

*Easingwold with Raskelf Churches
2024 Annual Reports
For APCM on 25th May 2025*

*St John
the Baptist
and
All Saints,
Easingwold*



*St Mary's,
Raskelf*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
REPORT OF THE EASINGWOLD & RASKELF
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

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 Parish Administrator, Easingwold with Raskelf Parish Office, Easingwold Parish Church, Church Hill Easingwold, York YO61 3JT, or office@easingwoldraskelfanglican.org.uk.

PCC Members:

The following persons served as members and trustees of the PCC during 2024

The Rev. Margaret Young (Vicar and Chair until the end of October 2024)

The Rev. Charlotte Cranfield (Associate Minister until end of February)

Pat Allen (Churchwarden from May 2024) (26)

Diane Gallon (Lay Chair) (27)

Alan Hake (Deanery Synod Representative) (26)

Ken Gillance (25)

Pat Gillance (25)

Hazel Henebury (Hon. Secretary) (25)

Peter Simpson (26)

Michael Hughes (and Deanery Synod Representative until May 2024) (27)

Kamal Antoun (Hon. Treasurer) (26)

Alizon Leese (Churchwarden until May 2024 and Deanery Synod Representative)

Caroline Small (27)

Lynne Price (26)

Laura Varney (Churchwarden from May 2023)

Sara Beaumont (26)

Safeguarding Officer: Laura Varney

All clergy in the Deanery are Ex Officio but only the above have the automatic 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 Chair 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 cooperation with the Vicar in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

In order 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 2024 see the separate reports which include comments from the Churchwardens, PCC, Secretary and others. The numbers on the Electoral Roll for 2024 were 167 (Easingwold 131, Raskelf 36).

5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The net result for 2024 across all funds is a surplus of £3,670 (2023: a surplus of £35,132).

Total unrestricted receipts were £97,808 (2023: £88,969), of which £42,491 (2023: £41,269) was unrestricted planned voluntary donations, and a further income of £10,545 (2023: £10,274) from Gift Aid. Overall giving to support the work of the two churches has been maintained at a very similar level to 2023.

In 2024, we received two generous legacy payments amounting to £3,000 (2023: £25,000), successfully applied for and received grants amounting to £20,490 (2023: £6,124) and drew down £22,098 (2023: £21,494) from accumulated income in the three Easingwold trusts.

In the same year, due to increased repair and restoration activities in both churches (see Churchwardens Reports), there were significant increases in Consultancy & Other Professional Fees (£11,590 vs £1,428 in 2023), Churchyard Upkeep (£26,168 vs £16,468 in 2023) and Repairs & Maintenance (£11,211 vs £6,855 in 2023).

The Diocesan Free Will Offering for the year 2024 was £68,000 (2023: £67,000). For 2025, our parish contribution has been increased, with PCC approval, to £69,200. This voluntary but expected contribution goes towards provision of stipends, housing, training and Diocesan expenses. The Diocese have indicated that a contribution of £70,000 would be expected by the year 2030.

5.1 Restricted and 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) in the 4th quarter of 2023, the PCC passed a motion on 20th March 2024 to close the no longer needed PCR Designated 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 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 2024 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 Commission 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 churchwardens and PCC are responsible for the day to day running of the church in the interregnum beginning November 2024 and in recruiting and appointing a new incumbent.

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. A couple of renewals are outstanding and will be renewed shortly. 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.

Dioceses have introduced regular sessions for safeguarding leads in church 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/>).

This year attendance at safeguarding week was low, due to time and attention needed to prepare our parish profile. These sessions are largely also online, and very useful. Due to the interregnum as well as my own absences due to illness, our safeguarding dashboard is out of date, but hopefully in the summer I will be able to attend to this. During my absences due to illness, Sara Beaumont has been available to take any safeguarding issues from our Benefice and redirect them to the diocesan office.

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 which our community finds beneficial and spiritually fulfilling and to which everyone will be welcomed. 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 Junior 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 held our 10.30am service on Zoom twice a month until the end of October and hope to recommence in January 2025.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

IGNITE

Ignite continued to meet on a Friday afternoon during term time. Andrew Neville-Smith led with Margaret Young. Andrew was helped by several volunteers during Margaret's absence owing to illness. The session involved a Bible reading, discussion and some form of activity. There were 5 or 6 children with an age range of approx.14-15 years old. It became no longer viable with no-one to lead it.

LITTLE SEEDS

Andrew Neville-Smith has taken the lead along with volunteers. This group was set up in 2022 and has grown, it takes place on a Thursday night during term time and 6-8 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 took place on the second Sunday of the month in the afternoon. Children who have been baptised and their families were invited to this service. The numbers slowly declined during Margaret's absence to the point where it has become no longer viable.

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.

Ian Peel

EASINGWOLD CHRISTIAN YOUTH

As last year we have not been able to run a youth club for 11-18 yr olds . We would need 3 volunteers to run such a club and at the moment there is only myself. In previous years we had 2 American students from a Christian scheme based in Middlesbrough. I continue in my role as chairperson of Cozie which is open on Tuesday and Thursday nights and alternate Mondays for a wellness club. When we previously ran the club the youngsters who came were mainly the youngsters who attended Cozie.

I know Tollerton church is attempting to start a youth club. I am going to keep in touch with them.

Alan Hake

OTHER SERVICES

As well as our regular services, there have been 4 weddings, 19 funerals, and 5 baptisms at Easingwold, and 4 Baptisms 0 Weddings and 2 Funerals at Raskelf

Our Harvest service at Easingwold was very well-attended as it was Margaret Young's last service. It was followed by a lunch of soup and a roll. Donations collected were sent to Carecent. The Harvest service at Raskelf was also followed by refreshments.

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

EASINGWOLD AND RASKELF CHURCH MUSIC

I am grateful to our other organists – 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 decided to retire from accompanying the choir after many years of faithful service. John Dunford has kindly stepped into the breach very competently.

An Epiphany Carol Service in January went very well with a good congregation. We did a meditation in words and music on Palm Sunday entitled 'The Cross of Christ'. In July we had a Choral Evensong to mark the centenary of the death of Charles Villiers Stanford, a giant composer in the field of church music.

