

PARISH OF NEWBY AND SCALBY

All parishioners are invited to attend the
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

To be held in the Rickinson Hall, St. Laurence's Church Rooms,
Church Becks, Scalby on
Wednesday, 9th May 2018, **commencing 6.45pm**

AGENDA

- 1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN** (ONLY if Parish Council Chairman absent)
- 2 APOLOGIES**
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th May 2017**
[confirmed as accurate at Parish Council meeting of 7/6/2017, Minute 92/17.1 refers]
- 4 REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018**
To be presented at the meeting.
- 5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS WITHIN THE PARISH**
Any group or organisation within the parish will be able to present a report on their activities during the last year.
- 6 TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE ELECTORS OF THE PARISH**
Parishioners are most welcome to raise issues or concerns relating to the parish.



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Notice issued on Thursday 26th April 2018

This is the annual parish meeting for PARISHIONERS of Scalby and Newby. It is NOT a meeting of the Parish Council.

If you are a member of a Group or Organisation within the parish and wish to inform those present at the meeting of your aims and activities or raise issues relating to parish matters then you are welcome to do so.

The Chairman and his fellow Councillors look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Scalby and Newby Twinning Association

Report for the Annual Parish Assembly 2018

The Scalby and Newby Twinning Association (SANTA) has enjoyed another successful year and currently has 50 members. We continue to make efforts to increase our membership by regularly posting and updating information and photos on our facebook page, by producing fliers and by setting up a very attractive display at Newby and Scalby library last November.

To give members more opportunity to meet up and introduce new members we held more varied social events last year, the first being in February, an informal lunch at Fledglings, followed by lunch at Foulseyke Bistro on 4 April, and a scrumptious afternoon tea at the Stained Glass Centre on 27 July. On 19 October we held a wine and cheese evening and had our delicious Christmas lunch at Jeremy's in December. This year, we have already held a variety of social events, including a lunch at the Seafood Social Café, a place that works in partnership with the Rainbow Centre on issues of homelessness and develops employment skills for its employees.

Last May we joined together with the Scalby in Bloom Group to emulate a charming May 1st French tradition of celebrating 'Muguet Day' or the arrival of spring. We presented the Mayor of Scarborough and other attendees with a sprig of lily of the valley to wish them good luck.

In September, 34 members enjoyed wonderful hosting in Pornic. Members enjoyed the usual events such as the formal dinner, the safari supper and a day out in the picturesque town of Vannes. This exchange certainly encourages an appreciation of the delights of local areas and friendships between people of differing European cultures.

We have a varied and exciting programme planned for this year's visit. In June, if you see a group playing boules or croquet outside the parish community centre, it will be us, prior to our picnic and hat competition. Another highlight is the formal dinner, this year at Hackness Grange, a venue that offers stunning scenery and a choice of menu to accommodate all tastes. Before we dine, there'll be the drinks reception sponsored by Scalby and Newby Parish Council that provides an opportunity to formally welcome our French friends. The twinning association would like to express sincere gratitude for this contribution to the success of the twinning visit and its continued support for SANTA.

Shirley Jackson
Secretary to Scalby and Newby Twinning Association

Newby and Scalby In Bloom – Annual Report 2017-18, for Newby & Scalby Parish Assembly

