealt with by Alan Summerscales 2022 – 2023.

Schedule No, 7 First Aid Boxes - All checked in early 2023 by AS Completed.

Part 2:

1. Fire extinguishers. A couple of extinguishers were not tested, presumably because they were behind locked doors and were not accessible at the time. If we know when they are coming it would be helpful.
2. Portable Appliance testing. A similar comment applies here. Only the appliances that the electrician can see are tested. These need to be brought out on the day from cupboards and locked areas. Some untested equipment was found in the tower room, kitchen area, organ passage and even in the clock tower but this may have appeared after last year’s testing but needs monitoring.
3. Fire Safety Review. There were no outcomes from the Raskelf review. Easingwold outcomes are detailed above.
4. Thanks to Ian Peel for keeping the church path clear as usual.

**EASINGWOLD & RASKELF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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Income & Expenditure For Year Ended 31 December 2023
All Funds Consolidated

	2023		2022
Voluntary Income			
C1100 Weekly Offertory (Cash Plate)	5,582.63		7,205.52
C1130 Bankers Standing Orders GA	36,752.96		38,038.96
C1135 Bankers Standing Orders NGA	5,050.00		3,916.00
C1137 Parish Giving Scheme - Regular	100.00		0.00
C1139 e-Giving Device Donations	116.02		0.00
C1140 Half Yearly Parish Boxes	100.73		183.46
C1150 Donations Received - Other	4,355.20		7,637.01
C1160 Casual GA Envelopes	405.28		0.00
C1170 Funeral / Wedding collections	2,155.09		824.12
C1180 Baptism Collections	562.58		515.89
C1200 Gift Aid Tax Claimed	11,394.95		11,906.62
C1210 Gift Aid Received from PGS	25.00		0.00
C3101 Easy Fundraising Receipts	108.58		68.50
C3102 Stewardship	1,022.86		675.51
C3103 CAF Anon Donations	9,000.00		9.50
	<hr/>	76,731.88	<hr/>
			70,981.09
Activities for Generating Funds			
C3100 Fundraising Income	5,471.41		3,313.85
	<hr/>	5,471.41	<hr/>
			3,313.85
Investment Income			
C4200 Deposit & Investment Income	6,479.01		1,729.53
	<hr/>	6,479.01	<hr/>
			1,729.53
Charitable Activities Income			
C5200 Fees Received	13,327.82		13,961.82
	<hr/>	13,327.82	<hr/>
			13,961.82
Other Income			
C2100 Grants Received	6,164.00		5,465.00
C2150 Trusts Drawdown	21,493.58		12,467.37
C2200 Bequests and Legacies	25,000.00		1,000.00
C3500 Magazine Sale Receipts	914.80		802.70
C3510 Magazine Advertising Receipts	990.10		973.34
C3800 You and Me Events	216.50		0.00
	<hr/>	54,778.98	<hr/>
			20,708.41
TOTAL INCOME		<hr/>	<hr/>
		156,789.10	110,694.70

Fundraising & Trading Costs

D3100 Social & Fundraising Costs	137.05		0.00	
D3200 Magazine Costs	1,913.00		1,976.00	
		(2,050.05)		(1,976.00)

Charitable Activities Costs

D5100 Gifts / Grants Given	3,792.29		5,100.00	
		(3,792.29)		(5,100.00)

Governance Costs

D9100 Audit & Accountancy Costs	90.00		78.00	
D9310 Diocesan Free Will Offering	67,000.00		66,000.00	
D9320 Performing Rights & Prof Fees	1,428.26		4,127.12	
		(68,518.26)		(70,205.12)

Other Resources Costs

D3500 Churchyard & Carpark	16,468.16		9,154.50	
D6520 Travel Expenses	325.80		213.85	
D6530 Vicarage Costs	1,043.86		965.17	
D7100 Gas	6,687.29		3,982.15	
D7110 Electricity	1,870.67		1,499.42	
D7120 Water	600.51		405.94	
D7130 Organ & Piano Maintenance	464.20		425.68	
D7250 Council Refuse Collection	661.22		604.92	
D7300 Insurance	5,322.22		4,900.79	
D7400 Cleaning Expenses	357.25		79.66	
D7500 Repairs & Maintenance	6,855.47		5,802.28	
D8200 Printing / Photocopying	603.73		254.22	
D8300 Postage	7.49		57.47	
D8310 Stationery	450.34		133.20	
D8320 Telephone	216.83		190.00	
D8330 Deanery Cost	540.00		582.65	
D8340 Secretarial	0.00		220.00	
D8420 Publicity Costs	0.00		42.00	
D8500 IT Costs	1,123.73		2,137.10	
D8520 Equipment Repairs	0.00		588.46	
D9300 Bank Charges	194.47		159.27	
		(43,793.24)		(32,398.73)

