



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

**Weeks beginning: Sundays 22nd & 29th December 2024 &
Sunday 5th January 2025**



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.

World

- ❖ The new regime in Syria, that they may lead in building a society which reflects God's ways.
- ❖ Remembering that Jesus and his parents became migrants fleeing from violence, we hold before God the 100 + millions in the world forcibly displaced that they will find people and places of welcome and safety.
- ❖ The women held in Evin prison in Tehran who face torture on a daily basis.
- ❖ Peace in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, South Korea, Yemen and every place where there is unrest.
- ❖ Politicians worldwide, that the spirit of Christ would change the hearts of those who seek to rule by their own power.

Church and Community

- ❖ All who will come to worship this Christmas, that Christ, the Light of the World would touch hearts and lives bringing hope, peace and joy.
- ❖ We give thanks for the good things happening in our community and the good people around us and ask that we would be part of those signs of the coming of God's kingdom in the New Year.
- ❖ All churches, especially the Anglican Church asking for healing of past mistakes and renewed hope for the future. We especially remember Archbishop Stephen and his team.

Individuals

- ❖ James Trueman, Barbara Gardiner, Aline Croskin, John Mills, Mandy Stewart and all those in nursing homes, care homes or hospital this Christmas that they would know the healing presence of Christ and know that they are not alone.
- ❖ Azaria and David as they spend time with Azaria's brother Zeph in hospital with leukaemia.

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Church Services today and next week

Sunday 22nd December 2024

4th Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion	Bishop David Wilbourne
10.30am	Holy Communion	Revd Tony Hand
	Preacher	Revd Stephen Walker
Collect:	Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
Readings:	Hebrews 10:5-10 & Luke 1:39-45	
4.00pm	Christmas Carol Service	
	Followed by refreshments in the Church Rooms	
6.30pm	Christmas Carol Service	
	Followed by refreshments in the Church Rooms	

Tuesday 24th December 2024

Christmas Eve

8.30am	Morning Prayer	Revd Marion Wright
2.00pm	Christingle	Celia Hare
4.00pm	Christingle	Celia Hare
11.00pm	Midnight Service	Revd Tony Hand

Wednesday 25th December 2024

Christmas Day

8.00am	Holy Communion	Bishop David Wilbourne
10.30am	Celebrate! – Christmas	Celia Hare

Sunday 29th December 2024

1st Sunday of Christmas

10.30am	NSGM Carol Service at St. Mary's, Cloughton	
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Tuesday 31st December 2024

8.30am Morning Prayer Revd Marion Wright

Thursday 2nd January 2025

8.30am Morning Prayer Revd Marion Wright

Saturday 4th January 2025

4.00pm Fun with Faith Celia Hare

Sunday 5th January 2025

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion Revd Tony Hand

10.30am Celebrate! Revd Tony Hand & Celia Hare

Tuesday 7th January 2025

8.30am Morning Prayer Revd Marion Wright

Thursday 9th January 2025

8.30am Morning Prayer Revd Marion Wright

10.30am Holy Communion Revd Tony Hand

Sunday 12th January 2025

1st Sunday of Epiphany

The Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion

**10.30am Holy Communion Preacher Revd Tony Hand
Rosie Coles**



Flowers at the altar are in memory of Derek Wallace.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMING WEEKS:

23.12.24	10.00am	Christingle making	Church Rooms
24.12.24	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
	2.00pm	Christingle Service	Church
	4.00pm	Christingle Service	Church
	11.00pm	Midnight Service	Church
25.12.24	8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
	10.30am	Celebrate! – Christmas	Church
29.12.24	10.30am	NSGM Service	St. Mary's, Cloughton
31.12.24	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
02.01.25	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
04.01.24	4.00pm	Fun with Fath	Church Rooms
05.01.24	8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
	10.30am	Celebrate! Service	Church
07.01.24	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
	2.30pm	Barnabas Group	Church Rooms
09.01.24	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church

OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday 25th December	CLOSED
Friday 27th December	CLOSED
Wednesday 1st January	CLOSED
Friday 3rd January	CLOSED
Wednesday 8th January	9.30am – 12noon
Friday 10th January	9.30am – 12noon

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

CHRISTINGLE MAKING



If you are able to help with preparing the christingles, then please join us in the Church Rooms between 10am-12noon on Monday 23rd December. Good company and festive atmosphere guaranteed!

DONATIONS FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Envelopes will be available in church this Sunday for those who are not planning to be at one of the Christingle services but would like to donate to the work of the Children's Society. Gift Aid option available.

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THANK YOU

Many thanks to all the flower arrangers who helped to decorate the church so beautifully and also to those who created the wreath rings outside church.