1. During the past year, this active group of volunteers has been engaged in making our beautiful area look at its best by tidying, tending and planting, wherever we can. Our aims have been hampered, especially over the winter months, by the long spells of wet, windy and cold weather. With the recent heat, many plants have burst into flower or leaf, resulting in a burst of glorious colour.
2. We have had active collaboration with local businesses and other voluntary groups and we are most grateful for all their support. We have worked on projects with Orchard House, the Scalby library volunteers, local schools, Stepney Hill Farm and the First Light Trust, Scalby Toilets Trust, Scalby and Newby Village Trust, Scalby Fair committee, Newby & Scalby Parish Council, Scalby and Newby Twinning Association, the Rugby Club and the Golf club. We are in the process of repainting and positioning bikes for the Tour de Yorkshire route, which passes directly through our area.
3. We are always most grateful for all the people and organisations who support or sponsor us, in a variety of ways. As always, we need to mention all the unstinting help and advice we have received, throughout the year, from Sheila Johnson and Roger Burnett.
4. Each year we hold a popular and successful plant sale. We are currently growing on plug plants and other plants for the annual plant sale in May. This sale has had to be rescheduled to an earlier date than usual, so it now coincides both with the Royal wedding and the football final, but the sale will start earlier than usual and should be completed long before people start watching TV.
5. We helped with the local annual Produce Show at the end of July.
6. We have spent some of the money we made, from the highly successful raffle last year, on purchasing art works which are appropriate to their chosen location – e.g. a large bee for the bee and butterfly bed. These will be placed in their designated positions soon.
7. Our annual “Garden Gems” competition delivered a wide variety of styles and horticultural skills, despite a summer of indifferent weather. The annual prize-giving for this competition, the prizes sponsored by the Newby and Scalby Parish Council, also included a celebration of our “In Bloom” group existing for ten years. The evening was much appreciated by all who attended.
8. The amount of local litter seems to have increased, especially on the roads around educational establishments, near sports fields and children’s play grounds. The high winds have dispersed the litter and made collection difficult. Litter picking on the old railways line can be dangerous unless cyclists warn of their approach by using their bell and then slowing down when passing the litter pickers. As part of the national event, we picked litter “for the Queen” in March.
9. We have an improved web-site and have managed several interviews on both local TV and radio. We also advertise our events widely and many residents attend our plants sale. We attend various stalls, used to raise awareness and promote what we do.
10. Our volunteers all work incredibly hard, using their many different skills, to achieve our continued successes. Until we manage to attract more members, it is doubtful if we can take on any new projects.
11. Although we work hard, we enjoy our social events, especially when we all feel exhausted following an event. Our Christmas celebration was a meal at Park Manor, during which the Limelighter Company treated us to a convoluted plot within a murder mystery play. We feel that social events improve our collaborative work & help to cement friendships within our health promoting activities.

FOR PARISH ASSEMBLY ON 9TH MAY 2018

SCALBY SPORTS ASSOCIATION - 2017/18 REPORT

Scalby Sports Association, representing both the village football and cricket clubs, are pleased to report progress off the field as we try to bring our facilities up to a modern, adequate and fit for purpose standard.

As many will be aware, plans were drawn up for a new pavilion many years ago and our ambition was to build this. However, progress was slow and our committee have decided it's time to move on from this and rescue our current clubhouse, which has fallen into a somewhat dilapidated state given our intentions to knock them down.

We have submitted our plans to SBC's planning department and are hoping we'll be able to raise the necessary funds to complete our renovation in the next year or so and ensure we can provide the facilities that our young and senior players alike deserve.

I will keep an open line of communication open with Newby & Scalby Parish Council as we progress with our development.

On the field, the clubs continue to field seven senior playing teams and five junior teams despite the well-documented diminishing numbers of those playing competitive grassroots sport across the country.

Submitted via email on 18/4/18 by Dan Gregory on behalf of Scalby Sports Association

Report for Parish Assembly April 2018

A year ago on 10 April 2017, Newby and Scalby Library re-opened its doors as a Community Library. We are delighted to report that all the targets we set ourselves have been met with the assistance and great support from NYCC Libraries' Service, our band of volunteers and the community as a whole.

The support of local groups has been essential in promoting the cause of the library, in securing new volunteers and in contributing much needed funding. We are pleased that the library has been run successfully and with increasing confidence by the Trustees and the team of regular Volunteers. Library attendance has been very gratifying. Last year's Summer Reading Challenge for school aged children was hugely successful with the Newby and Scalby Library being the only one in the Eastern Area to achieve both its targets for children signing up and completing the challenge. We are approaching this year's Challenge with great enthusiasm.

A library website has been established along with Twitter and Facebook platforms for the promotion of the library and to provide a link for Volunteers and library users. We have also launched a Friends of Newby and Scalby Library group and we hope to extend the membership of this as an important element of our fund raising.

Despite many library commitments, several community and fund raising events have been held including a week of Christmas activities and our recent Spring Spectacular which was held to celebrate our first year. We have also attended local events to promote the library such as Scalby Fair, the Rotary Fair and a presentation at the Scalby Village Trust.

Another aspect of the Trustees' activities has included responsibility for the building. We have undertaken a series of routine maintenance jobs and improvements including a new roof for the porch, new signage and most importantly, setting out designated parking for library users including a space for disabled drivers. Additional security lighting has been installed and there are plans for further improvements.

We are also delighted that we have a healthy number of very committed volunteers and we are always on the lookout to recruit and train newcomers.