Worship Expenses

D3300 Worship Expenses	0.00		10.57	
D3410 Wine, Wafers, Candles	606.45		185.31	
D3420 Music, Choir, Organists	2,524.00		1,720.00	
D3430 Flowers	238.28		168.95	
D3530 Children's Ministry Expenses	135.03		64.20	
		(3,503.76)		(2,149.03)

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

(121,657.60)	(111,828.88)
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NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)

35,131.50	(1,134.18)
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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023
All Funds Consolidated

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets		
B1200 Office Equipment	7,402.35	7,402.35
B1250 Office Equipment Depreciation	(7,402.35)	(7,402.35)
B2100 CBF CoE Inv Children CB3037727	2,000.00	2,000.00
B2110 CBF CoE Inv Fabric 1 CB3018021	2,500.00	2,500.00
B2120 CBF CoE Inv Fabric 2 CB3037725	1,134.00	1,134.00
B2130 CBF CoE Inv PCRooms CO3055959	208.47	208.47
B2140 CBF CoE Inv ChrchYrd CB3018020	454.00	454.00
	6,296.47	6,296.47
Current Assets		
B5100 Debtors & Prepayments	14,103.65	8,808.29
B5110 Iona 2024 Money Out	16,110.00	1,950.00
B5300 Recoverable Gift Aid from HMRC	1,046.91	1,146.01
B6100 HSBC Easingwold & Raskelf PCC	61,420.67	33,177.68
B6200 CBF CoE Dpst Fabric CB3037726	14,365.97	13,813.85
B6260 CBF CoE Dpst General CB3037728	131,259.30	126,357.71
B6270 CBF CoE Dpst PCRooms CB3037729	5,235.47	5,039.95
B6280 CBF CoE Dpst Raskelf CB3037749	5,016.37	4,829.04
B6300 Cash in Hand	670.06	14.04
B6305 Cheques in Hand	611.33	0.00
	249,839.73	195,136.57
Current Liabilities		
B7400 Creditors & Accruals	3,856.56	2,402.15
B7410 Iona 2024 Money In	19,047.85	0.00
B7430 Childrens Society	0.00	107.13
B7445 Carecent	0.00	20.00
B7450 Remembrance Collection	(458.47)	0.00
B7525 YDBF Stipend Fees Payable	461.00	206.00
B8106 EW Bensley Cancelled O/S Balnc	0.00	600.00
	(22,906.94)	(3,335.28)
NET ASSETS	233,229.26	198,097.76
Reserves		
Consolidated Reserves B/Fwd	198,097.76	199,231.94
Net Surplus / (Deficit)		
Easingwold General Fund	6,209.91	(2,514.45)
Easingwold Fabric Fund	(116.35)	286.38
Easingwold Missions Fund	216.50	0.00
Easingwold PC Rooms Fund	(408.37)	(877.55)
Raskelf General Fund	(902.19)	(894.08)
Raskelf R & D Fund	30,132.00	2,865.52
	35,131.50	(1,134.18)
CONSOLIDATED RESERVES C/FWD	233,229.26	198,097.76

