

**REPORTS  
FOR  
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING  
(A.P.C.M.)**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018  
11am**

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## Annual Report

St Laurence's Church, Scalby, Scarborough, YO13 0PS

St Laurence's Church Reg. Charity No. 1131317

Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 11.00am

### Aims and Purpose of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The aims and purpose of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC (Powers) Measure of 1956 states the PCC is to co-operate with the Minister in promoting, the Parish of Scalby in the Deanery of Scarborough, the whole mission of our church, pastoral, evangelical and social and ecumenical.

It is with this purpose that the PCC have met on six occasions since the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 2017 with one extraordinary meeting. It also operates through several committees that further the mission of St Laurence's and the community it serves.

### Membership of the Parochial Church Council 2017 – 2018

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, members of the PCC are either ex official or elected at the APCM.

During 2017 – 2018 the following served as members of the PCC:

Ministry Team:	Rev Lynn Hellmuth (from February 2018)	Non Member
	Rev Marion Wright	Non Member
Reader:	Mr Philip Newell	Non Member
Churchwardens:	Mrs Pat Gardner (resigned October 2017)	
	Mrs Sally McIntyre	
Deputy Churchwardens:	Mrs Jill Bradley (from November 2017)	
	Mr Maurice Martinson	Chair, Fabric and Churchyard Committee
Secretary to PCC:	Mrs Celia Hodgson	Non Member
Deanery Synod Reps:	Mr John Freeman	Treasurer/Chair Finance Committee
	Mrs Angela Howard	
Lay Members:	Mrs Valerie Aston	
	Mr Ian Brown	
	Mrs Jo Charlesworth	Children and Families Worker
	Mr Jim Crawford	(resigned April 2017)
	Mrs Yvette Drabble	Chair, Good Neighbour Committee
	Dr Kirsten Mack	
	Ms Valerie MacMillan	
	Mrs Lesley Newton	Chair PCC
	Mr Tom Pindar	
	Mr Mike Pixton	
	Mr Tony Shaw	
	Mrs Jenny Stainthorpe	
	Ms Linda Thompson	Charities Administrator
	Mrs Sue Truefitt	Chair Social Committee: resigned Feb. 18
	Mrs Hilary Wallace	Chair, Missions Committee
Recognised Parish Assistants:	Mrs Jo Charlesworth (Mission)	
	Mrs Marie Freeman (Mission)	
	Mrs Sally McIntyre (Pastoral)	
Safeguarding Officer:	Mr Alan Grundy	
Assistant Safeguarding Officer:	Mrs Sally McIntyre	

**Safeguarding Statement:** Parochial Church Council of St Laurence, Scalby, 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).

## **Committees**

The PCC operates through a number of committees which meet between the PCC meetings throughout the year.

### **Standing Committee**

This is the only committee that is required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directives by the Council. There have been six meetings of the Standing Committee since the last APCM in which members have discussed how best to complete tasks as well as continue the mission of the church.

The other committees include: Finance, Fabric and Churchyard, Missions, Parishlife Magazine, Social, Worship, Children and Families Worker Management and Good Neighbour Committee. Reports on their work are given regularly to the PCC. The annual reports of each committee can be found in the APCM Report.

### **Friends of St Laurence**

The Friends of St Laurence have met during the year with the aim to give financial and practical support to the church, in particular the redecoration of the main hall in the Church Rooms and possible future replacement of ladies toilet window and painting jobs around the churchyard. Their fund raising events have included Music in the Meadows. We are extremely grateful for the support and the Friends' generous giving.

## **Church Services**

We have worked to continue to offer a variety of services during the year despite being in vacancy.

Sundays	8.00am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Communion
	10.00am	All Age on the first Sunday of the month
	10.00am	Communion 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays
	10.00am	Morning Worship 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday
	3.00pm	Baptism (usually 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday)
	6.00pm	Sunday Supper Club (fortnightly)
	6.30pm	Taizé (quarterly)
Mondays	10.00am	Toddler Praise
Thursdays	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Communion
	7.30pm	Café Explore (last Thursday in the month)
Saturdays	4.00pm	Messy Church (monthly)

Services of Holy Communion are taken to Combe Hay and Rambla Nursing Homes during each month. There have also been the Memorial and Remembrance Day services.

Every fifth Sunday the churches of the North Scarborough Group Ministry (NSGM) join together for the Sunday morning service to enable the congregations of St Laurence, Scalby, St Luke, Scarborough, St Peter, Hackness, St Hilda, Ravenscar, St Mary, Cloughton and St Mark, Scarborough to worship together. This last year St Laurence hosted the joint service in July, when Archdeacon Andy Broom was our visiting preacher. This April we are excited to be hosting the North Scarborough Group Ministry service with Roy Searle, Northumbria Community, our visiting preacher.

Joint services have also continued with Scalby Methodist Church this year.

## Church Attendance

The average attendance at services between Easter 2017 and March 2018 was as follows:

Sunday	8.00am	18 adults
	10.00am	80 adults 4 children (under 16)
	6.30pm Taize	20
Thursdays	10.30am	10
Mondays	10.00am Toddler Praise	6 children, 7 adults
Saturdays	4.00pm Messy Church	35 children, 24 adults

Easter day Services 2017, 8.00am BCP 38 and 10.00am Family Communion 227

Advent services included two Carol services and two Christingles, attendance 699.

