



# **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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

## **Hello and Welcome**

### **World**



- ❖ Pray for wise discernment for world leaders and the courage to stand up to those who seek to destroy democracy with power.
- ❖ The people of Guatemala City (where Azaria and David live) where riots in three prisons have triggered gang violence leaving about ten police officers dead. The area is in a thirty day state of emergency.
- ❖ The victims and survivors of the train crashes in Spain.
- ❖ Ukrainians suffering from no power or water in temperatures of minus 19.
- ❖ Progress in the second stage of the peace plan for Gaza.
- ❖ Support and protection for Greenlanders at this anxious time.

### **Church and Community**

- ❖ Give thanks for the opportunity to worship with our friends at the Methodist Church.
- ❖ Pray for the House groups meeting this week, that faith may be deepened and community strengthened.
- ❖ For God's guidance in planning for Lent and Easter.
- ❖ Thank God for the increase in numbers attending Little Steps and Messy Church and pray for growing faith and relationships.
- ❖ For the staff and residents of local Care Homes.

### **Individuals**

- ❖ Kate McClean, Margery Pindar, Aline Croskin, Sarah Eade, James Trueman, Janet Newell and all those known personally to us who need our prayers.
- ❖ David and Azaria living in the midst of frightening times in Guatemala City, that they will be able to support those around them.
- ❖ For all who use the Rainbow Centre and Westway Open Arms, giving thanks for the support they receive and praying that lives would be changed as a result.



## Church Services today and next week

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**  
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**8.00am**      **Holy Communion**      Bishop David Wilbourne

**10.30am**      **Holy Communion at Scalby Methodist Church**

**Collect:**      God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

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**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

**8.30am**      **Morning Prayer**      Revd Marion Wright

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**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**8.30am**      **Morning Prayer**      Revd Marion Wright

**10.30am**      **Holy Communion**      Revd Stephen Walker

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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**  
**Candlemas**

**8.00am**      **Holy Communion**      Bishop David Wilbourne

**10.30am**      **Celebrate!**      The Celebrate! Team  
                 **Fizzycans (FISS)**      Geoff Boreham

**Reading:**      Luke 2:22-40

**5.00pm**      **Fun and Food**      Celia Hare



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### **WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:**

26.01.26	10.00am	Little Steps	Church Rooms
27.01.26	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
28.01.26	10.00am	Chat & Chuckle	Webb Ellis Court
29.01.26	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
01.02.26	8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
	10.30am	Celebrate!	Church
	5.00pm	Fun and Food	Church Rooms

### **WHAT IS A COVENANT SERVICE?**

A Covenant Service is a distinctive and cherished act of worship in the Methodist tradition. It is a time when we are invited to renew our relationship with God and recommit ourselves to living as Christ's people.

At the heart of the service is the Covenant Prayer, in which we offer ourselves again to God — trusting in God's grace rather than our own strength. It is an honest and prayerful moment that acknowledges both the joys and challenges of discipleship and calls us to place our whole lives in God's hands.

Held at the beginning of the year, it helps us reflect on where we have been, give thanks for God's faithfulness, and look forward with hope and trust. It reminds us that we do not walk alone, but as part of a covenant community, seeking together to love God and serve others in the name of Christ.

### **FRIENDS OF ST. LAURENCE'S CURRY & PRIZE QUIZ NIGHT**

The Friends of St. Laurence's are hosting a Curry & Prize Quiz Night on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm. It is a great night for all the family. Tickets are £10 per adult and £5 per child and are available from Sue Truefitt 07967 159436 or from any committee member. Please let them know of any dietary needs when purchasing your tickets.



### **TAIZE SERVICE**

There is a Taize Service at St. James' Church, upper room, on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 6.30pm (refreshments served from 6pm). All are welcome.

### CHAT AND CHUCKLE

Chat and Chuckle is next meeting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. 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.



### COME AND SING DAY

There is a come and sing day with Mike Leigh on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-3pm at St. Mark's Church, Newby. Come for a joyful, harmonious and praise filled day of singing. No previous singing experience is needed, all are welcome (even those who feel they can't sing!) and you don't need to read music to join in as everything is taught by ear. Mike is a singer and Natural Voice Practitioner with over 20 years of experience in teaching simple songs sung without instruments from around the world. £15 per person, (*Bring your own lunch. Drinks provided*). Go to [www.stmarksscarborough.com/](http://www.stmarksscarborough.com/) and click on the Events page, or use the QR code.