Income & Expenditure For Year Ended 31 December 2023

Easingwold General Fund

	2023		2022
Voluntary Income			
C1100 Weekly Offertory (Cash Plate)	4,664.40		6,087.46
C1130 Bankers Standing Orders GA	33,174.96		32,864.96
C1135 Bankers Standing Orders NGA	3,330.00		3,016.00
C1137 Parish Giving Scheme - Regular	100.00		0.00
C1139 e-Giving Device Donations	116.02		0.00
C1140 Half Yearly Parish Boxes	71.19		147.66
C1150 Donations Received - Other	4,071.20		6,344.01
C1160 Casual GA Envelopes	346.28		0.00
C1170 Funeral / Wedding collections	2,100.09		206.90
C1180 Baptism Collections	476.83		448.44
C1200 Gift Aid Tax Claimed	10,249.30		10,051.16
C1210 Gift Aid Received from PGS	25.00		0.00
C3101 Easy Fundraising Receipts	108.58		68.50
C3102 Stewardship	1,022.86		675.51
C3103 CAF Anon Donations	9,000.00		9.50
	<hr/>	68,856.71	<hr/>
			59,920.10
Activities for Generating Funds			
C3100 Fundraising Income	394.41		337.70
	<hr/>	394.41	<hr/>
			337.70
Investment Income			
C4200 Deposit & Investment Income	5,134.63		1,378.67
	<hr/>	5,134.63	<hr/>
			1,378.67
Charitable Activities Income			
C5200 Fees Received	12,678.10		12,882.10
	<hr/>	12,678.10	<hr/>
			12,882.10
Other Income			
C2100 Grants Received	3,040.00		4,840.00
C2150 Trusts Drawdown	12,092.85		6,137.40
C2200 Bequests and Legacies	0.00		1,000.00
C3500 Magazine Sale Receipts	914.80		802.70
C3510 Magazine Advertising Receipts	990.10		973.34
	<hr/>	17,037.75	<hr/>
			13,753.44
TOTAL INCOME		<hr/>	<hr/>
		104,101.60	88,272.01

Fundraising & Trading Costs

D3100 Social & Fundraising Costs	62.05		0.00	
D3200 Magazine Costs	1,913.00		1,976.00	
		(1,975.05)		(1,976.00)

Charitable Activities Costs

D5100 Gifts / Grants Given	3,792.29		5,100.00	
		(3,792.29)		(5,100.00)

Governance Costs

D9100 Audit & Accountancy Costs	90.00		78.00	
D9310 Diocesan Free Will Offering	61,640.00		60,720.00	
D9320 Performing Rights & Prof Fees	924.26		564.88	
		(62,654.26)		(61,362.88)

Other Resources Costs

D3500 Churchyard & Carpark	12,512.40		8,386.50	
D6520 Travel Expenses	309.60		213.85	
D6530 Vicarage Costs	1,043.86		965.17	
D7100 Gas	5,891.94		2,331.26	
D7110 Electricity	850.38		839.32	
D7120 Water	263.88		177.91	
D7130 Organ & Piano Maintenance	185.80		425.68	
D7250 Council Refuse Collection	661.22		604.92	
D7400 Cleaning Expenses	357.25		79.66	
D7500 Repairs & Maintenance	1,533.91		2,329.91	
D8200 Printing / Photocopying	603.73		254.22	
D8300 Postage	7.49		57.47	
D8310 Stationery	444.84		133.20	
D8320 Telephone	216.83		190.00	
D8330 Deanery Cost	540.00		582.65	
D8340 Secretarial	0.00		220.00	
D8420 Publicity Costs	0.00		42.00	
D8500 IT Costs	1,123.73		2,137.10	
D8520 Equipment Repairs	0.00		588.46	
D9300 Bank Charges	194.47		159.27	
		(26,741.33)		(20,718.55)

Worship Expenses

D3300 Worship Expenses	0.00		10.57	
D3410 Wine, Wafers, Candles	606.45		185.31	
D3420 Music, Choir, Organists	1,749.00		1,200.00	
D3430 Flowers	238.28		168.95	
D3530 Children's Ministry Expenses	135.03		64.20	
		(2,728.76)		(1,629.03)

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

(97,891.69)	(90,786.46)
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NET SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)

6,209.91	(2,514.45)
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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023
Easingwold General Fund