Holy Communion on Christmas Eve 135, the 8.00am BCP 22 and 10.30am Family Worship on Christmas day was 118. Services linked to Schools at Christmas attendance 410.

There were 25 Baptisms and 1 Thanksgiving, 12 Weddings, and 21 funerals.

There are currently 197 on the Electoral Roll.

## A Review of the year

This is my third year as Churchwarden and was to be Pat's second. However, at the beginning of September Pat was taken seriously ill and after admission to hospital and the start of a complicated recovery, Pat decided to resign as Churchwarden. We accepted her resignation with much sadness but understood her decision. Pat's health is only just now beginning to improve. We have missed her enormously at St Laurence's and pray that her health will go from strength to strength.

This year I hope that the churchwardens have continued a strong link between the laity and the clergy. I have continued to attend the NSGM monthly Steering Group meetings, where we have discussed many aspects of church life. One of the topics being the clergy rota for the many church services held each month and how we can cover these; this has also created the opportunity for the churches to invite visiting preachers. At St Laurence we have welcomed Bishop of Hull, the Right Reverend Alison White, Retired Bishop of Bradford, the Right Reverend David James, the Reverend Anne Freestone, Chaplain, Castle Howard, Archdeacon the Venerable Andy Broom, East Riding Archdeaconery, Archdeacon, the Venerable David Butterfield, York Diocese Generous Giving and Stewardship and the Reverend Canon Johnathan Baker, Acting Dean, Peterborough are but a few. Also discussed are the arrangements for the services held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month and in particular, Archbishop Sentamu's Mission visit to Scarborough in October last year. The Steering Group has also taken on the responsibility for organising training for those working in the NSGM, this year 2017 – 2018 concentrating on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

The St Laurence PCC has met on six occasions during the year in May, July, September and November 2017 and January and March 2018 with one Extraordinary meeting to approve a faculty resolution for our new access for all. In a Vacancy there is an added responsibility that falls on the PCC and there are many matters to discuss that involve the material and spiritual life of St Laurence and their effects on the church and wider community.

## Ministry

Again 2017 – 2018 has been a time of change for St Laurence. Since April 2016 we have been in Vacancy. There have been times when we felt it would never come to an end, especially after three rounds of advertising for our new Vicar, there was little response. It was difficult for us not to feel unwanted. But we continued to pray and wait and with help with our new advert from Proudfoot through Valerie Aston another advertisement was submitted to the Church Times. The Churchwardens from the four parishes re ordered and brought the Benefice Profile up to date, while the purchase of the new vicarage was made by the Diocese. We were relieved that an interview process with a shortlist of two candidates arose from this

and as a result we were all delighted to be able to appoint the Reverend Lynn Hellmuth from St John, Stoneleigh, Epsom. However, we still had to wait a bit longer, but on Shrove Tuesday Lynn was Instituted and Installed to the Benefice of St Laurence, Scalby, St Luke, Scarborough, St Peter, Hackness and St Hilda, Ravenscar. We welcome her with our love and prayers as she starts her ministry.

Another change took place over this time with Nick Welford our Baptist Minister in Training finding that due to family commitments, he was no longer able to continue with us, also having to put his training on hold. We had enjoyed the different aspects he had brought to our worship, his energy, his ability to share himself with his congregation at St Laurence and all were very saddened to see him leave last summer.

During the vacancy, although retired in July 2015, the Reverend Marion Wright has continued to work tirelessly to support us in many ways. She has taken on the co-ordination of the clergy service rotas for St Laurence, to be involved with Messy Church and the All Age services and deeply involved in the pastoral care and church life of the Parish. We are so blessed to have her considerable support, help, love and care. I have been particularly grateful for her advice on several matters. Thank you Marion.

We have also been able to continue to call on retired members of the clergy and our Lay reader, who have made it possible to have the range of services that have happened over the past year, in particular those at Christmas. These are Retired Bishop David Wilbourne, the Reverend Alan Brown, Graham Waring, David Pynn and House for Duty Priest, the Reverend Don Maciver (retired Dec. '17) and Lay Readers Mr Philip Newel and Alan McKie. We thank them for their kindness and understanding, help and encouragement. Our very grateful thanks to our team of 'far from retired' clergy.

## **Worship**

The current pattern of Sunday and Thursday worship has been maintained throughout the year. Throughout the Vacancy we have worked to renew, grow and deepen our spirituality, prayer and worship. Many people at St Laurence have continued to grow their faith and spirituality through being part of different groups as well as meeting together regularly for worship. House groups have continued to meet as has the spirituality formation group. Some people have enjoyed a different style of worship, such as Café Explore led by Marie Freeman, Taize led by Chris and Marion Wright or Sacred Space co-ordinated by Tony Shaw and Jo Charlesworth has continued to develop Toddler Praise an extension to the baby and toddler group, Little Steps, on Mondays. The NSGM have again this year run an Alpha course at St Mark which has been well supported with some from St Laurence attending.