CONNECT DEADLINE

The deadline for the February & March issue of Connect is Sunday 5th January. Please give information and articles for inclusion to Lesley Newton or email scarboroughlesley@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to all those who helped deliver the Christmas card/leaflet around our Parish. It is greatly appreciated. Helen

POP UP NATIVITY

Celia says thank you very much for those who came and supported the pop up nativity at The Rosette and for helping to make it a fun event for everyone involved and those watching. Enormous thanks too to the staff of The Rosette for making it possible.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

Sunday 22nd December at 4pm and 6.30pm (Handbells will play from 3.30pm and 6pm). Please come and invite a friend to come with you. Mulled wine and mince pies served in the hall after each service. Do come to hear the story of Christmas and support the Festival singers who have been practising for weeks.

SHARING TOGETHER IN HOLY COMMUNION

In our Communion services we will continue to offer communion by intinction along with also administering wine directly from the cup. Please follow the instructions given by those presiding at communion and the vergers at each service as they help us to settle into this new pattern. Revd Tony Hand.

LITTLE STEPS

Our baby and toddler group Little Steps currently has availability for new families. We meet on Monday mornings during term times 10am – 11.30am. We play, get creative, enjoy snacks and sing together. If you or anyone you know might be interested then please email Sarah in the office on office@stlaurencescalby.org.uk for further information.



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FOLLOW THE STAR – CALM AND BRIGHT: Meditations for the Twelve Days of Christmas

The Calm and Bright meditations offer a short reading, reflection and prayer to help you journey through the 12 days of Christmas. Beginning with the birth of Jesus – Immanuel ‘God with us’ it ends with an invitation to the celebration of Epiphany and the welcome given to Jesus by the wise ones who journeyed to meet the King of kings. The meditations will be available online and via the Everyday Faith app for Apple and Android devices. You can find out more about the online resources here - <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/calm-and-bright-advent-and-christmas> or use this QR Code to help take you there. Printed copies of the meditations will also be available on a first come first served basis from the welcome desk at St. Laurence’s from Sunday 15th December.



DEANERY CONFIRMATION SERVICE

There is a Deanery Confirmation Service on on Sunday 9th February 2025 at St. Mark's, Newby.

Being baptised welcomes us into a life of faith as a disciple of Jesus. Confirmation then offers an opportunity for those baptised as a child to acknowledge as an adult the baptismal promises that were made on their behalf by parents and godparents. For those baptised as adults, confirmation gives the opportunity to affirm this step of faith through prayers and worship led by our bishop. Confirmation also enables us to make a commitment to the life of the Anglican Church locally and globally through the Anglican Communion.

Bishop Eleanor (Bishop of Hull) has arranged to join us in the Scarborough Deanery for the confirmation of those ready to take this step of faith – on Sunday 9th February 2025 at St. Mark's, Newby.

If you are ready to join with those being confirmed on the day or want to find out more about confirmation and the preparation we will be offering before making a decision about this, please contact the Revd Tony Hand.



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SAFEGUARDING AND THE CHURCH – what do you think?

Worshippers, parishioners and church members throughout the Church of England are invited to take part in an independent Safeguarding Audit commissioned by the national church and provided by iNEQE, to ensure that every diocese and church is doing all it can to create an environment where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. The survey is open now, and will continue until 11.30pm on Friday 3rd January 2025.

How to take part? There is an online survey which invites individuals to comment on any safeguarding matters within the Audit's focus. The survey is anonymous and confidential – you won't be asked who you are, so that you can be open and honest in your responses <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/york>.

HOPE EXPLORED – through our Christmas celebrations we give a welcome to Jesus, Immanuel – God with us. In the new year working with our friends in the North Scarborough Group Ministry we are planning to offer HOPE Explored. HOPE Explored gives you an informal welcoming opportunity to consider how life as a Christian brings hope, peace and purpose as we live in response to the invitation to know God in and through Jesus. If you would like to keep in touch with our planning for HOPE Explored please let us know by email to office@stlaurencescalby.org.uk or call the office on 01723 364858 leaving your name, contact details and asking us to contact you about HOPE Explored, if leaving a message or return one of the HOPE Explored enquiry cards from the Welcome Desks in the Church and Church Rooms.



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Messy
Church

Come and join us
Saturday
18 January 2025

ST LAURENCE'S
CHURCH ROOMS
SCALBY
YO13 0SA

4pm - 6pm

fun crafts & activities

songs & games

bible stories

yummy food

Booking is preferable so we have plenty of resources & food,
but you can just turn up!

If you know you can come, contact
Sarah or Jo on 364858 to chat or
email office@stlaurencescalby.org.uk
to leave a message, stating your name, contact number
and how many children and adults you are booking for.
Thank you.

For more details contact
Celia our Children, Families & Youth Worker at
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or find us on Facebook: @ScalbyStLaurence

There is no charge but donations are greatly appreciated