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets		
B1200 Office Equipment	7,402.35	7,402.35
B1250 Office Equipment Depreciation	(7,402.35)	(7,402.35)
B2100 CBF CoE Inv Children CB3037727	2,000.00	2,000.00
B2140 CBF CoE Inv ChrchYrd CB3018020	454.00	454.00
	2,454.00	2,454.00
Current Assets		
B5100 Debtors & Prepayments	9,310.78	6,106.84
B5110 Iona 2024 Money Out	16,110.00	1,950.00
B5300 Recoverable Gift Aid from HMRC	935.91	1,004.19
B6100 HSBC Easingwold & Raskelf PCC	21,648.61	19,295.51
B6260 CBF CoE Dpst General CB3037728	131,259.30	126,357.71
B6300 Cash in Hand	634.86	14.04
B6305 Cheques in Hand	611.33	0.00
	180,510.79	154,728.29
Current Liabilities		
B7400 Creditors & Accruals	3,296.72	2,105.51
B7410 Iona 2024 Money In	19,047.85	0.00
B7450 Remembrance Collection	(321.47)	0.00
B7525 YDBF Stipend Fees Payable	461.00	206.00
B8106 EW Bensley Cancelled O/S Balnc	0.00	600.00
	(22,484.10)	(2,911.51)
NET ASSETS	160,480.69	154,270.78
Reserves		
Reserves B/Fwd	154,270.78	156,785.23
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	6,209.91	(2,514.45)
RESERVES C/FWD	160,480.69	154,270.78

Income & Expenditure For Year Ended 31 December 2023
Easingwold Fabric Fund

	2023	2022
Investment Income		
C4200 Deposit & Investment Income	877.13	286.38
	877.13	286.38
Other Income		
C2150 Trusts Drawdown	6,353.90	3,010.00
	6,353.90	3,010.00
TOTAL INCOME	7,231.03	3,296.38
Other Resources Costs		
D3500 Churchyard & Carpark	3,099.42	0.00
D7300 Insurance	2,804.00	2,590.00
D7500 Repairs & Maintenance	1,443.96	420.00
	(7,347.38)	(3,010.00)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	(7,347.38)	(3,010.00)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(116.35)	286.38

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023
Easingwold Fabric Fund

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets		
B2110 CBF CoE Inv Fabric 1 CB3018021	2,500.00	2,500.00
B2120 CBF CoE Inv Fabric 2 CB3037725	1,134.00	1,134.00
	3,634.00	3,634.00
Current Assets		
B5100 Debtors & Prepayments	2,865.96	1,524.00
B6100 HSBC Easingwold & Raskelf PCC	(2,849.74)	(839.31)
B6200 CBF CoE Dpst Fabric CB3037726	14,365.97	13,813.85
	14,382.19	14,498.54
Current Liabilities	0.00	0.00
NET ASSETS	18,016.19	18,132.54
Reserves		
Reserves B/Fwd	18,132.54	17,846.16
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(116.35)	286.38
RESERVES C/FWD	18,016.19	18,132.54

Income & Expenditure For Year Ended 31 December 2023
Easingwold Missions Fund

	2023	2022
Other Income		
C3800 You and Me Events	216.50	0.00
	216.50	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	216.50	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0.00	0.00
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	216.50	0.00

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023
Easingwold Missions Fund

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00
Current Assets		
B6100 HSBC Easingwold & Raskelf PCC	216.50	127.13
	216.50	127.13
Current Liabilities		
B7430 Childrens Society	0.00	107.13
B7445 Carecent	0.00	20.00
	0.00	(127.13)
NET ASSETS	216.50	0.00
Reserves		
Reserves B/Fwd	0.00	0.00
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	216.50	0.00
RESERVES C/FWD	216.50	0.00

Income & Expenditure For Year Ended 31 December 2023
Parish Church Rooms Fund

	2023		2022
Investment Income			
C4200 Deposit & Investment Income	<u>279.92</u>		<u>32.93</u>
		279.92	32.93
Charitable Activities Income			
C5200 Fees Received	<u>14.72</u>		<u>14.72</u>
		14.72	14.72
Other Income			
C2150 Trusts Drawdown	<u>3,046.83</u>		<u>3,319.97</u>
		3,046.83	3,319.97
TOTAL INCOME	<u>3,341.47</u>		<u>3,367.62</u>
Governance Costs			
D9320 Performing Rights & Prof Fees	<u>504.00</u>		<u>925.20</u>
		(504.00)	(925.20)
Other Resources Costs			
D3500 Churchyard & Carpark	270.00		343.00
D7100 Gas	795.35		1,650.89
D7110 Electricity	907.39		400.64
D7120 Water	234.18		17.23
D7300 Insurance	951.86		908.21
D7500 Repairs & Maintenance	<u>87.06</u>		<u>0.00</u>
		(3,245.84)	(3,319.97)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>(3,749.84)</u>		<u>(4,245.17)</u>
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	<u>(408.37)</u>		<u>(877.55)</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023
Parish Church Rooms Fund