On Michaelmas Day there was a festive Evensong, which marked the last service taken by our Vicar, Margaret, before her retirement.

I am pleased to report that the congregations at these special services have risen in number and we have enjoyed refreshments afterwards on several occasions.

Some members of the choir were able to sing at the Annual Christmas Carol Service which was again augmented by the services of the Easingwold Town Band. The church has also been used by other groups to hold concerts.

Peter Smith (Organists' Coordinator)

BELL RINGING

The state of ringing in Easingwold has not improved over the last year. We are grateful for the support we receive from the Thirsk and Kilburn ringers; without them we would not have sufficient numbers for a regular practice night. Unfortunately, we are not always able to raise a band for Sunday ringing.

We have been unable to do any work on the bells over the past year.

Sadly, we lost a member of the band, Robert, in March but, he left us money in his will to have a meal out together.

We are always looking for recruits. Anyone interested please come to the ringing room (off the balcony) on a Thursday evening around 19:30 or contact one of the band, you will be most welcome.

Alizon Leese

PUBLICITY

Tim Young set up the church's website and continued to develop it until November 2024. The site can be viewed via the link: <http://easingwoldraskelfanglican.org/>.

ASSOCIATE MINISTERS and DEACONS' REPORT

Lottie Cranfield - Assistant Minister (until February 2024) and Chris Peel - Vocational Deacon (retired but busy and active!)

Sunday the 4th February was Lottie's last Sunday at St Johns. She was welcomed at St Peter's Brafferton.

On Monday 12th February at 7.30pm, supported by many of the congregation from this church.

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

Pastoral Care and Outreach in the Parish

Prayer undergirds all that we do. We ask for prayer for the community in our monthly magazine. There is a confidential Prayer Circle. Individuals are encouraged to pray with the help of a leaflet which has a suggestion for prayer for each day of the month. Ecumenically there is the opportunity to come together each month to pray for all the churches, the community, country and world.

Visiting

A small team are responsible for visiting the sick housebound and newcomers. We take Holy Communion to those who cannot attend church. There is a monthly communion service in Springhill Court (the flats for the elderly), plus an ecumenical Songs of Praise there three times a year (shared with the Methodist Church). A more recent addition to our visiting team has been our Authorised Lay Minister / Anna Chaplain.

Anna Chaplain

We have a newly commissioned Anna Chaplain whose ministry focus is the spiritual support of older people in the parish. She is available to the congregation at Sunday worship and in the wider community for home communion and visiting.

Church Volunteers

We are extremely fortunate that we have a large number of people who serve the church and the town in a variety of ways. These folk support the daily running of the church; support each other according to their interests; and support folk in the wider community.

Children

Children are most welcome at our services, and we have an afterschool primary-age group - "Little Seeds" (See separate report). Those coming for baptism are encouraged by whoever is taking the service.

Other Outreach

As well as individuals volunteering, the church hosts different events during the year e.g. several community group carol services, orchestral and singers' concerts. We also offered to host Warm Spaces on a Wednesday for those in need. We collect clothes and bedding for the Middlesbrough Asylum Project and encourage Samaritans' Purse Shoe Boxes for overseas..

Chris Peel

CLERGY

There was no Lent Course this year as the vicar was on sick leave..

Our services at Easter were well attended, and the churches in Easingwold, all symbolically brought the same light into their 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 7th January for the Epiphany Carol Service.. This was the last service that Bishop John attended as it was announced that he would retire in July 2024.

Sara Beaumont continued the Deepening Discipleship programme to develop in faith and service. Anna Chaplain details in the Associate Ministers' and Deacon's Report.

RETIRED CLERGY

Thanks go to the retired clergy who have covered the necessary holidays, sickness from which Margaret suffered, and the start of the interregnum. 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 and all who attend their services. We have also much appreciated the help of visiting clergy.

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. The PCC would like to thank everyone who helps by name but this is not practicable. Chis Peel however deserves a special mention as she has organised the Sacristy, the readers' and other rotas, and rotas for helping with Ignite and Little Seeds, and has liaised with many different people arranging cover whilst Margaret has been on sick leave during the interregnum.

Kamal Antoun continues with the role of treasurer but would like to stand down as soon as possible. Kamal is now being supported by Bill Henebury, Peter Simpson, Laura Varney and Sara Beaumont. The PCC would like to thank Christine Hake for her hard work and dedication in setting up the Parish Giving Scheme. 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 continued as PCC secretary this last year,

OTHER ACTIVITIES Zoom continued twice a month until the end of October.. and this has also been requested for some weddings and funerals Thanks to Tim Young and to Alan Summerscales who has volunteered to take over this role in the New Year.

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 Revd David Senior. Margaret Summerscales organises the delivery, and Michael Hughes liaises with the advertisers..

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Plans for 2025

- To prepare a Parish Profile
- To appoint a new incumbent.
- 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 peoples' 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

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ALL SAINTS, EASINGWOLD

January-March 2024

In January we were all relieved and thankful that the Christmas services had been fine, and we thanked Lottie for all her hard work. We reported that the Parish Room sale had gone through and that the clock was working at last.

March was mostly a report on the Raskelf meeting and all their planned fundraising events, and also noting that we had services covered until the end of April.

Alizon Leese

This past year has been a challenging one. For much of the year Margaret Young has been sick and in November retired as our incumbent, due to her ill-health. During this period we have relied heavily on retired clergy, Robin Davill, John Hetherington, Trevor Lewis and David Senior, as well as visiting clergy including Adele Rees. With all the help that has surrounded us we have kept our church open and many extra activities going. I am grateful to Alizon Leese for her help in arranging the clergy rota over the period of Margaret's illness and in interregnum.

I am grateful too to those colleagues on PCC who have worked to prepare our Parish Profile, to make arrangements to advertise our vacancy and to interview shortlisted candidates. All of this has been achieved at an admirable pace and it is hoped that our new incumbent will be in role within a few months.

Work on the church building and churchyard has been largely undertaken with help from Peter Simpson and I am grateful for his knowledge, experience and time (not to mention coffee) in achieving much this year.