Our church choir has sung at main services, also at some weddings and funerals. The Christmas services in the church were very well attended and an augmented choir sang at the two carol services. We have also had the joy of being supported musically by the All Age Service Band of musicians and a small choir to lead us in experiencing the joy of raising our voices in praise at this service. Our deeply felt thanks go to Chris Wright for all his hard work and this great gift he has given us, that enhances every part of our worship.

Jo Charlesworth our Children and Families Worker and her committed team, have worked tirelessly taking the Christian story to many families. Monthly Messy Church has a monthly average attendance of 35 children and 24 adults and Toddler Praise a monthly average of 6 children and 7 adults and Open the Book is increasing in popularity in the local schools. Thank you Jo and your team. It is wonderful and inspiring to witness this part of the church and community growing.

## **Finance**

We would like to acknowledge and say thank you to our Treasurer John Freeman for all his hard work, overseeing the financial dimension of St Laurence, by monitoring income and expenditure and keeping the Churchwarden's feet on the ground, when she gets excited about a new project! This Year Martin Williamson has joined the finance team taking on the Role of Planned Giving Recorder with John Mills continuing to manage and record the Electoral Roll. Thank you for your attention to an important aspect of our church life. A detailed annual report has been written.

## **Fabric and Churchyard**

This year the committee led by Maurice Martinson, has been involved in overseeing three major projects, the renovation of the church tower, the renovation of the church clock faces and servicing of the clock and the overhaul of the church tower bells. For those involved it has been a steep learning curve. There have been architectural terms to learn, learning how the bell clappers are renovated, the management of those working on the projects and the material that each of the project required are but a few! It has been fascinating and we have met some very skilled craftsmen who have looked after our lovely church well. The work on the main Frontal in memory of Ken Fardoe continues and Shirley tells me that she expects it to be ready after Easter.

The churchyard received many compliments over this year for the excellent way it was being maintained. The open tree canopy and cut grass in the closed churchyard at the front of the church has this spring, given rise to the most wonderful number of snowdrops stopping people in their tracks with pleasure and wonder. While the warmer months are taken up with mainly grass cutting and general maintenance in a sizable churchyard, the cold weather and winter months when the rest of us are shy of going outside, our sextons are renovating the hedges, tidying the boundaries and repairing and repainting the benches. We have in Colin Grimmatt and John Charlesworth two excellent sextons who look after our lovely churchyard with care and sensitivity. Thank you Colin and John. We also thank Neil Barnes for continuing to cut the grass in Glebe Field. This is a great help to our sextons.

There are many on-going maintenance projects related to the church, churchyard, church rooms as well as the school house. These and other matters will be reported on in the Fabric and Churchyard Report.

## **Missions**

The church has continued to support the Rainbow Centre and Westway Open Arms financially and with items of clothing, groceries and crockery. We have maintained our links with Stepping Stones Ministries in India and continue to support Kalidas 9 years old and Sabitin 7 years old who live at Bethel and Bethany Houses. Financial donations have been made to the following charities, Church Mission Society, Children's Society, Bible Society, Children in Distress, Christian Aid, Sidewalk and Church Army. We also have a new Mission Partner in Azaria Spencer from the Church Mission Society, who we will be supporting as she follows her calling as she works in Guatemala with people society has shunned but particularly with children who have been orphaned, abandoned or abused. The collection at the NSGM service at St Laurence was donated to Scarborough Survivors.

Last year coordinated by Helen Arnold, Hilary Wallace and Chris Hoff made quilts with the proceeds raised at a coffee morning. A workshop was organised with cutting, ironing and sewing. The quilts were sent to the Stepping Stones new orphanage for girls, for the dormitories. Quilts were also made and donated by others outside the Parish. Thank you Helen, Hilary, Chris and those who helped for the beautiful gifts you made for the girls.

Sue Brown, St Laurence's Children's Society Representative, has also been supported by the church congregation in collecting clothes and other items for Samaria Aid.

Information of these and other matters can be read on the Rickinson Room, Church Room's notice board, also will be covered in more detail in the annual Missions Report.

Thank you to Hilary and the Missions Committee for continuing to bring the needs of others to the front of our awareness not only in this country but those countries abroad that need our support.

Thank you also to Philip and Janet Newell who continue to visit High Mill Estate at the edge of Scalby, reaching out to the new families by visiting and delivering welcome packs.

The church continues to be a Fair Trade church, enjoying Fair Trade items at many events. Thank you to Val Aston who continues to organize and run the Fair Trade stall on Sundays and at Scalby Fair.

### **Social Activities**

St Laurence hosted the Scalby Fair Flower Festival again last year, coordinated by Helen Hartley and Sue Truefitt, following the Scalby Fair Theme of Pantomime. Beautiful flower arrangements adorned our church and many people who may not otherwise have visited the church viewed the lovely arrangements.

In August we were very grateful for the catering that the Social Committee provided during the interview process for our new vicar and for Lynn's Installation.