### WESTWAY OPEN ARMS

Westway Open arms are in need of a number of items:

Tins of curry, cooked meat, carrots, fruit, tuna and hot dogs, cartons of long-life milk, jars of jam and coffee, snack biscuits, KitKat, Rocky's etc. Donations of toiletries are always welcome. Toilet Roll, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste.

NB. They cannot accept food containing alcohol.

The items can either be left in Sue Truefitt's porch or given to her at church.



**Wanting to know more about the Christian faith?**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January and 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

**6.30pm – 8.00pm at St Mark's Church Newby**



**All are Welcome**

**HOPE Explored** offers an informal opportunity to consider how life as a Christian brings hope, peace and purpose, living in response to the invitation to know God through his son Jesus – and his life, death and resurrection. If you would like to know more, please email: [revpauline.giddings@gmail.com](mailto:revpauline.giddings@gmail.com) or call the Revd Pauline Giddings on 07386 466741.

**THE NSGM - North Scarborough Group Ministry**, is formed from the parish churches of: St Mark's Newby and St Luke's Scarborough, St Laurence's Scalby and St Peter's Hackness with St Margaret's Harwood Dale and St Mary's Cloughton with St Hilda's Ravenscar and St John's Staintondale.

### **CONFIRMATION SERVICE FOR THE SCARBOROUGH DEANERY CHURCHES**

Bishop Eleanor will be with us in the Scarborough Deanery on the evening of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May to lead a joint confirmation service. The venue is still to be confirmed.

Being baptised welcomes us into a life of faith as a disciple of Jesus. Confirmation then offers an opportunity to acknowledge the baptismal promises made at our baptism including those made on our behalf by parents, godparents or sponsors and to make a commitment to the life of the Anglican Church with St Laurence's being the church that is home to us here in Scarborough. As the Bishop confirms each candidate there is an invitation and prayer to live out a faith filled life that affirms the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

If you would like to find out more about confirmation and consider if this is the right next step of faith for you do let Tony or Rosie know.

### **FAITH IN SCARBOROUGH SCHOOLS (FISS) – FIZZYCAN FUNDRAISING**

**Geoff Boreham will be with us at St Laurence's on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February to collect in FIZZYCANs and share news of FIZZ – Faith in Scarborough Schools.** FISS is a Christian charity and has been working to promote the Christian faith in Scarborough schools since 1998. It has three paid workers and does not charge any of the schools for the presentations and materials they give to the children. All income to enable FISS's ministry comes from donations and grants and FISSYCANs help with both raising funds and awareness of their work. They are designed for you to collect and donate loose change. Each FISSYCAN contains a GiftAid form and instructions on how to register it so that FISS are aware of where the cans have been given a home. Thank you for your support it is very much appreciated – the Scarborough FISS Team. For further information about FISS and the FIZZYCANs please contact Geoff Boreham on 07833448160.

### **OFFICE HOURS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

**9.30am – 12noon**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@stlaurencescalby.org.uk).





<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/scalby-st-laurence-north-yorkshire>

**Giving to St Laurence's to support our work together**

You can use this link and QR code to give through our *Parish Giving Scheme* (PGS) donations page. It offers a helpful way to give a regular amount, and you can also make a one-off donation. If you are able to include Gift Aid and would like to do so, follow the instructions on the page. Thank you for what you can give.







# ASH WEDNESDAY

St Laurence's Church  
Scalby

Wednesday 18 February 2026

10.30am

## Holy Communion

With the Imposition of Ashes

If you so wish, an ash cross is drawn on your forehead or hand  
to symbolise our mortality.

It is made from a mix of oil and cold ash from burned palm crosses, which is blessed.

*'Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return'.*

There is no Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion service  
at St Laurence's Church tomorrow (19 February 2026)

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# Messy<sup>®</sup> Church

Saturday 21 February 2026

ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH ROOMS  
SCALBY  
4pm - 6pm

\*Fun crafts\*

\*Bible Stories\*

\*Songs\*

\*Activities\*

\*Games\*

\*Family meal together\*

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

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

There is no charge but donations are greatly appreciated

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