Peter has worked on the churchyard, removing a yew hedge that had never properly established and laying a new footpath through the area. The area has been cleared of left-over topsoil and some overgrown hedges trimmed right back. This has enabled burials in the churchyard extension.

We have had the dead ash tree removed from the old graveyard and have made arrangements for the main path to the church to be re-laid early in the new church year. Following a tree and shrub plan undertaken on our behalf by Bartletts, we have removed dead branches from some trees as well as undertaking a plan for the monitoring and improvement of all trees in our churchyard and car park areas.

A faulty window in church will be closed, and following a particularly destructive storm, we removed branches from the cypress tree that borders the church path and made good the electrics, with a view to replacing a lamppost that was blown over in the same storm.

We look ahead to the new year, when we intend to make arrangements to redirect our water supply and replace some old pipes. We will make arrangements for repairs to the church roof in line with the most recent quinquennial report.

All in all it has been quite a year and I am more than grateful for all the help and support during my own health absences. I am astonished at what we have achieved together over the last year and now look to future challenges with hope and positivity.

Since taking over the role of Churchwarden in April, I have attended a Churchwarden workshop in Clifton Moor, where the diocese arranged talks about money, building requirements and possibilities, and spiritual leadership. Repairs to a broken stained glass window were undertaken, and tree surgeons have trimmed and lopped three lime trees, removing dangerous and broken branches and raising their crowns. The dead ash tree in the graveyard has also been checked out and plans are in place for its removal. Work will commence as soon as planning approval has been received.

It was agreed by PCC that Bartletts would undertake a tree and shrub survey of the churchyard, but the date for this has not yet been fixed.

Work continues with our architect, Alexa Stephens to repair the footpath from the lychgate to the porch, redirecting our water supply as well as an electricity supply to the lychgate for installation of a defibrillator.

Laura Varney

ST MARYS, RASKELF

Services continued on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 9.30pm with coffee and tea served after the service. Thank you to all the clergy who have taken our regular and special services.

The Harvest Festival in October was also Margaret's last service. At the end of the service refreshments were served and several gifts given to Margaret and Tim to thank them for all they had done for St. Mary's and the Village. £354 was collected for RABI.

At the service for Remembrance the collection was for the British Legion. The Carol concert with Easingwold town band and mulled wine and mince pies served afterwards was well attended.

Unfortunately we could not have the Crib and Christingle service on Christmas Eve as there were no available clergy but everyone was invited to Easingwold. The Christmas Eve service led by Revd. Adele commenced in The Old Black Bull where carols were sung inside accompanied by two instrumentalists, before the congregation made its way to the church accompanied by Abby the donkey. After stopping enroute to sing and hear readings, the group entered the church to join the rest of the congregation and to partake in Communion.

The Litebite at The Old Black Bull has been cancelled for the time being due to lack of numbers.

We continued to fundraise during 2024 towards the Restoration. The Bingo evening raised £657 and the Curry night £1,135.

I would once again like to thank everyone who supported our fundraising events in 2024.

The application made for a grant to UK Shared Prosperity Fund North Yorks was successful and they gave us £16,990 for the feasibility study into the tower up to RIBA stage 2. In addition we were awarded £3k from the National Churches Trust towards the same project.

In November both the Measured building, Topographical site surveyor and the Structural engineer came to the church and submitted reports to the Architects so that plans for the tower can be drawn up.

Volunteers still come in regularly to tidy and cut the grass around the church. £20 was donated towards the cost of petrol for the mower.

The 5 year Electrical test was carried out in April, the fire extinguishers have been serviced and the annual lightning protection check carried out.

Pat Allen

MOTHERS UNION

This past year we met monthly at Morning Coffee/Afternoon Tea on a Thursday morning, except for December. The staff were very hospitable and we are sad that the cafe has closed. Our annual lunch at The George was in March. In April we held the yearly Wave of Prayer, when we join with members in the link Dioceses of Guyana & Suriname, and in Africa, Aru, Kigezi, Ikeduru and Ho to share stories of their lives and pray for their work within Mothers Union.

Our main fundraising event was a Coffee morning held in August. The congregation provided bottles for the bottle stall, which on the day was organised by Caroline & Martin Small. Our thanks to them and to everyone who contributed. We raised £250.00 for the caravan in Filey.

The Christmas Appeal this year was to raise funds to expand the existing Adult Literacy & Financial Education programme in Burundi. Donations were requested after a Sunday service in December and scones were provided to go with the coffee. £63.47 was donated and together with Branch funds £110.00 was donated to Big Give Trust who double the amount given to nominated charities. Our donation was therefore increased to £220.00. Nationally MU received £88000.00.

At the end of the year Vicar Margaret took early retirement on health grounds. She was always very keen to assist us and we will miss her. We wish her all the best in the next stage of her life

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.

It has been a busy and difficult year because of Margaret's illness and resignation, but we have managed to fulfil all our commitments to CTAE with the help of our local Retired Clergy and volunteers.

Some of us meet together monthly for prayer for our churches, town and further afield.

During the year we have been part of the services in the town centre at Easter and Christmas, and helped with the stall advertising our churches and their work at the Christmas Fair.

The sung Evensongs at St John's have continued, and it has been most positive to welcome singers from the Methodist and Catholic Churches in the area into the choir. Pre-Christmas we have enjoyed hosting Tiddlywinks Nursery, the Boot Shop and the Primary School. The Crib Christingle Service on Christmas Eve was well-attended.

We have all enjoyed the Quiet times arranged by Father George which have enabled us to come together in silent prayer followed by discussion.

The Meditation group, which meets weekly in town, goes across all denominations and is well received. It has now been running for over 10 years.

We have joined with the Methodist Church for two special services and an event arranged for Christian Aid.

Hopefully more of our congregation will join in the CTAE happenings in the coming year, so that we are seen by the wider community to be working more closely as Christians Together.

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.

Report from Easingwold Deanery Synod 2024

Parish Contributions

Synod was advised to assume that parish contributions for 2024 would be similar to those of 2023.

Events

In January the Deanery facilitated an IT session with Jonny Hedges from the Diocese who explained all the databases available to help manage facilities and services.

In April the Deanery facilitated another development half day in Stillington Village Hall this time with the focus on Mission. The meeting was led by The Venerable John Day and Easingwold with Raskelf was represented by Sara Beaumont.