They have also been central to the St Laurence's Barbeque hosted by Sue Truefitt, again a great success, the Harvest Supper and at Christmas, the Wassail Evening enjoyed by all. All annual events much looked forward to.

The Social Committee have also organised ladies nights out. The life of St Laurence has been enhanced by all that the Social Committee have provided for many of the events that we have held. We thank them for their hard work for the amount of planning that goes into these occasions.

We would like to thank Evelyn Laidler who also provided catering over the interview process for our new Vicar, for supplying us with cake, food for Sunshine Lunch and other occasional events.

### **Good Neighbour**

The Good Neighbour Committee led by Yvette Drabble has been again very active in the parish community, delivering gifts to those who are unwell, housebound or bereaved. Thank you Yvette and Linda Thompson and the team for all you do to make a difference with your acts of kindness.

### **Parishlife**

The magazine printed by Basics Plus, has continued to be issued this year on a basis of every two months, with a variety of church and community articles. The magazines are placed not only in the church but also in the local library, shops and tearooms. From the feedback we receive it is much valued by those receiving it, particularly those who can't get out as often as they would like to. It also entertains, informs and keeps us up to date with all that is going on. Thank you to all those involved in collecting, proof reading and compiling each edition, before it goes to print and our deliverers who make sure Parish Life gets to those unable to get out and about.

### **Other Groups**

St Laurence is a busy church where there is always something happening. Monthly Sunshine Lunches in the Church Rooms led by Viv Allen continue to increase in popularity and is an important point of contact for many people, enabling them to meet with friends, and enjoy an excellent meal. The Pastoral Visiting Team led by Sue Truefitt support those in need in the community providing that much needed support at a time of vulnerability. The Barnabas Group meets on the second and fourth Monday in the month led by Mavis Wild, is a lively group that supports those bereaved. A cup of tea is shared and company and chat is welcome. Occasionally an outside speaker is invited about a subject the group has chosen and a Christmas lunch and summer tea out is always much enjoyed. Tower and Hand Bell Ringers are led by Alan Grundy Captain of the Bells. It was noticeable to all of us, how much we missed the glorious sound of the bells when they were being renovated. The Hand Bells are an essential and beautiful part of our Christmas celebrations at the Carol Services. Afternoon and Evening Mothers Union is led by Linda Thompson both groups meeting regularly throughout the year with the opportunity to hear a variety of speakers and take part in the arranged events. These groups have all in their own way made an enormous difference to the community through their acts. Our very grateful thanks to you all.

## **Thankfulness**

As I look back over the year, my heart is filled with such gratitude. Thank you to God for travelling with us every step of the way, no matter where our journey has taken us. For sustaining us in times of difficulty and lifting us in times of joy.

Thank you to every single person who has been part of and contributed to the life of St Laurence.

Thank you for helping your Churchwardens in the very many and various ways that you all have. We couldn't have done what we have without you.

Thank you for the cleaning, polishing, decorating, flower arranging, keeping things tidy, looking after the toys, by being a sidesperson, a wedding vergers, a funeral vergers, a reader, an intercessor, playing music in one of the groups, singing in the choir and augmented choir, ringing church and hand bells, being on the coffee rota, a magazine deliverer, a PCC member, a committee member or a Deanery Synod member, a course leader, server, communion administrator, sexton, team and group leaders and all the other tasks which keep our wonderful church alive and active. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Thank to Helen Hartley and Sue Truefitt and their flower arranging team who make our church look wonderful with their arrangements that reflect the life's seasons and all aspects of the church.

Last year I embarrassed Freda by calling her our wonderful Parish Administrator. She is, and has continued to patiently support us and our numerous needs in many ways. The work involved in the interview process for our new vicar in the summer was considerable and likewise the work that went into the arrangements for Lynn's installation on Shrove Tuesday. Our heartfelt Thanks Freda.

Maurice Martinson has continued to be there to help solve the various knotty problems that occur. From the handle on the vestry door falling off just before we were due to have a baptism to helping organise the renovations that our church has been through this year. He also manages the heating in the church and the timing of the path lights. When Pat found she had to resign Jill Bradley agreed to become the second deputy church warden with Maurice. We were incredibly grateful. They are a wonderful team and I have felt well supported. Thank you both of you.

I would like to thank all our PCC members for their dedication and hard work. Despite being in Vacancy until February, the PCC has not prevaricated over the decisions we have had to make. The agenda although sometimes lengthy and occasionally difficult has been tackled and decisions made. This has given the life of the church momentum and the ability to look forward rather than stagnating. There is no doubt that much of this would not have been possible without our PCC secretary Celia Hodgson who has steered us through agendas and kept us all in order, with her depth of knowledge of procedure.

Our final thanks must go to all our clergy and readers who when asked to help are always there with their unstinting commitment to our parishioners and parish.

Thank you, thank you.

Sally McIntyre, Churchwarden

## **Fabric and Churchyard Report 2018**

### **Annual Report of the Deputy Churchwarden**

Two major works have been completed at church during the past year. The issue of access for all still dominates all meetings, but I'm happy to report that at last progress is being made.