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets		
B2130 CBF CoE Inv PCRooms CO3055959	208.47	208.47
	208.47	208.47
Current Assets		
B5100 Debtors & Prepayments	1,426.91	752.45
B6100 HSBC Easingwold & Raskelf PCC	(1,064.98)	200.17
B6270 CBF CoE Dpst PCRooms CB3037729	5,235.47	5,039.95
	5,597.40	5,992.57
Current Liabilities		
B7400 Creditors & Accruals	309.84	296.64
	(309.84)	(296.64)
NET ASSETS	5,496.03	5,904.40
Reserves		
Reserves B/Fwd	5,904.40	6,781.95
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(408.37)	(877.55)
RESERVES C/FWD	5,496.03	5,904.40

Income & Expenditure For Year Ended 31 December 2023
Raskelf General Fund

	2023		2022
Voluntary Income			
C1100 Weekly Offertory (Cash Plate)	918.23		718.56
C1130 Bankers Standing Orders GA	3,578.00		5,174.00
C1135 Bankers Standing Orders NGA	1,720.00		900.00
C1140 Half Yearly Parish Boxes	29.54		35.80
C1150 Donations Received - Other	154.00		124.00
C1160 Casual GA Envelopes	59.00		0.00
C1170 Funeral / Wedding collections	55.00		0.00
C1180 Baptism Collections	85.75		67.45
C1200 Gift Aid Tax Claimed	1,145.65		1,328.77
	<u>7,745.17</u>		<u>8,348.58</u>
Activities for Generating Funds			
C3100 Fundraising Income	0.00		186.00
		0.00	186.00
Investment Income			
C4200 Deposit & Investment Income	187.33		31.55
		187.33	31.55
Charitable Activities Income			
C5200 Fees Received	635.00		1,065.00
		635.00	1,065.00
Other Income			
C2100 Grants Received	575.00		625.00
		575.00	625.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>9,142.50</u>		<u>10,256.13</u>
Governance Costs			
D9310 Diocesan Free Will Offering	5,360.00		5,280.00
		(5,360.00)	(5,280.00)
Other Resources Costs			
D3500 Churchyard & Carpark	586.34		425.00
D6520 Travel Expenses	16.20		0.00
D7110 Electricity	112.90		259.46
D7120 Water	102.45		210.80
D7130 Organ & Piano Maintenance	278.40		0.00
D7300 Insurance	1,566.36		1,402.58
D7500 Repairs & Maintenance	1,241.54		3,052.37
D8310 Stationery	5.50		0.00
		(3,909.69)	(5,350.21)
Worship Expenses			
D3420 Music, Choir, Organists	775.00		520.00
		(775.00)	(520.00)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>(10,044.69)</u>		<u>(11,150.21)</u>
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	<u>(902.19)</u>		<u>(894.08)</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023
Raskelf General Fund

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00
Current Assets		
B5100 Debtors & Prepayments	500.00	425.00
B5300 Recoverable Gift Aid from HMRC	111.00	141.82
B6100 HSBC Easingwold & Raskelf PCC	189.99	1,245.89
B6280 CBF CoE Dpst Raskelf CB3037749	5,016.37	4,829.04
B6300 Cash in Hand	35.20	0.00
	5,852.56	6,641.75
Current Liabilities		
B7400 Creditors & Accruals	250.00	0.00
B7450 Remembrance Collection	(137.00)	0.00
	(113.00)	0.00
NET ASSETS	5,739.56	6,641.75
Reserves		
Reserves B/Fwd	6,641.75	7,535.83
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(902.19)	(894.08)
RESERVES C/FWD	5,739.56	6,641.75

Income & Expenditure For Year Ended 31 December 2023
Raskelf Restoration & Development Fund