At the spring Synod Sara Beaumont spoke about The Deepening Discipleship programme she was attending. She spoke of her enjoyment of the programme and the support she received from the PCC and that she would encourage anyone who felt called to sign up to the programme.

The summer Synod focused on Eco Church and representatives of several churches in the Deanery told of their experiences applying for and achieving Eco Church awards. Synod was informed that the awards focus on 5 main areas: worship and teaching, buildings, land, community and global engagement and lifestyle.

The Autumn Synod was presented with a table of proposed financial contributions and the budget allocations explained before proceeding to discuss 'Growing the Church Younger'. It was suggested that the inherited model of church is 'broken', and at the end of lively discussion it noted that growing younger does not necessarily mean youth but can mean people younger than ourselves. This was Revd Steve Whiting's last Synod as Area Dean and he was thanked for all his work.

Appointments

Revd Nikki Eastwood was appointed to the Parish of Strensall and became Area Dean in November.

Revd Lucy Brencher was appointed to the West Galtres Benefice.

Mission

During Easter week the Deanery organised a production of The Narrow Road at The Galtres Centre. 140 people attended the play which was generally well received.

Unfortunately, the planned Hog Roast was cancelled due to lack of interest and the Quiet Day postponed until a leader could be found.

YOU AND ME

2024 saw You and Me grow in numbers as more people supported the programme of events. There were a variety of events to pick and choose from, some being more popular than others.

The most popular events were the Curry night at the Cricket club and the Beetle Drive. Some of the other events held were a film afternoon, lunch at Thirsk Garden centre, an afternoon of Music and Poetry, a Picnic in the Park, Drinks at the George, and a Quiz.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Applicable to both Easingwold and Raskelf.

1. The lightning conductors, the gas boilers and the fire extinguishers have been tested.
2. The fire safety inspection has been carried out and minor changes noted.
3. First Aid boxes are present and correct.
4. MG Electrical tested the electrical circuits and no issues were found there.
5. Portable appliances were tested in part. These are selected items chosen on the basis of how long ago they were last tested. It was decided that yearly testing was too often for all of them but it is a difficult judgment and needs further discussion. Other churches can vary quite widely on this issue.

Kenneth Gillance and Alan Summerscales

**EASINGWOLD & RASKELF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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Income & Expenditure For Year Ended 31 December 2024

All Funds Consolidated

	2024		2023	
Voluntary Income				
C1100 Offertory at Regular Services	5,220.91		5,582.63	
C1130 Bankers Standing Orders GA	23,380.30		36,752.96	
C1135 Bankers Standing Orders NGA	3,867.00		5,050.00	
C1137 Parish Giving Scheme - Regular	15,756.83		100.00	
C1138 Parish Giving Scheme - One Off	19.70		0.00	
C1139 e-Giving Device Donations	640.04		116.02	
C1140 Half Yearly Parish Boxes	118.55		100.73	
C1150 Donations Received - Other	2,532.83		4,355.20	
C1160 Casual GA Envelopes	0.00		405.28	
C1170 Funeral / Wedding collections	2,007.45		2,155.09	
C1180 Baptism Collections	609.37		562.58	
C1200 Gift Aid Tax Claimed	8,147.56		11,394.95	
C1210 Gift Aid Received from PGS	3,747.96		25.00	
C3101 Easy Fundraising Receipts	64.77		108.58	
C3102 Stewardship	428.18		1,022.86	
C3103 CAF Anon Donations	14,300.00		9,000.00	
		80,841.45		76,731.88
Activities for Generating Funds				
C3100 Fundraising Income	2,087.00		5,471.41	
		2,087.00		5,471.41
Investment Income				
C4200 Deposit & Investment Income	10,876.07		6,479.01	
		10,876.07		6,479.01
Charitable Activities Income				
C5200 Fees Received	14,538.00		13,327.82	
		14,538.00		13,327.82
Other Income				
C2100 Grants Received	20,490.00		6,164.00	
C2150 Trusts Drawdown	22,097.81		21,493.58	
C2200 Bequests and Legacies	3,000.00		25,000.00	
C3500 Magazine Sale Receipts	864.80		914.80	
C3510 Magazine Advertising Receipts	759.06		990.10	
C3800 You and Me Events	337.12		216.50	
		47,548.79		54,778.98
TOTAL INCOME		155,891.31		156,789.10

Fundraising & Trading Costs				
D3100 Social & Fundraising Costs	1,769.53		137.05	
D3200 Magazine Costs	1,963.00		1,913.00	
		(3,732.53)		(2,050.05)
Charitable Activities Costs				
D1155 You and Me Events	135.38		0.00	
D5100 Gifts / Grants Given	4,045.00		3,792.29	
		(4,180.38)		(3,792.29)
Governance Costs				
D9100 Audit & Accountancy Costs	90.00		90.00	
D9310 Diocesan Free Will Offering	68,000.00		67,000.00	
D9320 Consultancy & Other Prof Fees	11,589.95		1,428.26	
		(79,679.95)		(68,518.26)
Other Resources Costs				
D3500 Churchyard & Carpark	26,168.27		16,468.16	
D6520 Travel Expenses	452.70		325.80	
D6530 Vicarage Costs	1,108.00		1,043.86	
D7100 Gas	9,140.55		6,687.29	
D7110 Electricity	1,553.11		1,870.67	
D7120 Water	493.41		600.51	
D7130 Organ & Piano Maintenance	302.22		464.20	
D7250 Council Refuse Collection	556.41		661.22	
D7300 Insurance	5,262.16		5,322.22	
D7400 Cleaning Expenses	396.53		357.25	
D7500 Repairs & Maintenance	11,211.04		6,855.47	
D8200 Printing / Photocopying	439.51		603.73	
D8300 Postage	62.83		7.49	
D8310 Stationery	227.14		450.34	
D8320 Telephone	150.00		216.83	
D8330 Deanery Cost	600.00		540.00	
D8340 Admin & Secretarial	1,820.00		0.00	
D8500 IT Costs	1,021.37		1,123.73	
D9300 Bank Charges	187.59		194.47	
X9920 Office Equip. Depreciation	180.96		0.00	
		(61,333.80)		(43,793.24)
Worship Expenses				
D3410 Wine, Wafers, Candles	570.80		606.45	
D3420 Music, Choir, Organists	2,380.00		2,524.00	
D3430 Flowers	158.28		238.28	
D3530 Children's Ministry Expenses	185.88		135.03	
		(3,294.96)		(3,503.76)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		(152,221.62)		(121,657.60)
TOTAL SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		£3,669.69		£35,131.50