#### **Church Tower**

Renovation and replacement of stone work on the inside and outside of the tower was undertaken by David Crighton Stonemasons under the supervision of Jon Steel, Diocesan Architect/Surveyor. A first class job was completed on time by what I considered a first class team.

#### **Church Bells and Clock**

To co-inside with work on the tower, Time Assured dismantled the clock faces and took them away to be cleaned and renovated. These were replaced after work on the tower finished. Ancillary gearing to the clock mechanism was also inspected for wear.

#### **Gullies on Church Roof**

This has been an ongoing issue resulting in more meetings and correspondence. A church meeting between Andrew Boyle and Ken Ferrey was arranged to sort out how the poor workmanship would be resolved. Ken Ferrey has agreed to come back and make good.

Since work by Mark Lonsdale was carried out, no leaks have been reported.

#### **Altar Frontal**

This is still ongoing. A new seamstress has been found who has promised an early conclusion!

#### **Travellers in church**

Although we still have travellers calling, they are not now able to access any money or switch on the heating. Also, the church is locked at a regular early time, and these measures have helped to reduce the problems and the irritations that were caused.

#### **Access for All (Church)**

The major issue to dominate the coming year is slowly taking shape. Alan Woods Partners Architects have drawn up plans for the project.

Stockills Builders have submitted a quote and other builders are being asked to come forward. The works have been programmed to take place in September/October. When completed the new approach will provide a major visual impact to all who enter the church.

#### **Schoolhouse**

Tarnia Ellis and family are tenants and continue to clean the Church Rooms. A problem has arisen with Stacey Whale who provides relief cleaning. No major expense has been identified in the schoolhouse.

#### **Church Rooms**

The main hall was redecorated over the Christmas period and curtains cleaned. Problems with constantly blocked toilets seems to have been resolved by installing new paper dispensers.

#### **Churchyard**

Colin and John, our Sextants, do a good job trimming hedges and grass cutting, along with winter maintenance of the seats.

A new access road is being provided to the Glebe Field. This will eventually enable the sale of the old vicarage.

**Churchwarden's message**

It is impossible to mention one person without mentioning everyone who contributes to the day to day running of the church. I must however thank Sally who I work closely with throughout the year. Her constant energy and knowledge on all issues is always a great help.

Lastly to welcome our new vicar, Lynn Hellmuth, who recently became part of our church family.

***Maurice Martinson***  
***March 2018***

**ST. LAURENCE'S PARISH CHURCH****REPORT TO APCM**

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

**Sidesmen and women**

We are very fortunate to have such an outstanding and committed team of sidespeople. I wish to thank all of them for their support. Some members of the team have been unwell this year, but we are pleased to say that all have been able to return to duties. Thank you to all who did extra duties when needed.

During the last year we have welcomed Jan Milnes to the 8am team, now making it a team of 4. To the All Age services at 10am, we welcome Chris Bailiffe, Matthew Baldwin, Sue Brown, Chris Hoff, Alyson Trueman and Hilary Wallace.

Once again Tony Shaw has continued to undertake duty at the Thursday 10 30 service and great support was received for the additional Christmas services.

**RECOMMENDATION**

I respectfully request acceptance by APCM of the foregoing report and that the list of sidespeople for the forthcoming year 2018/19 shown overleaf, be approved.

Ann Harrison

Sides duties co-ordinator.

April 2018

## **Children's Ministry report for the APCM 2018**

This past year saw my job title change from Children's Worker to Children and Families Worker. We began to recognise that not only are we sharing the love of God and the Christian story with children but, due to the events/services we are putting on, the parents are beginning to dip their toe in and show interest in exploring the Christian Faith too. So thank you to all my wonderful teams who work hard in loving, caring, praying and supporting me and the many families we are getting alongside.

### **The following sessions are running to help us build relationships with families.**

- **Little Steps baby and toddler group** continues to be full with a waiting list. We continue to love and support the families, coming alongside them and sharing the ups and downs of being a parent/grandparent with them. Our monthly toddler service is well supported and new families who do not attend church or have a faith are coming along. Our message to new families joining is a strong message that we are a Christian toddler group, here to support, love and share the Christian faith with those who would like to journey with us.

### **The following sessions are running at our church to help children learn and experience the love of God**

- **Fizzbang holiday clubs** run on 2 mornings in half term throughout the year and for 4 mornings in the summer holidays for children at primary school. We run it with a great team from St Laurence's along with Bruce Clark from Faith in Scarborough Schools. We are normally fully booked with 30 children attending each session from both Christian and non Christian homes. This is a great opportunity for us to get to know families who we would normally not meet.
- **Sunday Supper group** – continues to run fortnightly and is attended by 17 young people aged 10-16yrs. This past year we have taken part in a sponsored sleepover, the Good Friday event, Shoebox appeal, Christian Aid house to house collections along with the 2 café nights we ran. During the summer holidays 8 girls came along with me on a Scripture Union holiday to Scotland. It was a challenging few days as the sleeping accommodation was inadequate but we bonded as a group.
- **TGOS group** (young people aged 14-18yrs) –due to Nick Welford leaving us, this group is no longer running. The young people who attended now come to Sunday Supper.
- **Children's Sunday Morning Groups**  
Sunday morning groups continue to run every Sunday except for All Age services. We use Urban Saints material, we start with a game, hear a story either acted out or read from the bible. Our response would be a craft activity and then we end in prayers.
- **Christmas Kids Club** – was cancelled due to my son's illness but we will be running it again this December.

