



ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH, SCALBY



**Building together a community of faith
that reaches out with God's love –
in Jesus' name.**

PRAYER-CREATIVITY-INVITATION-LEARNING-JOY-SERVING

Week beginning: Sunday 28th April 2024

World



- ❖ Peace and reconciliation amidst the devastation in Gaza and Ukraine. Lord, Have mercy on them all.
- ❖ The hundreds and thousands of civilians displaced and fearing for their lives in the civil war. May aid reach those in need of basic necessities in all war zones.
- ❖ Jewish people throughout the world celebrating Passover, a profound reminder to them of God's faithfulness. Pray for a calming of anti semitic tensions everywhere.

Church and Community

- ❖ Preparations for the Celebrate service with its focus on Christian Aid.
- ❖ Give thanks for new members of the PCC and pray for them as they feel their way into a new role.
- ❖ God's blessing and strength for carers- some only children who support family members and are often isolated : also for those who work long hours in care homes and clients homes.
- ❖ Medical staff and allied professionals under great stress in the hospital and at surgeries.
- ❖ For the wonderful work in our schools done by FISS (Faith in Scarborough Schools). On Tuesday they are helping with Collective Worship at Hackness where they connect with local children in our local schools and spread the Good News of Jesus!

Individuals

- ❖ James Trueman, Shirley and Mandy Stewart, Aline Croskin, John Mills and all those known personally to us who need our prayers.
- ❖ King Charles, Princess Catherine and all who are experiencing anxious times as they undergo tests and treatment.
- ❖ Azaria asks us to pray for David as he continues to explore his role as he joins her as a mission partner. Please keep them in your prayers.



Church Services today and next week

Sunday 28th April 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

8.00am **Holy Communion** Canon Chris Coates

10.30am **Holy Communion** Rev'd Tony Hand
 Preacher Rev'd Stephen Walker

Collect: Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder for your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Readings: Acts 8:26-end & John 15:1-8

5.00pm **Fun and Food** Celia Hare

Monday 29th April 2024

10.00am **Toddler Praise** Celia Hare

Thursday 2nd May 2024

10.30am **Holy Communion** Rev'd Stephen Walker

Saturday 4th May 2024

4.00pm **Fun with Faith** Celia Hare

Sunday 5th May 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

8.00am **Holy Communion** Bishop David Wilbourne

10.30am **Celebrate!**
 Kindness and Compassion Celebrate Worship Team

Readings: Mark 12:28-31

4.00pm **Deanery Prayer Event** St. Luke's Church



If you are a visitor or newcomer to St. Laurence's please make yourself known to the Clergy or Churchwardens after the service, so that we can welcome you personally.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

29.04.24	10.00am	Little Steps	Church Rooms
	10.00am	Toddler Praise	Church
02.05.24	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
04.05.24	4.00pm	Fun with Faith	Church Rooms

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

So you're aware, the week runs from 12-18 May this year. Before that, there'll be a Christian Aid focus at our service on 5th May and there'll be more information in the April/May edition of Connect. Chris Wright would love to hear any fund raising or raising awareness ideas you have: perhaps you could be sponsored for *70K in May*, a challenge that can be completed through walking, running, swimming or bike riding! Please start thinking and adding your prayers.



Date for your diary – Christian Aid coffee morning and plant sale on Saturday 8th June in the Church Rooms.

* Christian Aid envelopes will be available in church on May 5th, 12th and 19th for your donations.

SCALBY TOURS – THE AUCKLAND PROJECT

June 12th will soon be here, when we will be heading North to visit The Auckland Project.

Anyone who has put their name down on the sign up list, please could you arrange payment with Linda, Helen or Valerie asap.

Anyone who hasn't yet signed up, there are only a few places left We are looking forward to our memorable day!



RAVEN CONCERT

We are once again thrilled to be hosting a concert by Raven in the church. It is on Saturday 18th May, arriving at 6.30pm for drinks and canapes with the concert starting at 7pm. Tickets are £15 and can be purchased from Sue Truefitt, any member of the social committee or Sarah in the office.