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024
All Funds Consolidated

	2024	2023
Fixed Assets		
B1200 Office Equipment	2,714.40	7,402.35
B1250 Office Equipment Depreciation	(180.96)	(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
	8,829.91	6,296.47
Current Assets		
B5100 Debtors & Prepayments	1,013.50	14,103.65
B5110 Iona 2024 Money Out	0.00	16,110.00
B5300 Recoverable Gift Aid from HMRC	365.64	1,046.91
B6100 HSBC Easingwold & Raskelf PCC	66,546.02	61,420.67
B6200 CBF CoE Dpst Fabric CB3037726	15,420.24	14,365.97
B6260 CBF CoE Dpst General CB3037728	139,867.77	131,259.30
B6270 CBF CoE Dpst PCRooms CB3037729	5,578.83	5,235.47
B6280 CBF CoE Dpst Raskelf CB3037749	5,282.63	5,016.37
B6300 Cash in Hand	40.36	670.06
B6305 Cheques in Hand	0.00	611.33
	234,114.99	249,839.73
Current Liabilities		
B7400 Creditors & Accruals	5,668.64	3,856.56
B7410 Iona 2024 Money In	0.00	19,047.85
B7430 Childrens Society	377.31	0.00
B7450 Remembrance Collection	0.00	(458.47)
B7470 You and Me Events	418.24	0.00
B7525 YDBF Stipend Fees Payable	0.00	461.00
	(6,464.19)	(22,906.94)
NET ASSETS	£236,480.71	£233,229.26
Reserves		
Consolidated Reserves B/Fwd	232,811.02	198,097.76
Surplus / (Deficit) Year To Date		
Easingwold General Fund	1,885.22	6,209.91
Easingwold Fabric Fund	(1,560.99)	(116.35)
Easingwold Missions Fund	(216.50)	216.50
Easingwold PC Rooms Fund	(5,287.56)	(408.37)
Raskelf Designated Fund	1,225.67	(902.19)
Raskelf R & D Fund	7,623.85	30,132.00
	3,669.69	35,131.50
CONSOLIDATED RESERVES C/FWD	£236,480.71	£233,229.26

Income & Expenditure For Year Ended 31 December 2024

Easingwold General Fund

	2024		2023	
Voluntary Income				
C1100 Offertory at Regular Services	4,617.08		4,664.40	
C1130 Bankers Standing Orders GA	20,955.30		33,174.96	
C1135 Bankers Standing Orders NGA	2,847.00		3,330.00	
C1137 Parish Giving Scheme - Regular	14,071.83		100.00	
C1139 e-Giving Device Donations	640.04		116.02	
C1140 Half Yearly Parish Boxes	98.05		71.19	
C1150 Donations Received - Other	2,380.83		4,071.20	
C1160 Casual GA Envelopes	0.00		346.28	
C1170 Funeral / Wedding collections	1,388.55		2,100.09	
C1180 Baptism Collections	166.70		476.83	
C1200 Gift Aid Tax Claimed	7,122.45		10,249.30	
C1210 Gift Aid Received from PGS	3,422.96		25.00	
C3101 Easy Fundraising Receipts	64.77		108.58	
C3102 Stewardship	428.18		1,022.86	
C3103 CAF Anon Donations	14,300.00		9,000.00	
		72,503.74		68,856.71
Activities for Generating Funds				
C3100 Fundraising Income	0.00		394.41	
		0.00		394.41
Investment Income				
C4200 Deposit & Investment Income	9,145.79		5,134.63	
		9,145.79		5,134.63
Charitable Activities Income				
C5200 Fees Received	13,535.00		12,678.10	
		13,535.00		12,678.10
Other Income				
C2100 Grants Received	3,000.00		3,040.00	
C2150 Trusts Drawdown	14,978.53		12,092.85	
C2200 Bequests and Legacies	1,000.00		0.00	
C3500 Magazine Sale Receipts	864.80		914.80	
C3510 Magazine Advertising Receipts	759.06		990.10	
		20,602.39		17,037.75
TOTAL INCOME		115,786.92		104,101.60

Fundraising & Trading Costs				
D3100 Social & Fundraising Costs	124.53		62.05	
D3200 Magazine Costs	1,963.00		1,913.00	
		(2,087.53)		(1,975.05)
Charitable Activities Costs				
D5100 Gifts / Grants Given	4,045.00		3,792.29	
		(4,045.00)		(3,792.29)
Governance Costs				
D9100 Audit & Accountancy Costs	90.00		90.00	
D9310 Diocesan Free Will Offering	66,640.00		61,640.00	
D9320 Consultancy & Other Prof Fees	785.63		924.26	
		(67,515.63)		(62,654.26)
Other Resources Costs				
D3500 Churchyard & Carpark	22,264.47		12,512.40	
D6520 Travel Expenses	146.70		309.60	
D6530 Vicarage Costs	1,108.00		1,043.86	
D7100 Gas	9,140.55		5,891.94	
D7110 Electricity	1,090.09		850.38	
D7120 Water	383.22		263.88	
D7130 Organ & Piano Maintenance	302.22		185.80	
D7250 Council Refuse Collection	556.41		661.22	
D7400 Cleaning Expenses	396.53		357.25	
D7500 Repairs & Maintenance	3,362.73		1,533.91	
D8200 Printing / Photocopying	439.51		603.73	
D8300 Postage	62.83		7.49	
D8310 Stationery	225.89		444.84	
D8320 Telephone	150.00		216.83	
D8330 Deanery Cost	600.00		540.00	
D8340 Admin & Secretarial	1,820.00		0.00	
D8500 IT Costs	1,021.37		1,123.73	
D9300 Bank Charges	187.59		194.47	
X9920 Office Equip. Depreciation	180.96		0.00	
		(43,439.07)		(26,741.33)
Worship Expenses				
D3410 Wine, Wafers, Candles	570.80		606.45	
D3420 Music, Choir, Organists	1,700.00		1,749.00	
D3430 Flowers	143.28		238.28	
D3530 Children's Ministry Expenses	185.88		135.03	
		(2,599.96)		(2,728.76)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		(119,687.19)		(97,891.69)
Transfers between Funds				
X9990 Transfers Between Funds	5,785.49		0.00	
		5,785.49		0.00
TOTAL SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		£1,885.22		£6,209.91