10 April 2018 - the Mayor and Mayoress help us to celebrate our first anniversary as a Community Library

We have built on our connections with local schools and nurseries and have hosted a number of visits by Newby School, Barrowcliff and Hackness. Drop-in sessions for carers and those concerned about mental health have been held and the library has been a venue for the NHS Clinical Enablement Group. We have subsidised IT classes for beginners and provided craft workshops for all age groups. Our craft group,

“Crafty Articles” continues to thrive and they have provided huge support for all aspects of the library’s work. In particular, they have knitted dozens of lovely teddy bears for us to give away to children who join our re-launched Book Start Bear scheme which encourages reading for Under Fives. We now have our own special Club headed up by Norman the Bear. He will be inviting all his members to a special tea in the near future.

Perhaps most important of all in ensuring the sustainability of the library is its financial position and we have worked hard to ensure that the charity has a sound financial basis. We ended the year with a healthy surplus. None of this would have been possible without the constant support of individuals, businesses and organisations in the area. We are grateful to everyone who has given of their time, effort and money to keep the library on the road.

As for the coming year, the new financial year began with a wonderful grant of £10,000 towards a range of projects which include maintenance and new furniture. This means that our plans for our café area can now go ahead and we can begin our ambitious project to develop a sensory garden at the back of the library. We have had a brilliant year and believe the second will be even better. Please call in, check our website (www.newbyandscalbylibrary.co.uk), our facebook page or twitter for further information.

April 2018

Annual Report

St Laurence's Church, Scalby, Scarborough, YO13 0PS

St Laurence's Church Reg. Charity No. 1131317

Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting, 22nd April 2018 11.00am

Aims and Purpose of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The aims and purpose of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC (Powers) Measure of 1956 states the PCC is to co-operate with the Minister in promoting, the Parish of Scalby in the Deanery of Scarborough, the whole mission of our church, pastoral, evangelical and social and ecumenical.

It is with this purpose that the PCC have met on six occasions since the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 2017 with one extraordinary meeting. It also operates through several committees that further the mission of St Laurence's and the community it serves.

Membership of the Parochial Church Council 2017 – 2018

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, members of the PCC are either ex official or elected at the APCM.

During 2017 – 2018 the following served as members of the PCC:

Ministry Team:	Rev Lynn Hellmuth (from February 2018)	Non Member
	Rev Marion Wright	Non Member
Reader:	Mr Philip Newell	Non Member
Churchwardens:	Mrs Pat Gardner (resigned October 2017)	
	Mrs Sally McIntyre	
Deputy Churchwardens:	Mrs Jill Bradley (from November 2017)	
	Mr Maurice Martinson	Chair, Fabric and Churchyard Committee
Secretary to PCC:	Mrs Celia Hodgson	Non Member
Deanery Synod Reps:	Mr John Freeman	Treasurer/Chair Finance Committee
	Mrs Angela Howard	
Lay Members:	Mrs Valerie Aston	
	Mr Ian Brown	
	Mrs Jo Charlesworth	Children and Families Worker
	Mr Jim Crawford	(resigned April 2017)
	Mrs Yvette Drabble	Chair, Good Neighbour Committee
	Dr Kirsten Mack	
	Ms Valerie MacMillan	
	Mrs Lesley Newton	Chair PCC
	Mr Tom Pindar	
	Mr Mike Pixton	
	Mr Tony Shaw	
	Mrs Jenny Stainthorpe	
	Ms Linda Thompson	Charities Administrator
	Mrs Sue Truefitt	Chair Social Committee: resigned Feb. 18
	Mrs Hilary Wallace	Chair, Missions Committee
Recognised Parish Assistants:	Mrs Jo Charlesworth (Mission)	
	Mrs Marie Freeman (Mission)	
	Mrs Sally McIntyre (Pastoral)	
Safeguarding Officer:	Mr Alan Grundy	
Assistant Safeguarding Officer:	Mrs Sally McIntyre	

Safeguarding Statement: Parochial Church Council of St Laurence, Scalby, has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees which meet between the PCC meetings throughout the year.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee that is required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directives by the Council. There have been six meetings of the Standing Committee since the last APCM in which members have discussed how best to complete tasks as well as continue the mission of the church.

The other committees include: Finance, Fabric and Churchyard, Missions, Parishlife Magazine, Social, Worship, Children and Families Worker Management and Good Neighbour Committee. Reports on their work are given regularly to the PCC. The annual reports of each committee can be found in the APCM Report.

Friends of St Laurence

The Friends of St Laurence have met during the year with the aim to give financial and practical support to the church, in particular the redecoration of the main hall in the Church Rooms and possible future replacement of ladies toilet window and painting jobs around the churchyard. Their fund raising events have included Music in the Meadows. We are extremely grateful for the support and the Friends' generous giving.