CAN YOU HELP?

Betty Durham is moving into Coombe Hay in the coming weeks and her son, Peter, is wondering if anyone would be able to store some furniture for her until she moves into a larger room as the one she will be going in initially is only small. If you feel you can help then please ring Sue Truefitt on 07967 159436. Thank you.

DEANERY PRAYER EVENT

Join the Scarborough Deanery in Intentional Prayer for our Churches on Sunday 5th May 2024 at St. Luke's Church. Come and go anytime between 4-5.30pm. everyone is welcome. For more details please contact Liz Kitching on 01723 582193 or email midgeburton@aol.com.

HELP FOR UKRAINE

Good clothes and bedding are needed for Ukraine and will be taken by a lorry which goes every six weeks. If you have anything to donate please let Joan Fennell know on 07585 118400. She will either collect or arrange for things to be left in her porch. Thank you.

COFFEE MORNING

Scalby Methodist Church are hosting a coffee morning in support of Priceholme Amenity Fund on Saturday 4th May, 10-11.30am. There will be a cake stall and bookstall and model trains will be running. Everyone is welcome.

CONCERT

Scarborough Concert Band are holding a concert on Wednesday 8th May at the Parish House on Castle Road at 7.45pm. They will be playing all your favourite marches, medleys and movie themes. Tickets are £5.00, children are free. Refreshments are available. Fund raised will be used to support the Rainbow Centre.

SCARBOROUGH DEANERY CONFIRMATION SERVICE – TUESDAY 2ND JULY AT 7.30PM

Bishop Eleanor (the Bishop of Hull) will be leading this confirmation service for all of the churches in the Scarborough Deanery. If you are baptised – or would like to be and not yet confirmed and interested in finding out more about affirming your faith through being Confirmed, please contact Revd Tony Hand.

OFFICE HOURS W/C 29.04.24

Wednesday 1st May

9.30am – 12noon

Friday 3rd May

9.30am – 12noon



We ask that you contact Sarah/Jo to arrange to pop into the office on 01723 364858 or via email office@stlaurencescalby.org.uk.

SURVEY INVITATION:
A THIRD LOOK AT A CHANGING CHURCH

Church of England members and leaders are invited to participate in a 'Church 2024 Survey', devised by two Professors of Theology, hosted by York St John University, and following two previous surveys in 2001 and 2013 which have informed widely-published research.

Professors Andrew Village and Leslie J Francis, who ran additional surveys during the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, aim to repeat some questions to see how attitudes and beliefs have changed over the last two decades, and to see how people and churches have changed since Covid-19.

New questions look at contemporary issues including the environment, artificial intelligence (AI), and changing views on ethical issues such as assisted dying.

The survey will run for several months, with occasional updates given on the website, and should help Churches ensure that decisions about doctrine, worship, ministry, and mission can draw on evidence from ministers and congregations at the grassroots.

Participation will take about 15-20 minutes, depending on your role in your church.

Most responses involve ticking boxes to indicate various things about you (such as denomination, country of residence, age etc.), your church life (are you ordained or a licensed minister, do you belong to groups, how often do you attend church etc.) and whether you agree or disagree with a range of ideas. No information held from the survey will link records to particular individuals.

You can get more information, and follow the results as they emerge, via the survey website at www.yorks.j.ac.uk/the-church-24-survey.

Start the survey at <https://tinyurl.com/CH24ANG> or use the QR code.



The previous two Church Times surveys are reported in detail in:

- Francis, L. J., Robbins, M., & Astley, J. (2005). *Fragmented faith? Exposing the fault-lines in the Church of England*. Paternoster Press
- Village, A. (2018). *The Church of England in the first decade of the 21st century: The Church Times Surveys*. Palgrave Macmillan. (www.palgrave.com/gb/book/9783030045272)

Findings of Covid pandemic surveys: www.yorks.ac.uk/coronavirus-church-and-you, which has links to some Church Times articles reporting the results.)