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024
Easingwold General Fund

	2024	2023
Fixed Assets		
B1200 Office Equipment	2,714.40	7,402.35
B1250 Office Equipment Depreciation	(180.96)	(7,402.35)
B2100 CBF CoE Inv Children CB3037727	2,000.00	2,000.00
B2130 CBF CoE Inv PCRooms CO3055959	208.47	0.00
B2140 CBF CoE Inv ChrchYrd CB3018020	454.00	454.00
	5,195.91	2,454.00
Current Assets		
B5100 Debtors & Prepayments	513.50	9,310.78
B5110 Iona 2024 Money Out	0.00	16,110.00
B5300 Recoverable Gift Aid from HMRC	314.24	935.91
B6100 HSBC Easingwold & Raskelf PCC	13,791.22	21,648.61
B6260 CBF CoE Dpst General CB3037728	139,867.77	131,259.30
B6270 CBF CoE Dpst PCRooms CB3037729	5,578.83	0.00
B6300 Cash in Hand	17.36	634.86
B6305 Cheques in Hand	0.00	611.33
	160,082.92	180,510.79
Current Liabilities		
B7400 Creditors & Accruals	2,327.14	3,296.72
B7410 Iona 2024 Money In	0.00	19,047.85
B7430 Childrens Society	377.31	0.00
B7450 Remembrance Collection	0.00	(321.47)
B7470 You and Me Events	418.24	0.00
B7525 YDBF Stipend Fees Payable	0.00	461.00
	(3,122.69)	(22,484.10)
NET ASSETS	£162,156.14	£160,480.69
Reserves		
B8000 Reserve - COIF	208.47	0.00
Surplus / (deficit) Year To Date	1,885.22	6,209.91
B8100 Retained Surplus B/Fwd	160,062.45	154,270.78
RESERVES C/FWD	£162,156.14	£160,480.69

Income & Expenditure For Year Ended 31 December 2024

Easingwold Fabric Fund

	2024		2023	
Investment Income				
C4200 Deposit & Investment Income	1,384.33		877.13	
		1,384.33		877.13
Other Income				
C2150 Trusts Drawdown	7,119.28		6,353.90	
C2200 Bequests and Legacies	2,000.00		0.00	
		9,119.28		6,353.90
TOTAL INCOME		10,503.61		7,231.03
Other Resources Costs				
D3500 Churchyard & Carpark	3,180.00		3,099.42	
D7300 Insurance	3,621.40		2,804.00	
D7500 Repairs & Maintenance	5,263.20		1,443.96	
		(12,064.60)		(7,347.38)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		(12,064.60)		(7,347.38)
TOTAL SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(£1,560.99)		(£116.35)

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

Easingwold Fabric Fund

	2024		2023	
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	0.00		2,865.96	
B6100 HSBC Easingwold & Raskelf PCC	(2,599.04)		(2,849.74)	
B6200 CBF CoE Dpst Fabric CB3037726	15,420.24		14,365.97	
		12,821.20		14,382.19
Current Liabilities				
	0.00		0.00	
		0.00		0.00
NET ASSETS		£16,455.20		£18,016.19
Reserves				
Surplus / (deficit) Year To Date	(1,560.99)		(116.35)	
B8100 Retained Surplus B/Fwd	18,016.19		18,132.54	
RESERVES C/FWD		£16,455.20		£18,016.19

Income & Expenditure For Year Ended 31 December 2024

Easingwold Missions Fund

	2024		2023	
Other Income				
C3800 You and Me Events	337.12		216.50	
		337.12		216.50
TOTAL INCOME		337.12		216.50
Charitable Activities Costs				
D1155 You and Me Events	135.38		0.00	
		(135.38)		0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		(135.38)		0.00
Transfers between Funds				
X9990 Transfers Between Funds	418.24		0.00	
		(418.24)		0.00
TOTAL SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(£216.50)		£216.50

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

Easingwold Missions Fund

	2024		2023	
Fixed Assets				
	0.00		0.00	
		0.00		0.00
Current Assets				
B6100 HSBC Easingwold & Raskelf PCC	0.00		216.50	
		0.00		216.50
Current Liabilities				
	0.00		0.00	
		0.00		0.00
NET ASSETS		£0.00		£216.50
Reserves				
Surplus / (deficit) Year To Date	(216.50)		216.50	
B8100 Retained Surplus B/Fwd	216.50		0.00	
RESERVES C/FWD		£0.00		£216.50

Income & Expenditure For Year Ended 31 December 2024

Easingwold Parish Church Rooms Fund

	2024		2023	
Investment Income				
C4200 Deposit & Investment Income	79.69		279.92	
		79.69		279.92
Charitable Activities Income				
C5200 Fees Received	0.00		14.72	
		0.00		14.72
Other Income				
C2150 Trusts Drawdown	0.00		3,046.83	
		0.00		3,046.83
TOTAL INCOME		79.69		3,341.47
Governance Costs				
D9320 Consultancy & Other Prof Fees	0.00		504.00	
		0.00		(504.00)
Other Resources Costs				
D3500 Churchyard & Carpark	0.00		270.00	
D7100 Gas	0.00		795.35	
D7110 Electricity	0.00		907.39	
D7120 Water	0.00		234.18	
D7300 Insurance	0.00		951.86	
D7500 Repairs & Maintenance	0.00		87.06	
		0.00		(3,245.84)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		0.00		(3,749.84)
Transfers between Funds				
X9990 Transfers Between Funds	5,367.25		0.00	
		(5,367.25)		0.00
TOTAL SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(£5,287.56)		(£408.37)