	2023	2022
Voluntary Income		
C1100 Weekly Offertory (Cash Plate)	0.00	399.50
C1150 Donations Received - Other	130.00	1,169.00
C1170 Funeral / Wedding collections	0.00	617.22
C1200 Gift Aid Tax Claimed	0.00	526.69
	<u>130.00</u>	<u>2,712.41</u>
Activities for Generating Funds		
C3100 Fundraising Income	5,077.00	2,790.15
	<u>5,077.00</u>	<u>2,790.15</u>
Other Income		
C2100 Grants Received	2,549.00	0.00
C2200 Bequests and Legacies	25,000.00	0.00
	<u>27,549.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>32,756.00</u>	<u>5,502.56</u>
Fundraising & Trading Costs		
D3100 Social & Fundraising Costs	75.00	0.00
	<u>(75.00)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Governance Costs		
D9320 Performing Rights & Prof Fees	0.00	2,637.04
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(2,637.04)</u>
Other Resources Costs		
D7500 Repairs & Maintenance	2,549.00	0.00
	<u>(2,549.00)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>(2,624.00)</u>	<u>(2,637.04)</u>
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	<u>30,132.00</u>	<u>2,865.52</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023
Raskelf Restoration & Development Fund

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00
Current Assets		
B6100 HSBC Easingwold & Raskelf PCC	43,280.29	13,148.29
	<u>43,280.29</u>	<u>13,148.29</u>
Current Liabilities	0.00	0.00
NET ASSETS	<u>43,280.29</u>	<u>13,148.29</u>
Reserves		
Reserves B/Fwd	13,148.29	10,282.77
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	30,132.00	2,865.52
RESERVES C/FWD	<u>43,280.29</u>	<u>13,148.29</u>

Summary Movement of Funds & Reconciliation to Net Assets

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Easingwold General Fund	[U/R]	101,062		3,040	104,102	88,272
Easingwold Fabric Fund	[R]			7,231	7,231	3,296
Easingwold Missions Fund	[R]			217	217	0
Easingwold Parish Church Rooms Fund	[D]		3,341		3,341	3,368
Raskelf General Fund	[D/R]		8,568	575	9,143	10,256
Raskelf Restoration & Development Fund	[R]			32,756	32,756	5,503
		101,062	11,909	43,819	156,789	110,695
Resources Expended						
Easingwold General Fund	[U/R]	94,852		3,040	97,892	90,786
Easingwold Fabric Fund	[R]			7,347	7,347	3,010
Easingwold Missions Fund	[R]			0	0	0
Easingwold Parish Church Rooms Fund	[D]		3,750		3,750	4,245
Raskelf General Fund	[D/R]		9,470	575	10,045	11,150
Raskelf Restoration & Development Fund	[R]			2,624	2,624	2,637
		94,852	13,220	13,586	121,658	111,829
Operational Surplus/ (Deficit)		6,210	(1,311)	30,232	35,132	(1,134)
Opening Fund Balances (B/Fwd)		154,271	12,546	31,281	198,098	199,232
Transfers Between Funds					0	0
Closing Fund Balances (C/Fwd)		160,481	11,236	61,513	233,229	198,098
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Assets						
Office Equipment (Less Depreciation)		0			0	0
Investment (at Cost)		2,454	208	3,634	6,296	6,296
Debtors & Prepayments		26,357	2,038	2,866	31,261	11,904
HSBC Multi-Fund Current Account		21,649	(875)	40,647	61,421	33,178
Central Board of Finance Deposits		131,259	10,252	14,366	155,877	150,041
Cash & Cheques in Hand		1,246	35		1,281	14
		182,965	11,658	61,513	256,136	201,433
Liabilities						
Creditors & Accruals		22,484	423	0	22,907	3,335
Net Assets		160,481	11,236	61,513	233,229	198,098

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies of the PCC have remained unchanged from that of the previous accounting year.

