



## **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: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

## **Hello and Welcome**

### **World**



- ❖ All those affected by the shootings on Bondi beach and Jewish communities around the world who are fearful for their safety. May God bring light into the darkness of all who grieve.
- ❖ The healing of divisions in our world, between countries, in communities and within families.
- ❖ All political prisoners held against their will and those who try to support them and secure their release.
- ❖ A fair and just peace for Ukraine and Gaza and other places like Venezuela, Syria and Sudan where there are ongoing conflicts. May God's light shine on those who have been traumatised by war.
- ❖ All who have to travel – refugees, asylum seekers and migrants

### **Church and Community**

- ❖ May homes become places of safety, love and peace through the presence of Christ.
- ❖ All who respond to the invitation to 'come and worship' this Christmas that they will recognise God's love for them in sending Jesus to live amongst us.
- ❖ Those who serve and care for others at this time that they too may be blessed.
- ❖ We thank God for the blessings of the last year and ask for his light to pierce the darkness of our world and our communities.

### **Individuals**

- ❖ Kate McClean, Margery Pindar, Aline Croskin, Sarah Eade, James Trueman, Janet Newell and all those known personally to us who need our prayers.
- ❖ Those who have not chosen to be alone and all who find Christmas difficult.
- ❖ Azaria and David are still in need of extra funding for the coming year, please pray that we will be able to help them individually.
- ❖ The family and friends of Robert Frith awaiting his funeral in the new year.

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## Church Services today and next week

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December** **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Revd Tony Hand
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Building Together</b>	Revd Tony Hand
	<b>Preacher</b>	Kevin Boak
<b>Collect:</b>	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.	
<b>Readings:</b>	Isaiah 7.10-16 & Matthew 1:18-end	
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Carol Service *</b> <b>(Handbells from 3.30pm)</b>	
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Carol Service *</b> <b>(Handbells from 3.30pm)</b>	

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### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Revd Marion Wright
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### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Christingle Service</b>	
<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Christingle Service</b>	
<b>11.00pm</b>	<b>Christmas Communion</b>	Revd Tony Hand

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### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Bishop David Wilbourne
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Celebrate! Christmas</b>	Celia Hare

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\* Donations at the carol services will support Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal: No crib for a bed delivering immediate emergency aid to families who've fled their homes. Further details here:

<https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/CAM-010565>

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## Church Services in the next few weeks

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

8.00am **NO SERVICE**

10.30am NSGM Service at St. Mary's Cloughton

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### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December

8.30am Morning Prayer Revd Marion Wright

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### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

4.00pm Fun with Faith Celia Hare

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### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion Bishop David Wilbourne

10.30am Celebrate! Epiphany

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### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

1.00pm Funeral of Robert Frith

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### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

8.30am Morning Prayer Revd Marion Wright

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### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January

8.30am Morning Prayer Revd Marion Wright

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### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany/The Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion Revd Tony Hand

10.30am Holy Communion Preacher Revd Tony Hand  
Revd Stephen Walker

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### **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMING WEEKS:**

23.12.25	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
24.12.25	2.30pm	Christingle Service	Church
	4.30pm	Christingle Service	Church
	11.00pm	Christmas Communion	Church
25.12.25	8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
	10.30am	Celebrate! Christmas	Church
28.12.25	10.30am	NSGM Service at St. Mary's, Cloughton	
30.12.25	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
03.01.26	4.00pm	Fun with Faith	Church Rooms
04.01.26	8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
	10.30am	Celebrate! Epiphany	Church
05.01.26	1.00pm	Funeral of Robert Frith	Church
06.01.26	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
	2.30pm	Barnabas Group	Church Rooms
08.01.26	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Church

### **THANK YOUs**

The clergy would like to thank you all very much for your cards and good wishes. May you know God is with you, bringing peace and joy this Christmas.

Many thanks to those who created such beautiful wreaths for the church railings and for the stunning decorations inside church. We are very fortunate to have such a creative and committed team.

### **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, 24<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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- The Joy of Christmas meditations for Christmas and the new year available in booklet form in church and via e mail or the Everyday Faith app.
- If you can't make it to church this Christmas watch weekly online services from across the Church of England.
- Congratulations to Azaria and David on their exciting news of a baby expected in May!

### **CONNECT DEADLINE**

The deadline for the February/March issue of Connect magazine is Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Please send articles to [scarboroughlesley@gmail.com](mailto:scarboroughlesley@gmail.com) or leave them for me in church. Shrove Tuesday is 17<sup>th</sup> February and Mothering Sunday is 15<sup>th</sup> March in 2026! If you would like to receive the magazine by email or in paper form do let me or Hilary Wallace know. It's a bargain at £6 for the year. Lesley Newton

### **ADVENT RESOURCES**

For over 1000 years Christians have prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ with the Advent Antiphons. These are prayers calling God to come as our teacher and deliverer using the biblical titles for Christ on which the hymn O come, O come Emmanuel is based.

You can access these through the Everyday Faith App (free to download). Read or listen to the reflections as a way of connecting with God each day. It will only take 5 minutes or as long you like.

[cofe.io/Everyday Faith App](http://cofe.io/EverydayFaithApp).

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

### **OFFICE HOURS FOR THE COMING WEEKS**

<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.30am – 12noon</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.30am – 12noon</b>



We ask that you contact Sarah to arrange to pop into the office on 01723 364858 or via email [office@stlaurencescalby.org.uk](mailto:office@stlaurencescalby.org.uk).

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**St Laurence's Church, Scalby**

# **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

**with Readings, Carols and  
the Christmas Festival Singers**

**Sunday 21 December**

**St Laurence's Church, Scalby**

**4pm & 6.30pm**

Due to popular demand these two services are identical

**also St Laurence's Hand Bell Ringers**

**will be playing at  
3.30pm - 4pm and 6pm - 6.30pm**

**REFRESHMENTS IN THE CHURCH ROOMS  
AFTER BOTH SERVICES**

**All are welcome**

Suitable for older children

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[www.stlaurencescalby.org.uk](http://www.stlaurencescalby.org.uk) Facebook: @ScalbyStLaurence

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# St Laurence's Church Scalby Christmas Services

## Christmas Eve – Wednesday 24th December

**2.30pm Christingle Service** suitable for all ages  
*The church will be open from 2pm*

**4.30pm Christingle Service** suitable for all ages  
*The church will be open from 4pm*  
Due to popular demand these two services are identical.

**11pm Christmas Communion**

## Christmas Day – Thursday 25th December

**8am Traditional Christmas Communion**

**10.30am Celebrate! – Christmas**  
*A short service for all ages*

**We wish you all a very happy Christmas!**

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NSGM Sunday Service

# Christmas Carol Service

St Mary's Church Cloughton

Mill Lane Cloughton YO13 0AB

Sunday 28 December 2025

10.30am

EVERYONE WELCOME

Refreshments served afterwards

*There will be no 8am Holy Communion service at St Laurence's Church Scalby  
or any mid morning services at the other churches across the NSGM.*

*All the North Scarborough Group Ministry churches  
are invited to worship together at this service.*

For further details contact:

St Laurence's Church Office on 01723 364858