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 29th November 2026

Hello and Welcome

World

- Pray for a breakthrough in peace talks for Ukraine.
- Citizens of Gaza and Ukraine trying to survive in unbelievably awful circumstances – lack of food, shelter, heat and medicines in many places.
- Christians facing intense persecution in North Korea.
- New commitments to limit climate change by rich nations after the collapse of talks at COP 31.

Church and Community

- Rehearsals beginning for the Carol services this weekend.
- That all those receiving leaflets about Christmas services would feel drawn to worship.
- The need for someone to offer to be one of the Churchwardens next Spring.
- Newby and Scalby school coming to church for their carol services.
- That we may use Advent well, drawing nearer to Christ in readiness to celebrate Christmas
- Fun with Faith meeting next Saturday.

Individuals

- David and Sue Pynn, John and Marie Freeman and all those known personally to us who need our prayers.
- The families and friends of Shirley Newton, Barbara Gardiner and Dee Found.
- Please pray for the mentors that Azaria used to work with, especially the voluntary team she helped form to take over her role. That they can continue to serve God and one another well so that they can be a blessing to vulnerable children and youth.

Church Services today and next week

Sunday 29th November
1st Sunday of Advent

8.00am	**Holy Communion**	Revd Rosie Coles
3.00pm	**Refreshments in Church before the Advent Service**	
4.00pm	**NSGM Advent Service at St. Laurence's**	
Collect:	Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.	

Tuesday 1st December

8.30am	**Morning Prayer**	Revd Marion Wright

Thursday 3rd December

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

Saturday 5th December

4.00pm	**Fun with Faith**	Celia Hare

Sunday 6th December
2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am	**Holy Communion**	Bishop David Wilbourne
10.30am	**Celebrate! Advent**	Celebrate! Team
Readings:	Mark 1: 1-8	
5.00pm	**Fun and Food**	Celia Hare



Keep in touch via www.stlaurencescalby.org.uk, by email on office@stlaurencescalby.org.uk or through Facebook, search St. Laurence's Church, Scalby.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

30.11.26	10.00am	Little Steps	Church Rooms
01.12.26	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
03.12.26	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
05.12.26	4.00pm	Fun with Faith	Church Rooms
06.12.26	8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
	10.30am	Celebrate! Advent	Church
	5.00pm	Fun and Food	Church Rooms

DARK NIGHTS, SAFER HOMES

On Friday 4th December, 3.00pm – 5.00pm in the Church Rooms there is a drop in session run by our Local Rural Policing Team and Community Safety Officers from North Yorkshire Council. They will be offering practical advice and support to help keep your home, outbuildings and property safe during the darker months. There will be free crime prevention products, expert advice and community safety support. Everyone is welcome.

BOOKS FOR ADVENT

A selection available to borrow will be in church at the Advent service on Sunday afternoon. Please sign the list if you take one, thank you.
You may wish to buy a copy of Archbishop Stephen's Advent book 2026 - Walking with Angels by Bishop Eleanor (SPCK Publishing).

LOOKING AHEAD TO EPIPHANY!

You're all invited to share a song, poem, piece of writing ,music or something from your own experience connected with the Epiphany season. The theme is wide- Wise men, gifts, stars, revelation, worship etc. Please think about what you might offer as a gift to the rest of us and let Marion have your contribution by Sunday 6th December so that our Epiphany Celebrate on January 3rd at 10.30am can be prepared. Thank you.
marianne.forsyth@hotmail.co.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – CAN YOU HELP?

Can you spare up to an hour once every 8-10 weeks? If so, are you able to help the church cleaning team? All you will need to do is vacuum the church and sweep the porch on a rota basis. Please call Jill Bradley on 366000 if you are able to help. Many thanks.



FLOWERS

The list is at the back of church, for signing up for Christmas flowers. Helen, Sue and Lin will be arranging in church on Saturday 19th December, 9.00 - 11.30am. If you would prefer to arrange on Friday 18th, the church will be open from about 9.00am - 4.00pm. If you could bring some foliage for your designs, that would be great, and we will supply a small quantity of white spray carnations for the windows. Let us know if you need containers. Flowers will be provided for the altars, lectern and statue as usual.

We will be creating Christmas wreaths to put on the church railings on Wednesday 16th December, 1.30 - 4.00 pm and if you are able to bring any long lasting foliage that would supplement the greenery we are able to provide.