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024
Easingwold Parish Church Rooms Fund

	2024		2023	
Fixed Assets				
B2130 CBF CoE Inv PCRooms CO3055959	0.00		208.47	
		0.00		208.47
Current Assets				
B5100 Debtors & Prepayments	0.00		1,426.91	
B6100 HSBC Easingwold & Raskelf PCC	0.00		(1,064.98)	
B6270 CBF CoE Dpst PCRooms CB3037729	0.00		5,235.47	
		0.00		5,597.40
Current Liabilities				
B7400 Creditors & Accruals	0.00		309.84	
		0.00		(309.84)
NET ASSETS		£0.00		£5,496.03
Reserves				
B8000 Reserve - COIF	0.00		208.47	
Surplus / (deficit) Year To Date	(5,287.56)		(408.37)	
B8100 Retained Surplus B/Fwd	5,287.56		5,695.93	
RESERVES C/FWD		£0.00		£5,496.03

Income & Expenditure For Year Ended 31 December 2024
Raskelf General Fund

	2024	2023
Voluntary Income		
C1100 Offertory at Regular Services	603.83	918.23
C1130 Bankers Standing Orders GA	2,425.00	3,578.00
C1135 Bankers Standing Orders NGA	1,020.00	1,720.00
C1137 Parish Giving Scheme - Regular	1,685.00	0.00
C1138 Parish Giving Scheme - One Off	19.70	0.00
C1140 Half Yearly Parish Boxes	20.50	29.54
C1150 Donations Received - Other	27.00	154.00
C1160 Casual GA Envelopes	0.00	59.00
C1170 Funeral / Wedding collections	0.00	55.00
C1180 Baptism Collections	442.67	85.75
C1200 Gift Aid Tax Claimed	867.88	1,145.65
C1210 Gift Aid Received from PGS	325.00	0.00
	7,436.58	7,745.17
Investment Income		
C4200 Deposit & Investment Income	266.26	187.33
	266.26	187.33
Charitable Activities Income		
C5200 Fees Received	1,003.00	635.00
	1,003.00	635.00
Other Income		
C2100 Grants Received	500.00	575.00
	500.00	575.00
TOTAL INCOME	9,205.84	9,142.50
Governance Costs		
D9310 Diocesan Free Will Offering	1,360.00	5,360.00
D9320 Consultancy & Other Prof Fees	95.04	0.00
	(1,455.04)	(5,360.00)
Other Resources Costs		
D3500 Churchyard & Carpark	723.80	586.34
D6520 Travel Expenses	306.00	16.20
D7110 Electricity	463.02	112.90
D7120 Water	110.19	102.45
D7130 Organ & Piano Maintenance	0.00	278.40
D7300 Insurance	1,640.76	1,566.36
D7500 Repairs & Maintenance	2,585.11	1,241.54
D8310 Stationery	1.25	5.50
	(5,830.13)	(3,909.69)
Worship Expenses		
D3420 Music, Choir, Organists	680.00	775.00
D3430 Flowers	15.00	0.00
	(695.00)	(775.00)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	(7,980.17)	(10,044.69)
TOTAL SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	£1,225.67	(£902.19)

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024
Raskelf General Fund

	2024		2023	
Fixed Assets				
	0.00		0.00	
		0.00		0.00
Current Assets				
B5100 Debtors & Prepayments	500.00		500.00	
B5300 Recoverable Gift Aid from HMRC	51.40		111.00	
B6100 HSBC Easingwold & Raskelf PCC	1,299.70		189.99	
B6280 CBF CoE Dpst Raskelf CB3037749	5,282.63		5,016.37	
B6300 Cash in Hand	23.00		35.20	
		7,156.73		5,852.56
Current Liabilities				
B7400 Creditors & Accruals	191.50		250.00	
B7450 Remembrance Collection	0.00		(137.00)	
		(191.50)		(113.00)
NET ASSETS		£6,965.23		£5,739.56
Reserves				
Surplus / (deficit) Year To Date	1,225.67		(902.19)	
B8100 Retained Surplus B/Fwd	5,739.56		6,641.75	
RESERVES C/FWD		£6,965.23		£5,739.56

Income & Expenditure For Year Ended 31 December 2024
Raskelf Restoration & Development Fund

	2024		2023	
Voluntary Income				
C1150 Donations Received - Other	125.00		130.00	
C1170 Funeral / Wedding collections	618.90		0.00	
C1200 Gift Aid Tax Claimed	157.23		0.00	
		901.13		130.00
Activities for Generating Funds				
C3100 Fundraising Income	2,087.00		5,077.00	
		2,087.00		5,077.00
Other Income				
C2100 Grants Received	16,990.00		2,549.00	
C2200 Bequests and Legacies	0.00		25,000.00	
		16,990.00		27,549.00
TOTAL INCOME		19,978.13		32,756.00
Fundraising & Trading Costs				
D3100 Social & Fundraising Costs	1,645.00		75.00	
		(1,645.00)		(75.00)
Governance Costs				
D9320 Consultancy & Other Prof Fees	10,709.28		0.00	
		(10,709.28)		0.00
Other Resources Costs				
D7500 Repairs & Maintenance	0.00		2,549.00	
		0.00		(2,549.00)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		(12,354.28)		(2,624.00)
TOTAL SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		£7,623.85		£30,132.00

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024
Raskelf Restoration & Development Fund

	2024		2023	
Fixed Assets				
	0.00		0.00	
		0.00		0.00
Current Assets				
B6100 HSBC Easingwold & Raskelf PCC	54,054.14		43,280.29	
		54,054.14		43,280.29
Current Liabilities				
B7400 Creditors & Accruals	3,150.00		0.00	
		(3,150.00)		0.00
NET ASSETS		£50,904.14		£43,280.29
Reserves				
Surplus / (deficit) Year To Date	7,623.85		30,132.00	
B8100 Retained Surplus B/Fwd	43,280.29		13,148.29	
RESERVES C/FWD		£50,904.14		£43,280.29