2. MARKET VALUE OF QUOTED INVESTMENTS

Holding	Relevant Fund	2023	2022		
		Cost £	Market Value £	Cost £	Market Value £
Charities Official Investment Fund:					
69.04 Income Shares	Parish Church Rooms	208	1,370	208	1,256
The Central Board of Finance of the Church of England - Capital Trust Fund:					
95 Investment Fund Shares	Easingwold General Fund (Churchyard)	454	2,148	454	1,961
The Central Board of Finance of the Church of England - Harnby-Jackson Bequest:					
526 Investment Fund Shares	Easingwold Church Fabric	2,500	11,890	2,500	10,860
C B F Capital Reserve Fund:					
175 Investment Fund Shares	Easingwold Church Fabric	1,134	3,956	1,134	3,629
C B F Capital Reserve Fund:					
279 Investment Fund Shares	Easingwold General Fund (Children’s Church)	2,000	6,306	2,000	5,786
		6,296	25,670	6,296	23,492

3. THE KITTY SMITHSON ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND

Easingwold Parish Church is the beneficiary of income from the above trust fund, the trust deeds being dated 17 January 1992. The York Diocesan Board of Finance Limited is the sole trustee of this trust fund and therefore this fund does not form part of the Parochial Church Council's Balance Sheet.

In general terms, this trust fund provides income from managed investments to support the repair, maintenance and upkeep of the Easingwold Parish Church and of the Parish Church Rooms. The terms of the trust do not allow us to access the investments themselves.

The balance of accumulated income held by The York Diocesan Board of Finance Limited as at 31 December 2023 was £10,315 (£6,756 as at 31 December 2022), against which we have claimed and accrued in the 2023 accounts the sum of £1,057 in respect of qualifying expenses in the second half of 2023.

The underlying investment assets of this trust fund consist of a portfolio of investments with a market value of £199,833 as at 31 December 2023 (£196,721 as at 31 December 2022).

4. THE HAZEL MEDD PERPETUAL TRUST FUND

Easingwold Parish Church is the beneficiary of income from the above trust fund, the trust deeds being dated 27 January 1994. The York Diocesan Board of Finance Limited is the sole trustee of this trust fund and therefore this fund does not form part of the Parochial Church Council's Balance Sheet.

In general terms, this trust fund provides income from managed investments to support the repair, maintenance and upkeep of the Easingwold Parish Church and for the upkeep, maintenance and replacement of furniture, ornaments and robes for the celebration of Holy Communion in the sanctuary of the said church. The terms of the trust do not allow us to access the investments themselves.

The balance of accumulated income held by The York Diocesan Board of Finance Limited as at 31 December 2023 was £74,806 (£56,485 as at 31 December 2022), against which we have claimed and accrued in the 2023 accounts the sum of £7,920 in respect of qualifying expenses in the second half of 2023.

The underlying investment assets of this trust fund consist of a portfolio of investments with a market value of £140,993 as at 31 December 2023 (£136,492 as at 31 December 2022).

In addition, the Hazel Medd Trust owns a freehold property stated to have a value of £60,000 at the commencement of the trust on 27 January 1994.

5. THE KITTY AND MARY SMITHSON ECCLESIASTICAL CHARITY

Easingwold Parish Church is the beneficiary of income from the above trust fund. The York Diocesan Board of Finance Limited is the sole trustee of this trust fund and therefore this fund does not form part of the Parochial Church Council's Balance Sheet.

In general terms, this trust fund provides income from managed investments to support the repair, maintenance and upkeep of the Easingwold Parish Church and of the Parish Church Rooms. The terms of the trust do not allow us to access the investments themselves.

The balance of accumulated income held by The York Diocesan Board of Finance Limited as at 31 December 2023 is £48,792 (£49,371 as at 31 December 2022), against which we have claimed and accrued in the 2023 accounts the sum of £1,235 in respect of qualifying expenses in the second half of 2023.

The underlying investment assets of this trust fund consist of a portfolio of investments with a market value of £188,350 as at 31 December 2023 (£182,948 as at 31 December 2022).

6. FREEHOLD PROPERTY

The sale of the Parish Church Rooms was completed in the 4th quarter of 2023. The net proceeds from the sale after expenses amounted to £277,718. Those net proceeds plus the sum of £3,553, being interest earned while they were temporarily held by the York Diocesan Board of Finance (YDBF), are currently invested in a Trust Deposit Account with CCLA Investment Management. The invested capital and accumulated interest can be used for a wide variety of purposes with the approval of the YDBF, in accordance with the York Diocesan Trust Deed of 1896.

No freehold land value is known for the Church Field, which is currently used as a car park.