Church Services

We have worked to continue to offer a variety of services during the year despite being in vacancy.

Sundays	8.00am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Communion
	10.00am	All Age on the first Sunday of the month
	10.00am	Communion 2 nd and 4 th Sundays
	10.00am	Morning Worship 3 rd Sunday
	3.00pm	Baptism (usually 3 rd Sunday)
	6.00pm	Sunday Supper Club (fortnightly)
	6.30pm	Taizé (quarterly)
Mondays	10.00am	Toddler Praise
Thursdays	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Communion
	7.30pm	Café Explore (last Thursday in the month)
Saturdays	4.00pm	Messy Church (monthly)

Services of Holy Communion are taken to Combe Hay and Rambla Nursing Homes during each month. There have also been the Memorial and Remembrance Day services.

Every fifth Sunday the churches of the North Scarborough Group Ministry (NSGM) join together for the Sunday morning service to enable the congregations of St Laurence, Scalby, St Luke, Scarborough, St Peter, Hackness, St Hilda, Ravenscar, St Mary, Cloughton and St Mark, Scarborough to worship together. This last year St Laurence hosted the joint service in July, when Archdeacon Andy Broom was our visiting preacher. This April we are excited to be hosting the North Scarborough Group Ministry service with Roy Searle, Northumbria Community, our visiting preacher.

Joint services have also continued with Scalby Methodist Church this year.

Church Attendance

The average attendance at services between Easter 2017 and March 2018 was as follows:

Sunday	8.00am	18 adults
	10.00am	80 adults 4 children (under 16)
	6.30pm Taize	20
Thursdays	10.30am	10
Mondays	10.00am Toddler Praise	6 children, 7 adults
Saturdays	4.00pm Messy Church	35 children, 24 adults

Easter day Services 2017, 8.00am BCP 38 and 10.00am Family Communion 227

Advent services included two Carol services and two Christingles, attendance 699.

Holy Communion on Christmas Eve 135, the 8.00am BCP 22 and 10.30am Family Worship on Christmas day was 118. Services linked to Schools at Christmas attendance 410.

There were 25 Baptisms and 1 Thanksgiving, 12 Weddings, and 21 funerals.

There are currently 197 on the Electoral Roll.

A Review of the year

This is my third year as Churchwarden and was to be Pat's second. However, at the beginning of September Pat was taken seriously ill and after admission to hospital and the start of a complicated recovery, Pat decided to resign as Churchwarden. We accepted her resignation with much sadness but understood her decision. Pat's health is only just now beginning to improve. We have missed her enormously at St Laurence's and pray that her health will go from strength to strength.

This year I hope that the churchwardens have continued a strong link between the laity and the clergy. I have continued to attend the NSGM monthly Steering Group meetings, where we have discussed many aspects of church life. One of the topics being the clergy rota for the many church services held each month and how we can cover these; this has also created the opportunity for the churches to invite visiting preachers. At St Laurence we have welcomed Bishop of Hull, the Right Reverend Alison White, Retired Bishop of Bradford, the Right Reverend David James, the Reverend Anne Freestone, Chaplin, Castle Howard, Archdeacon the Venerable Andy Broom, East Riding Archdeaconery, Archdeacon, the Venerable David Butterfield, York Diocese Generous Giving and Stewardship and the Reverend Canon Johnathan Baker, Acting Dean, Peterborough are but a few. Also discussed are the arrangements for the services held on the 5th Sunday in the month and in particular, Archbishop Sentamu's Mission visit to Scarborough in October last year. The Steering Group has also taken on the responsibility for organising training for those working in the NSGM, this year 2017 – 2018 concentrating on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

The St Laurence PCC has met on six occasions during the year in May, July, September and November 2017 and January and March 2018 with one Extraordinary meeting to approve a faculty resolution for our new access for all. In a Vacancy there is an added responsibility that falls on the PCC and there are many matters to discuss that involve the material and spiritual life of St Laurence and their effects on the church and wider community.