### **The following events are running in the schools and community to tell the Christian Story to children and adults.**

- **Open the Book** – The team continue to visit 4 schools a month bringing the bible stories to life using visual and sound effects for approximately 500 children and teachers. Where possible we always ask for children helpers to tell the story and get the whole school involved in the story too. There are 8 of us in the Open the Book team but new members are always welcome.

- **Good Friday “One Friday - Journey with Jesus”** - took place again last Easter and was well supported by many people along with families from Messy Church, Sunday Church, and Fizzbang families and many from Little Steps. We went on a journey to Stations of the Cross in church and around the church yard.
- **Messy Sports at the Rugby Club** – was held in August and attended by approx 120 children and adults. It was a community event, lots of sporty fun, sporty story, action song/prayers and a delicious BBQ. Many people from the fringes of church attended this event.

**The following sessions are running in our church rooms to help children AND adults learn and experience the love of God.**

- **Messy Church - continues** to draw people in from the “messy edges” of our community. We are supported by a very committed team and are looking at ways to encourage parents who have been coming along for some time, to join the team. We have found over the past year that many people help set up the dining area and clear up at the end. It is very encouraging that a few families are also attending the All Age service.

### **Other work**

**Baptisms** – We moved Baptism preparation sessions from the family’s home to the church rooms last year. We found that parents preferred to come to us and it enabled us to meet with multiple families in one session. I try to attend every session and the child’s Baptism service, this enables me to meet the family and to explain that we are here to support them, not just on the day of the baptism but as their child grows up. That face to face contact right from the beginning has resulted in contact with the family after baptism being maintained with most of the families who brought their child for baptism last year. Many now come along to All Age services, Little Steps, Messy Church, Fizzbang, and Sunday Supper (older children).

**All Age Services** – I discovered that many families forget which Sunday the All Age service takes place on so I now text all families a reminder a few days before. This has been very gratefully received by the families who live with a chaotic calendar and value a reminder.

**Report written by Jo Charlesworth February 2018**

## Mission Team Report 2017 -2018

St Laurence's Church supports a total of 9 missions representing a balance of local, national and international charities with CMS and the Church Army receive 17.5% of the annual giving and The Children's Society, The Bible Society, Children in Distress, Westway Open Arms, Sidewalk each receiving 13%. Stepping Stone Ministry and Christian Aid are supported through various events and funding. The work of all these charities is highlighted through updates on the Noticeboard in the Church Rooms and on the weekly noticesheet, in Parishlife, through prayer and speakers and presentations on Sunday morning services.

**CMS** After Marcus Throup went to pastures new we wanted a new CMS Mission Partner. With the help and guidance of CMS we decided upon Azaria Spencer.

Azaria is young and newly trained by CMS. She made a flying visit to Scalby in July which coincided with the Parish BBQ, introducing herself at 10am service and then join us at the BBQ. She left the UK in August for her first Mission posting in Guatemala working with Street Children. She has been sending regular updates and newsletters and a blog.

**Stepping Stones Ministry** St Laurence supports two young children on a monthly basis ~ Kaldas, 10years old and his sister Sabitri, 8. They are well settled and making progress. November 2017 saw the opening of a new girl's home which will eventually house 40 youngsters. A group of ladies attended a working party for the purpose of making quilts for the girls which were then completed by a few key members. 15 quilts were completed.

**Christian Aid** is support through a variety of activities. Regular Prayer meetings, house to house collections during CA Week, annual plant and produce sale at the CA coffee morning and Boyes cake stall, sponsoring a member of the congregation at the annual Snooker competition are just a few of the ways in which we can raise money and help to raise the profile of the work of CA. This year we were privileged to have Maggie Bridge share her experiences the work of CA in Peru. A new venture this year was the Big Brekkie at the Brown's house.

**The Children's Society** The Christingle Services are still extremely popular and some members of the congregation save regularly using the gift boxes.

**Children in Distress** We sent 35 shoe boxes of Christmas gifts as well as raising money through the Sunday Supper girls evening meal, raffle and quiz. The meal was attended by Caroline Wilkie, the new Area Manager, and her family. She also spoke at Morning Worship.

**The Bible Society** Bible Sunday was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018. Christine Grimmett gave a brief introduction to the work of the Bible Society and showed two presentations detailing the work that the society does with refugees Bible translation is still at the heart of their work and the Open the Book initiative is very successful.

**The Church Army** The departure of Sheena Moray, the church Army worker at Westway Open Arms, we now support the work of the Church Army in general, keeping abreast of their initiatives and outreach.

**Westway Open Arms** and the Rainbow Centre are supported on a regular basis with donations and response for urgent requests.

**ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH, SCALBY**  
**WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE APCM ON 22 APRIL 2018**

The members of the Worship Committee are Revd Marion Wright, Chris Wright, Sally McIntyre, Philip Newell, Nick Welford, Marie Freeman, Tony Shaw, Jo Charlesworth and Lesley Newton.

The Committee has only met once in the past year, on 3 May 2017.

During that meeting we reviewed the Easter services and events, made provisional plans for Christingle 2017 and discussed arrangements for the Archbishop's Deanery Mission, 13-15 October 2017.

Action points from that meeting were:

- To ask Bible readers at the 10am service to use the same version as the one Freda prints for distribution to the congregation
- To ensure people who want their own music played at a wedding or funeral put it on a memory stick, ensuring there is nothing else on it.
- To look at the website [www.parishresources.org.uk/givingforlife](http://www.parishresources.org.uk/givingforlife) regarding Re-imagining the Offertory
- To produce a leaflet to give people to use during Easter Sacred Space and Holy Week
- To explore the idea of a Seder Meal at Easter 2018
- To remind parents to bring warm coats for children attending the Good Friday procession
- To use a people-counter at the Christingle and limit numbers to 160 for each service
- To pray for streets in the parish each Sunday leading up to the Archbishop's Mission, putting their names on the notice sheet and asking the intercessors at 10am to include them
- To re-distribute the policy regarding Children and Holy Communion

Lesley Newton

## **ST. LAURENCE'S SCALBY**

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2018**

Social Committee members are Sue Truefitt, Linda Thompson, Val Aston, Jenny Wray, Helen Arnold, Christina Hutton, Pat Gardiner, Ann Harrison, Kirsten Mack and Hilary Wallace. It is really good to have such a great group to rely on for all the events with which we are involved. Although everyone is not available for everything, there are usually enough especially when supplemented by volunteers!

Our aim in every year is to provide a varied programme of social events. In addition, we have provided catering services for wider parish occasions.

Once again we had the Beetle Drive but as half term was not on Shrove Tuesday, we offered bangers and mash instead. This was much appreciated and as usual the event was great fun.

Good Friday saw a great turn out for the walk and subsequent soup and bread was served at the end.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> May we celebrated the Queen's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her ascension to the throne with a Royal Afternoon Tea in the Church Rooms with musical entertainment from Jack Jowsey and George Gamesby. We even managed a visit from the Queen herself! No event is meant to be a fundraiser but when an event is well supported and expenses low we do make a profit and that is what we did with this event. We gave £146 to Christian Aid.

The BBQ in July followed a familiar format. We had excellent weather and the event was well attended. We were joined by our new CMS Partner Azaria Spencer who was visiting Scalby before leaving to work with CMS in Guatemala.

After a change in format in 2016 we organised a very well attended Harvest Supper in the Church Rooms. A hot meal was served followed by entertainment from Bishop David Wilbourne.

In December the ladies went to Nineteen 09 restaurant at Scarborough TEC on Filey Road for a dinner. The meal was excellent value and we all enjoyed relaxing without responsibility!

On the Wassail front, once again there was an excellent array of talent for which we are very grateful. It was a fun evening with lots of laughter and Christmas spirit. Everyone joined in.

We covered the two carol services with mulled wine and mince pies.

At the end of the year from our remaining funds we donated £150 to the Rainbow Centre Scarborough and £150 to Westway Open Arms Eastfield.

Members of the committee assisted the Northern Group with catering for three of the Alpha meals. We are not a catering committee but we do help out on occasions – individually or collectively.

We are well into this year's planning and appreciate suggestions for social events.

Finishing this report thanks have to be extended to all the committee for their help and contributions over the year – nothing would work as it does without some really great team work. Thanks too to Glynis Francis who hung up her oven mitts this year. We have all appreciated the help and support Glynis has given to the committee over the years. Thanks to Helen Hartley for almost being ahead of us with tickets and posters and Heather Bird, Jill Bradley and others who will always step into

the breach when manpower is in short supply! We are always on the lookout for new members. We thank you all for your support for all the events which we try to make accessible to everyone.

Finally, even though this happened in January 2018 it should be noted in this report. In January Sue Truefitt decided to stand down as Chairperson of the committee. Sue has been chairperson for the past 10 years and we owe her a debt of gratitude for her kindness and generosity of spirit, opening her home for committee meetings and for various church events over the years.

Helen Arnold & Linda Thompson

### **Planning For Growth Report for APCM**

Although there hasn't been a meeting of this group since May 2017, it is good to report that some initiatives first thought of and recommended are now happening or have happened!

We prayed for streets in the parish naming them weekly on the notice sheet. Hopefully this encouraged people to pray for their neighbours as well as reminding us all of the extent of our parish. Of course not members of our different congregations live within the boundary of the parish so we were encouraged to pray for all members of our church too.

The monthly Men's breakfast and bi-monthly Women's breakfast continue to run under the NSGM (North Scarborough Group Ministry) banner! Here we meet Christian friends and neighbours, have a good breakfast and listen to a speaker. These friendly breakfast meetings which do have the early start of 8:30; enable us to show that although we are members of one parish we are also part of a wider Christian community, and is also an opportunity to invite a friend to come along and try!