The above assets are not included in the Balance Sheet of the Easingwold & Raskelf PCC.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS at 31 DECEMBER 2023 and to the present APCM

At the Parish Church in Easingwold, the repair of the tower clock was completed and paid for (at the quoted cost of £1,992) in the current year (2024).

Delayed work to the damaged footpath into the Parish Church, incorporating the redirection of water pipes, will be carried out in the current year. We also intend to carry out a survey of trees and shrubs in the churchyard in order to prepare a schedule for their upkeep. Work has started and we will continue to tidy the extension to the churchyard.

The Quinquennial Inspection Report has highlighted many areas in need of repair, including extensive work to the roof of the Parish Church. We will present the report findings to our new (post APCM) PCC and prepare a schedule for priority work to begin next year (2025). We also hope to proceed with work required to the bells and the bell-tower during the current year.

A project of work for the refurbishment of St Mary's Church in Raskelf has begun and will continue at least for the next couple of years. A Quinquennial Inspection Report is being produced for the Raskelf church. There are indications that the whole roof may be in need of replacement, along with substantial repairs to the wooden tower, which is of major national significance. Professional assistance has been sought in furtherance of grant applications at a cost of £1,350. Meanwhile, parishioners are actively engaged in fundraising for this project.

8. STAFF COSTS

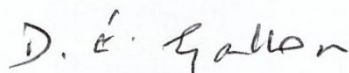
As one of the parish organists, Mr W J Henebury was paid £110 for playing at Sunday services during the first 5 months of 2023 that he was a member of the PCC. No other payments for services were made from church funds to PCC members, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

As a general rule, payments to individuals are made on a self-employed basis, where income declaration and related taxes remain the responsibility of the receiving individual.

Kamal Antoun
Hon Treasurer
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These financial statements and PCC report were approved by the PCC on 24/04/2024



Diane Gallon
Vice PCC Chair

pp Rev'd Margaret Young
PCC Chairman

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF EASINGWOLD & RASKELF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report on the Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist & All Saints Church, Easingwold and St Mary's Church, Raskelf for the year ended 31 December 2023. This examination is carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of PCC members and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulation section 144(2) of the Act does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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White Rose Accounting
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POCKLINGTON
EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE
20th March 2024

Approved by the Annual Parish Church Meeting on 19st May 2024 and signed on behalf of the meeting by the chairman on 19st May 2024.

PP Rev'd Margaret Young
PCC Chairman

Vice-chair
D. E. Gallon

VICAR & CHURCHWARDENS' TRUSTS

The following Trusts do not form part of the PCC Financial Statements but the 2023 financial details are listed below for information purposes.

Finances 1st Jan 2023 to 31st Dec 2023 Summary

	Opening Balances	Paid Out	Paid In	Closing Balances
Sunday School Charity	1,451.30	60.00	72.08	1,463.38
Relief in Need	1,770.69	60.00	86.88	1,797.57
George Westerman	890.78	60.00	30.55	861.33
Eccles Charity of Driffield	7,116.24	226.60 (b,c)	661.12 (a)	7,550.76
Education Foundation	6,880.82	250.80 (d,e)	219.26	6,849.28

Sunday School:

Coif	£ 72.08
Bank charges	£-60.00

Relief in Need:

Coif	£ 86.88
Bank charges	£-60.00

George Westerman:

Coif	£ 30.55
Bank charges	£-60.00

Eccles Charity of Driffield:

Coif	£114.61	
Other income		
a) 19.7.23	<u>£546.51</u>	United Charities
Total	£661.12	
Bank charges	£ -61.60	
Other expenditure		
b) 23.8.23	£ -65.00	School shoes
c) 9.12.23	<u>£-100.00</u>	Hardship
Total	£-226.60	

Education Foundation:

Coif	£219.26	
Bank charges	£ -60.80	
Other expenditure		
d) 10.5.23	£ -90.00	Cricket support
e) 14.5.23	<u>£-100.00</u>	University travel support
Total	£-250.80	

Note: The Vicar is ex-officio trustee of Easingwold United Charities and also the William Jackson Charity for Help in Education and Relief from Poverty at Raskelf together with the Raskelf in Need Charity. The other trustees in these charities are appointed by the Easingwold Town Council and Raskelf Village Council.