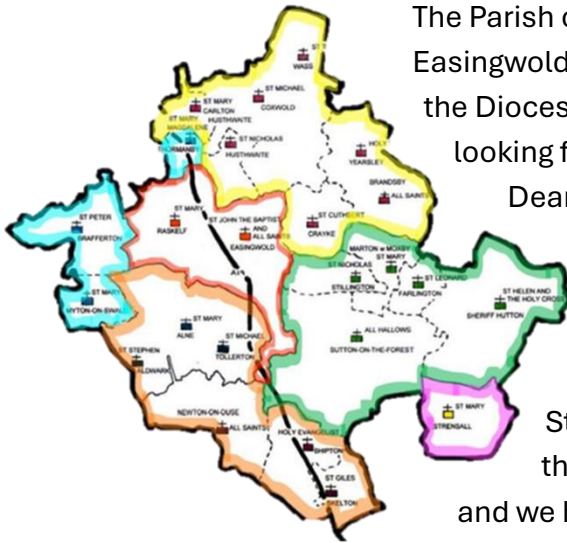


EASINGWOLD DEANERY



The Parish of St John the Baptist and All Saints is part of Easingwold Deanery. We are one of the smaller Deaneries within the Diocese of York, with 6 benefices and 24 churches. We are looking forward to welcoming a new colleague into the Deanery. Should you be the priest that God is calling to serve alongside us then you will be joining us at an exciting time in the life of not just our Deanery but the Diocese as under the leadership of Archbishop Stephen, we have a Diocesan Vision 'Living Christ's Story' (LCS). The Easingwold Deanery responded to this challenge with a 10 year Development Plan in 2022 and we have run Deanery Development Days to help Benefices and parishes put our plan into action.

As Area and Lay Deans, we jointly lead the Deanery, with the help of the Deanery Leadership Team. We are supported in this by the Bishop of Selby, Bishop Flora and by the Archdeacon of York, Ven Sam Rushton who meet with us every few weeks to review ongoing issues. The Diocesan office provides good support in safeguarding, buildings, vocational training, financial matters etc.

The Deanery plays its part in the government structure as an important conduit between General Synod, Diocesan Synod, Deanery Synod and PCCs. The Deanery Chapter meet regularly to provide mutual support. We also support Lay Ministers and church officers such as Treasurers and Parish safeguarding officers.

As a Deanery we are blessed with able and energetic lay members and this is particularly true of the Easingwold and Raskelf Parish. During the illness and early retirement of the previous incumbent the churches continued to provide a range of children's and social activities as well as a full range of well-attended worship. The church has remained open during the week for prayer. The churches reach out to the wider community of this rapidly expanding market town, for example by providing regular Open the Book sessions at the Community Primary School and joining with the other denominations in the town to celebrate major festivals and events.

In our Deanery Plan we have emphasised the role of the laity in working with the clergy to free them up to be able to focus on the mission and ministry that they are particularly called by God to do.

Revd Nikki Eastwood (Area Dean) and Margaret Price (Lay Dean)