



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 7th December 2025

Hello and Welcome

World



- ❖ All those affected by the apartment block fires in Hong Kong – the injured and bereaved, firefighters, medics and the community.
- ❖ The millions of people whose lives have been devastated by the floods across South East Asia, remembering about a thousand people who've died. We pray for appropriate aid to reach the area to support and provide resources for survival.
- ❖ A breakthrough in the peace process between Ukraine and Russia and progress towards peace in the Middle East.
- ❖ Wisdom for NATO foreign ministers as they discuss Ukraine and defence issues.

Church and Community

- ❖ The Fun with Faith and Fun and Food groups meeting this weekend – for Celia, the teams and those who attend.
- ❖ The NSGM after school outreach at St. Luke's, giving thanks for an encouraging start and praying for the building of a new community for young people to belong to, have fun and discover God's love for them.
- ❖ Pray for the growth of Messy Church and for the Christmas gathering on Dec 13th.
- ❖ All those planning and preparing for the Christmas services that people would connect with God through them.
- ❖ The Police, Fire Brigade, Social Workers, Doctor's Surgeries and all those who serve our community.

Individuals

- ❖ Kate McClean, Margery Pindar, Aline Croskin, Sarah Eade, James Trueman and Janet Newell and all those known personally to us who need our prayers.
- ❖ David and Azaria would welcome our increased support for next year. May we respond prayerfully and generously.
- ❖ Rosie Coles as she prepares for her Ordination as Deacon on December 14th.
- ❖ Win Maung, Suzie and John preparing for Maggie's funeral next week.



Church Services today and next week

Sunday 7th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion	Bishop David Wilbourne
10.30am	Celebrate! Advent	The Celebrate Team
Collect:	Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.	
Reading:	Isaiah 11.1-10	
5.00pm	Fun and Food	Celia Hare

Tuesday 9th December

8.30am	Morning Prayer	Revd Marion Wright
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Thursday 11th December

8.30am	Morning Prayer	Revd Marion Wright
10.30am	Holy Communion	Revd Tony Hand

Saturday 13th December

4.00pm	Christmas Messy Church	Celia & The Messy Team
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Sunday 14th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion	Bishop David Wilbourne
10.30am	Holy Communion	Revd Stephen Walker
Readings:	James 5:7-10 & Matthew 11:2-11	



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WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

08.12.25	10.00am	Little Steps	Church Rooms
09.12.25	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
11.12.25	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
13.12.25	4.00pm	Messy Church	Church Rooms
14.12.25	8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
	2.30pm	Singers Rehearsal	Church

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Children's Society are a national charity, working with young people to counsel and support them through their most serious life challenges. Their work is the focus of our Mission throughout December. During this month, you will find Society envelopes in the pews to allow you to make a donation. Alternatively, you can join us at our Christingle services on Christmas Eve, 24th Dec, where the collections will go towards supporting their work. Envelopes can be returned directly to Hilary Wallace, via the church plate at any service during December or at the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. Please give generously.



* **Note the changes to the times of the services – 2.30pm & 4.30pm.**

* **Doors will open half an hour before the service starts.**

ADVENT RESOURCES

There are books suitable for reading this season on the library bookshelves in the Hall- on the shelf marked Advent.

The **Everyday Faith app** has short daily readings and reflections for use during Advent

SERVICES & EVENT FOR CHRISTMAS AT ST. LAURENCE'S, ST. PETER'S, ST. MARGARET'S & SCALBY METHODISTS

A big thank you to the 61 deliverers and several 4 legged friends who delivered the Christmas Services leaflet around the whole parish again this year and in all weathers too! You are super heroes! (waterproof capes needed though).

If you live outside our parish boundary these leaflets can be obtained from the back of church, the Church Rooms, the Rugby Club, the Library and the Nags Head pub. Helen

TOYS NEEDED

As usual, we are collecting toys for the Rainbow Centre at our December Messy church. If anyone would like to contribute, toys can be brought to the church rooms on the afternoon of Saturday 13th December or to the services on Sunday 14th December and left at the back of the church. We are asking for toys suitable from birth to teenagers and left unwrapped, as the Rainbow Centre will then be able to sort them.

NSGM SERVICE COLLECTION

The collection at the recent NSGM Service for the NSGM Youth Project raised £211.00.

ROSIE'S ORDINATION

Rosie's Ordination service is at 10am at Emmanuel Church Bridlington on Sunday 14th December. Please make it known if you'd like to go so that we can share lifts.

CAN YOU HELP FISS?

Faith In Scarborough Schools are looking to form a small group of like-minded Christians who will pray and look for funding options for the future financial support of FISS.

We would look to meet four times a year and consider and put in place some of the many different opportunities available.

You need a heart for the Gospel message to be passed on to the next generation to ensure that our Churches can continue to pursue the message of Jesus into the future.

If you would like to chat this over and feel you might be called to help in this important work, then please email Geoff Boreham on geoffb171@live.co.uk.

Thank you.

TOY & CAROL CELEBRATION

The annual Toy & Carol Celebration is taking place on Sunday 7th December at 6pm at Westborough Methodist Church. Please bring a new and unwrapped toy for a boy or girl aged 0-17 years old. These gifts will be given to local, underprivileged children this Christmas.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY WORSHIP

Come and join us for a 30 minute Dementia Friendly Worship service for those living with dementia and their carers. On Thursday 11th December at 2pm at Queen Street Methodist Church. This is followed by free tea, coffee and cake.