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**Parish Profile for
The Easingwold with Raskelf
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‘We are part of Christ’s body working in Easingwold and Raskelf, and we long to share His love in our corner of North Yorkshire.’

Thank you for your interest in the post of Incumbent of the Parish of Easingwold and Raskelf, in the Deanery of Easingwold.

We are at a time of opportunity and development in the life of the Diocese of York. Together with the other ministers, the churchwardens and the PCCs, new Incumbent will be leading the parish through a time of openness to new possibilities, as both the Easingwold Deanery and the York Diocese seek the encouragement and inspiration of God’s Holy Spirit for our Diocesan Vision of *Living Christ’s Story*, and making that vision real in the lives of our churches, through the Deanery Plan.

As a Diocese, we seek to Live *Christ’s Story* through:

- Becoming more like Christ, as we live his story today.
- Reaching people we currently don’t.
- Building confidence and growing churches of missionary disciples, who are younger and more diverse.
- Transforming our finances and structures so that we can support a presence in all our communities, neighbourhoods and networks.

and in each Benefice, to catch the Vision and embrace the opportunities for mission particular to these communities.

These parishes want to work with their priest to make Christ visible in their communities, and to live out the story of God’s love, grace and forgiveness.

As the profile says ‘Our parish life is rooted in prayer, and Lent and Advent courses are attended by members of our congregation eager to learn more from Christ’s teaching, and providing an opportunity to share our faith’.

This is a Benefice with a strong pastoral and community focus, and a commitment to families, schools and children, with real opportunities for developing this area. There is supportive, enthusiastic and committed leadership who want to look forward and share the Gospel with their rural communities. The members of the congregations at across this Benefice are faithful and committed. They recognise the ministerial challenges of these communities and will support their new incumbent with prayer, fellowship, and practical service together

They seek someone who will help them to deepen their discipleship, raise the profile of their churches, engage with the local schools and continue to reach out to the community with hospitality and imagination, as together they proclaim the love of Jesus here. As the profile comments 'We consider it important to develop disciples, willing to learn and then share their knowledge and faith. Laity in our churches are empowered and encouraged to get involved in many ways.'

I came to be Bishop of Selby in the autumn of 2024, and I have found a warm welcome, supportive colleagues and an openness to God's possibilities for the church in this Diocese. The clergy and ministers appreciate the genuine collegiality that we enjoy with one another, working together to overcome challenges, develop vision and implement plans. This is a positive and hopeful time for the parishes of the Diocese of York.

The new Incumbent will find a warm welcome in the Deanery of Easingwold, with friendly and encouraging fellowship, and they will also have the support of the area team of archdeacon and bishop, and of the diocesan staff. We all work for the support, care and development of our ministerial colleagues.

I hope that you will find in this brochure a sense of the opportunities here for growth in your ministry and your own discipleship, and that you will be able to perceive whether you are being called to take further this process of discernment.

If you would like to have an informal conversation with me, or with the Archdeacon, we would be glad to hear from you.

May the Spirit guide you as you consider your call to Easingwold with Raskelf.

Blessings and grace,

+ Flora Selby