An Alpha course was run in the autumn and winter months after the Archbishop's Mission in October, this time it was held on Sunday afternoons at St. Marks with cake and coffee/tea instead of a meal. This course is a good opportunity for those wanting to explore the Christian faith. It will be run again so look out for dates later in the year and encourage people to attend. You could be the sower of the seed.

**Our priorities** continue to be:-**Communication with God and each other** – Hopefully an events diary will be set up to avoid clashes of events or 'heavy weeks or weekends' where the same groups of people are involved.

**Growth in numbers (30'ish' -50'ish' age range)** – Jo's work with children and families has had a great impact here as does the giving of Welcome packs to our new neighbours on the growing estate in Scalby.

**Develop Spiritual Growth and Commitment of existing congregations and 'seekers'** – House groups, Spirituality groups, Café Explore and regular NSGM Alpha courses.

Marie Freeman RPA

## **Deanery Synod Report 2017**

Meetings were held March, June, September, and January.

**March** – meeting held at St Columba's Church Rooms Scarborough

There were discussions about Safeguarding training by Ros Brewer who was standing for Lisa Dixon, the speaker, who was unable to attend. Details were given of courses to attend and the importance of this for Parishes in the Deanery.

Ros Brewer also reported on the Archbishop's Mission in October and encouraged everyone to attend and contribute to this.

Revd Tina Minett Stevens discussed the initiative "Thy Kingdom Come", and the Spring Tide group which is an ecumenical grouping in Scarborough and project relating this.

**June** – meeting held at St John's Filey

There was more discussion on the rolling programme of events relating to the Archbishop's Scarborough Mission. Including a visit to the Newcastle Packet on Saturday to meet the "bottom enders". A Ceilidh had been planned and a training event with Roger Simpson.

Ros Brewer made a presentation "Developing our Deaneries" and requested feedback from the members divided into groups. The titles for discussion were communication, vision, working together, and training.

Elections were made to the Deanery Leadership Team.

**September** – meeting held at St Michael's Church Hall, Scarborough.

Finance (Peter Ingram) returned that Freewill offering was likely to be lower than last year.

The Archbishop's Scarborough Mission was the main topic of conversation. The Lay Dean (Ros Brewer), updated the members of the Deanery Synod about events relating to this including a Barn Dance and the event at Scarborough Fair. She also stressed the importance of members to help at this event.

Revd Richard Walker and Fr Adam Wogan were nominated to the Deanery Leadership Team.

The majority of the meeting was involved in "Sharing Conversations" – How do you want Scarborough Deanery to be effective in Mission and Ministry and Service? This followed on from the last meeting.

This was put out to the members present for discussion on tables. Each table gave details of their own ideas on initiatives including RPA courses, events to celebrate Pentecost and skills audits across the Deanery.

**January** – meeting held at St Mary's Parish House, Scarborough

Feedback was given relating to the Archbishop's Scarborough Deanery Mission. It was noted that 300 New Testaments were given out by Grahame Adamson, Ros Brewer (Lay Dean) requested that any good news stories were to be passed on to her. The Healing and Prayer events were considered to be a big success. Over 600 people had attended and thanks were given.

The Deanery Leadership Team reported back the new layout for Deanery Meetings, three still to be held plus one open meeting. The Deanery priorities are (i) Deanery Alpha, (ii) Deanery Worship, (iii) Walk of Witness, (iv) RPA training, (v) young people's activities, (vi) Songs of Praise (vii) faster communication with PCCs

The members were divided into groups discussing the areas Children and Youth, Communications, Praying and working together, Social Responsibility, Training, and Sustainable Finance. Feedback was positive including ideas such as establishing links with already established children's groups, use of facebook, prayer walks around parishes, supporting Rainbow Centre and Westway and transparent budgeting.

### **Angela Howard – Deanery Synod**

### **Good Neighbour Committee Report 2018**

Our small committee recently welcomed Val Aston so together with Linda Thompson our secretary and Sandra Dudley we meet twice a year at Easter and Harvest to arrange delivery of gifts to the sick, housebound and bereaved in our parish. We also visit as and when we can throughout the year.

At Easter we buy approx. 40 small plants with money from the Lilian Needham Fund and distribute them on Palm Sunday.

At Harvest the large flower arrangements are taken to the Rambler Nursing Home, Orchard House and Danes Dyke Community Centre. Approximately 36 posies are made up and delivered to the sick and housebound. All the provisions are taken to the Rainbow Centre and Westway House at Eastfield.

We would like to say how grateful we are to members of the congregation in helping us to deliver these gifts without whom we could not manage, very many thanks.

Yvette Drabble

### **Magazine Committee Report 2018**

Parishlife is printed bi-monthly with some 250 being delivered to homes, tearooms, pubs/ restaurants and the local library. 35 go to St.Lukes. The magazine covers articles reflecting the life of the church and community as well as offering local traders advertising space. Delivery of the magazine depends on the support of our 16 volunteers, for whom we are very grateful, and to the Staff of the Yew Tree Tea Rooms and Village Stores who continue to sell the magazine for us. Thanks also go to John Charlesworth who prepares the magazine for printing.