



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 19th 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

- ❖ Give thanks for the fragile agreement for a ceasefire and hostage release deal between Hamas and Israel and pray that it will hold bringing hope and peace. We ask for wisdom, patience and determination for all negotiators.
- ❖ We remember the families of all hostages anxiously awaiting news of their loved ones and freedom for those trapped in Gaza with acute medical needs.
- ❖ For all affected by the wildfires in California, the firefighters, people who had to leave their homes and are now searching for accommodation, and the bereaved and injured.
- ❖ For stability and peace in the crisis in South Korea.

Church and Community

- ❖ At this time of Epiphany may we be open to God's presence in and around us.
- ❖ For those working under pressure in the hospital and for wise decisions for politicians working to fix the issues.
- ❖ All those attending the Hope Explored sessions and for Revd Mike Cansdale as he takes the lead.
- ❖ For those who work delivering our post, collecting our rubbish, policing our community, maintaining supplies and infrastructure and serving others in many different ways.

Individuals

- ❖ James Trueman, Barbara Gardiner, Aline Croskin, John Mills, Mandy Stewart and all those known personally to us who need our prayers.
- ❖ Justin Welby and his family.
- ❖ Archbishop Stephen and his team and family as his workload increases.
- ❖ The families and friends of Jessica Cathcart, Audrey Money and Dennis Flack.
- ❖ Please pray for Azaria as she hosts the first activity for mentors this year and for David as he starts new activities with the worship bands.





Church Services today and next week

Sunday 19th January **2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

8.00am **Holy Communion** Revd Tony Hand

10.30am **Building Together** Revd Tony Hand
Preacher Kevin Boak

Collect: Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: 1 Corinthians 12.1-11
 John 2.1-11

5.00pm **Fun and Food** Celia Hare

Tuesday 21st January

8.30am **Morning Prayer** Revd Marion Wright

Thursday 23rd January

8.30am **Morning Prayer** Revd Marion Wright

10.30am **Holy Communion** Revd Stephen Walker

Sunday 26th January **3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

8.00am **Holy Communion** Bishop David Wilbourne

10.30am **Holy Communion at Scalby Methodists**



Flowers at the lectern on Sunday 19th January are in memory of David Hartley.

Flowers at the lectern on Tuesday 21st January are for the funeral of Jessica Cathcart, a former member of our flower arranging team.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMING WEEKS:

20.01.25	10.00am	Little Steps	Church Rooms
21.01.25	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
23.01.25	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church

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.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY – CHRISTINGLE 2024

A very big 'Thank You' to all who donated so generously to the Children's Society at the Christingle Services on Christmas Eve. In total we raised £701.10. Another 'Thank You' must go to



**The
Children's
Society**

Celia Hare for the service, to Chris Wright and the band for the music, to the team of some 17 adults and 3 children who prepared 350 Christingles, to the Churchwardens and Welcomers and, last but not least, Ann and Patrick Stewart of Maynard Sweets, Filey for their donation of all the marshmallow and dewdrops for the Christingles.

OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 22nd January

9.30am – 12noon

Friday 24th 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.



HOPE EXPLORED

The HOPE Explored sessions are beginning on Monday 13th January and also 20th and 27th at 7.00pm at Newby and Scalby Library.

Mike Cansdale from St. Mark's is taking the sessions. To help Mike with planning for the sessions please email him directly to confirm that you are intending to come along - if you are still not sure, do come along to the session on Monday as we don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to join in. If needed you can contact him on 07723 149222.

The sessions are free. Coffee/tea/cake will be available – there may be a small charge for the drinks to support the library as we are likely to be using their drinks machine.



CHAT AND CHUCKLE

Chat and Chuckle will be meeting will be on Thursday 30th January at 10am at Webb Ellis Court (the old rugby club) on Scalby Road. Do come along and support this lovely opportunity for the Webb Ellis Court residents and the congregation of St. Laurence's to meet up within the parish. All are welcome.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Sunday 19th January begins the week of prayer for Christian Unity. You are able to pray together from 12noon to 1.00pm on the following dates at the following places:

- Monday 20th - St. James with Holy Trinity, Seamer Road
- Tuesday 21st - Scarborough Christian Fellowship, Castle Road
- Wednesday 22nd - St. Andrew's United Reformed Church, Ramshill Road
- Thursday 23rd - Northstead Methodist Church, Givendale Road
- Friday 24th - Holy Nativity, Westway, Eastfield
- Saturday 25th - St. Luke's, Scalby Road

The Service this year will be held on Sunday 19th January at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Columbus Ravine at 6.30pm.

Everyone is welcome.

TAIZE SERVICE

There is a Taizé service on Sunday 9th February at 6.30pm in the Church Rooms. A time for song, silence, scripture and prayer in a candlelit space. All are welcome.