We hope to see as many of you as possible when we do the flowers. People love to see the church well decorated, especially after the weeks of no flowers during Advent.

FUN WITH FAITH



Fun with Faith is back on Saturday 5th December at 4pm in the Church Rooms. A fun way for anyone to discover more about God while we eat cake. Let's talk and get to know each other. Let's do a bit of craft if we want to. At the end feel free to eat more cake, drink more tea and chat a bit more. Everyone is welcome.

MARY AND JOSEPH GO TRAVELLING



Mary and Joseph will soon begin their Advent journey around the homes of St Laurence's Church, and they need some places to stay until they return to church for the Christingle Service at 2pm on Christmas Eve. Mary and Joseph will start their journey on Monday 30th November at Little Steps. Would you like them to come and stay in your house for a day or so? You will need to arrange to take them on to their next resting place. Do get in touch with me if you would like to have them visit your home or have any questions. My phone number is 07550 009346 and my email address is celia.hare@stlaurencescalby.org.uk

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church are needing medium and large cardboard boxes on Saturday 12th December? Please leave them in the office or playroom. Thank you.

Our families at Messy church have been invited to bring new toys to donate to the Rainbow Centre, to be distributed to families in need. The toys can be for children ranging from babyhood to teenage years and should be left unwrapped so the Rainbow Centre can easily give them to the appropriately aged child. If anyone from the congregation would like to support this, there will be a box in church on Sunday 6th and Sunday 13th December for you to put your gift in. The Rainbow Centre will be collecting the gifts later on that day so please don't bring anything in after that date. Thank you, Christine Grimmett.

COFFEE MORNING



Scalby Methodist Church are hosting a coffee morning in support of The Rainbow Centre and Westway Open Arms on Saturday 5th December, 10-11.30am. There will be coffee and mince pies and The Celebration Singers will be performing. There will also be a cake stall and bookstall and model trains will be running. Unfortunately there is no wheelchair access.

OPEN AIR CAROL CONCERT – C.T.I.S EVENT

Churches Together In Scarborough (C.T.I.S.) are holding an open air carol concert on Saturday 12th December at 1pm outside the former Brunswick Centre. This is one of the main outreach opportunities that C.T.I.S. has in the year. For more information please contact Geoff Bowell on 07717821024.

OFFICE HOURS



Wednesday 2nd December	**9.30am – 12pm**
Friday 4th December	**9.30am – 12pm**

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

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE
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COMMUNITIES PEOPLE PLACES

Safer Homes Stronger Communities

DARK NIGHTS SAFER HOMES

PROTECT YOUR HOME, PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY

MEET YOUR LOCAL TEAM

Join the **Local Rural Policing Team** and **Community Safety Officers** from **North Yorkshire Council.**

Get practical advice and support to help keep your home, outbuildings and property safe during the darker months.

Darker Nights Brighter, Safer Homes

Friday 4th December
3pm – 5pm
St Laurence's Church rooms, Scalby

Everyone welcome!

A safer, stronger North Yorkshire

SAFE HOMES THRIVING COMMUNITIES

FREE SUPPORT AVAILABLE



FREE SHED ALARMS
Help protect your outbuildings and valuables. (While stocks last)



FREE LIGHT SOCKET TIMERS
Make it look like someone is home, even when you're out. (While stocks last)

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE
Get practical tips to keep your home, property and belongings safe.



RURAL CRIME GUIDANCE
Advice on securing garages, sheds, outbuildings and rural properties.

LOCK UP
Secure doors, windows and gardens.

LIGHT UP
Use timers and sensor lights.

LOOK OUT
Report anything suspicious and support your neighbours.

Together for a Safer Scalby

FREE CRIME PREVENTION PRODUCTS • EXPERT ADVICE • COMMUNITY SAFETY SUPPORT

Messy Christmas

Come and join us!

Saturday 12 December 2026

ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH ROOMS SCALBY

4pm - 6pm

fun crafts activities
songs & games bible stories
festive 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 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.

There is no charge but donations are greatly appreciated

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

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St Laurence's Church Scalby
invite you to

Christmas Chat & Chuckle

An entertaining festive afternoon with Carols and Readings

Refreshments will be served

Wednesday
16 December 2026
2pm

Webb Ellis Court

Old Rugby Way, Newby, Scarborough YO12 6FA
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All the community welcome!

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