Summary Movement of Funds & Reconciliation to Net Assets

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
					2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Easingwold General Fund	[U/R]	97,808		17,979	115,787	104,102
Easingwold Fabric Fund	[R]			10,504	10,504	7,231
Easingwold Missions Fund	[R]			337	337	217
Easingwold Parish Church Rooms Fund	[D]		80		80	3,341
Raskelf General Fund	[D/R]		8,706	500	9,206	9,143
Raskelf Restoration & Development Fund	[R]			19,978	19,978	32,756
		97,808	8,786	49,297	155,891	156,789
Resources Expended						
Easingwold General Fund	[U/R]	101,709		17,979	119,687	97,892
Easingwold Fabric Fund	[R]			12,065	12,065	7,347
Easingwold Missions Fund	[R]			135	135	0
Easingwold Parish Church Rooms Fund	[D]		0		0	3,750
Raskelf General Fund	[D/R]		7,480	500	7,980	10,045
Raskelf Restoration & Development Fund	[R]			12,354	12,354	2,624
		101,709	7,480	43,033	152,222	121,658
Operational Surplus/ (Deficit)		(3,900)	1,305	6,265	3,670	35,132
Opening Fund Balances (B/Fwd)		160,481	11,236	61,513	233,229	198,098
Transfers Between Funds		5,576	(5,576)	(418)	(418)	0
Closing Fund Balances (C/Fwd)		£162,156	£6,965	£67,359	£236,481	£233,229
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
					2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Assets						
Office Equipment (Less Depreciation)		2,533			2,533	0
Investment (at Cost)		2,662		3,634	6,296	6,296
Debtors & Prepayments		828	551		1,379	31,261
HSBC Multi-Fund Current Account		13,791	1,300	51,455	66,546	61,421
Central Board of Finance Deposits		145,447	5,283	15,420	166,149	155,877
Cash & Cheques in Hand		17	23		40	1,281
		165,279	7,157	70,509	242,945	256,136
Liabilities						
Creditors & Accruals		3,123	192	3,150	6,464	22,907
Net Assets		£162,156	£6,965	£67,359	£236,481	£233,229

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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 those of the previous accounting year.

2. MARKET VALUE OF QUOTED INVESTMENTS

Holding	Relevant Fund	2024		2023	
		Cost £	Market Value £	Cost £	Market Value £
Charities Official Investment Fund:					
69.04 Income Shares	Easingwold General Fund (Parish Church Rooms)	208	1,401	208	1,370
The Central Board of Finance of the Church of England - Capital Trust Fund:					
95 Investment Fund Shares	Easingwold General Fund (Churchyard)	454	2,197	454	2,148
The Central Board of Finance of the Church of England - Harnby-Jackson Bequest:					
526 Investment Fund Shares	Easingwold Church Fabric	2,500	12,163	2,500	11,890
C B F Capital Reserve Fund:					
175 Investment Fund Shares	Easingwold Church Fabric	1,134	4,046	1,134	3,956
C B F Capital Reserve Fund:					
279 Investment Fund Shares	Easingwold General Fund (Children's Church)	2,000	6,451	2,000	6,306
		£6,296	£26,258	£6,296	£25,670

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. 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 2024 was £9,564 (£10,315 as at 31 December 2023).

The underlying investment assets of this trust fund consist of a portfolio of investments with a market value of £214,308 as at 31 December 2024 (£199,833 as at 31 December 2023).

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 2024 was £67,083 (£74,806 as at 31 December 2023).

The underlying investment assets of this trust fund consist of a portfolio of investments with a market value of £152,121 as at 31 December 2024 (£140,993 as at 31 December 2023).

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. 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 2024 was £45,211 (£48,792 as at 31 December 2023).

The underlying investment assets of this trust fund consist of a portfolio of investments with a market value of £203,087 as at 31 December 2024 (£188,350 as at 31 December 2023).

6. EASINGWOLD PARISH ROOMS & CAR PARK

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 interest earned upon are currently invested in a Trust Deposit Account with CCLA Investment Management. The balance of this trust account as at 31 December 2024 was £289,281. In accordance with the York Diocesan Trust Deed of 1896, the whole amount (initial capital plus reinvested interest) can be used for a wide variety of purposes with the approval of the YDBF.

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 2024 and to the present APCM

Footpath repairs at the Parish Church will now take place in the current financial year. This work has dragged on due to planning concerns about the removal of a tree. Whether we are allowed to remove the tree or not, work to the footpath will be completed in 2025.

Changes to the alarm system supplier will have a cost implication, as this will mean a change from CCTV equipment to sensors. This work is expected to take place late Spring 2025.

We have a quotation for work to service the bells and the bell tower, but no start date has been scheduled for this work.

We are hoping to begin the process of seeking quotation for work to repair the church roof this financial year, and we would hope to appoint a contractor and plan the work. However, finances for this are unlikely to be needed until the next financial year.

It is possible that there will be a reprioritising for building improvement when a new vicar is appointed.

The project of refurbishment to St Mary's Raskelf continues. The Quinquennial Inspection report highlighted several areas which will be covered in the Restoration and Development (R&D) project. A feasibility study of the wooden tower and tower room to RIBA stage 2 is being funded by grants from the National Churches Trust (£3k) and UK Shared Prosperity Fund (£16,990).


In 2025, we intend to apply, with the help of Irving Patrick Consultants, to the National Heritage Lottery Fund for up to £250k towards the completion of the R&D work at St Mary's Church. Fundraising will continue as before with various events planned for 2025.

8. STAFF COSTS

As Parish Administrator, Mrs S Beaumont was paid £1,820 for administration services she provided in 2024 while being a member of the PCC. No other payments for services were made from church funds to other 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.

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Hon Treasurer
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Easingwold
York YO61 3HG



These financial statements and PCC report were approved by the PCC on 23/04/2025

Diane Gallon
Vice PCC Chair



**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 2024.
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

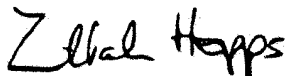
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes considering 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.



Zillah Hopps FMAAT
White Rose Accounting
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POCKLINGTON
EAST RIDING OF
YORKSHIRE 26th March 2025

Approved by the Annual Parish Church Meeting on.....25 May'25.....and signed on
behalf of the meeting by the chairman on.....25 May 2025.....

Chairman.....