Ministry

Again 2017 – 2018 has been a time of change for St Laurence. Since April 2016 we have been in Vacancy. There have been times when we felt it would never come to an end, especially after three rounds of advertising for our new Vicar, there was little response. It was difficult for us not to feel unwanted. But we continued to pray and wait and with help with our new advert from Proudfoot through Valerie Aston another advertisement was submitted to the Church Times. The Churchwardens from the four parishes re ordered and brought the Benefice Profile up to date, while the purchase of the new vicarage was made by the Diocese. We were relieved that an interview process with a shortlist of two candidates arose from this

and as a result we were all delighted to be able to appoint the Reverend Lynn Hellmuth from St John, Stoneleigh, Epsom. However, we still had to wait a bit longer, but on Shrove Tuesday Lynn was Instituted and Installed to the Benefice of St Laurence, Scalby, St Luke, Scarborough, St Peter, Hackness and St Hilda, Ravenscar. We welcome her with our love and prayers as she starts her ministry.

Another change took place over this time with Nick Welford our Baptist Minister in Training finding that due to family commitments, he was no longer able to continue with us, also having to put his training on hold. We had enjoyed the different aspects he had brought to our worship, his energy, his ability to share himself with his congregation at St Laurence and all were very saddened to see him leave last summer.

During the vacancy, although retired in July 2015, the Reverend Marion Wright has continued to work tirelessly to support us in many ways. She has taken on the co-ordination of the clergy service rotas for St Laurence, to be involved with Messy Church and the All Age services and deeply involved in the pastoral care and church life of the Parish. We are so blessed to have her considerable support, help, love and care. I have been particularly grateful for her advice on several matters. Thank you Marion.

We have also been able to continue to call on retired members of the clergy and our Lay reader, who have made it possible to have the range of services that have happened over the past year, in particular those at Christmas. These are Retired Bishop David Wilbourne, the Reverend Alan Brown, Graham Waring, David Pynn and House for Duty Priest, the Reverend Don Maciver (retired Dec. '17) and Lay Readers Mr Philip Newel and Alan McKie. We thank them for their kindness and understanding, help and encouragement. Our very grateful thanks to our team of 'far from retired' clergy.

Worship

The current pattern of Sunday and Thursday worship has been maintained throughout the year. Throughout the Vacancy we have worked to renew, grow and deepen our spirituality, prayer and worship. Many people at St Laurence have continued to grow their faith and spirituality through being part of different groups as well as meeting together regularly for worship. House groups have continued to meet as has the spirituality formation group. Some people have enjoyed a different style of worship, such as Café Explore led by Marie Freeman, Taize led by Chris and Marion Wright or Sacred Space co-ordinated by Tony Shaw and Jo Charlesworth has continued to develop Toddler Praise an extension to the baby and toddler group, Little Steps, on Mondays. The NSGM have again this year run an Alpha course at St Mark which has been well supported with some from St Laurence attending.

Our church choir has sung at main services, also at some weddings and funerals. The Christmas services in the church were very well attended and an augmented choir sang at the two carol services. We have also had the joy of being supported musically by the All Age Service Band of musicians and a small choir to lead us in experiencing the joy of raising our voices in praise at this service. Our deeply felt thanks go to Chris Wright for all his hard work and this great gift he has given us, that enhances every part of our worship.

Jo Charlesworth our Children and Families Worker and her committed team, have worked tirelessly taking the Christian story to many families. Monthly Messy Church has a monthly average attendance of 35 children and 24 adults and Toddler Praise a monthly average of 6 children and 7 adults and Open the Book is increasing in popularity in the local schools. Thank you Jo and your team. It is wonderful and inspiring to witness this part of the church and community growing.

Finance

We would like to acknowledge and say thank you to our Treasurer John Freeman for all his hard work, overseeing the financial dimension of St Laurence, by monitoring income and expenditure and keeping the Churchwarden's feet on the ground, when she gets excited about a new project! This Year Martin Williamson has joined the finance team taking on the Role of Planned Giving Recorder with John Mills continuing to manage and record the Electoral Roll. Thank you for your attention to an important aspect of our church life. A detailed annual report has been written.

Fabric and Churchyard

This year the committee led by Maurice Martinson, has been involved in overseeing three major projects, the renovation of the church tower, the renovation of the church clock faces and servicing of the clock and the overhaul of the church tower bells. For those involved it has been a steep learning curve. There have been architectural terms to learn, learning how the bell clappers are renovated, the management of those working on the projects and the material that each of the project required are but a few! It has been fascinating and we have met some very skilled craftsmen who have looked after our lovely church well. The work on the main Frontal in memory of Ken Fardoe continues and Shirley tells me that she expects it to be ready after Easter.

The churchyard received many compliments over this year for the excellent way it was being maintained. The open tree canopy and cut grass in the closed churchyard at the front of the church has this spring, given rise to the most wonderful number of snowdrops stopping people in their tracks with pleasure and wonder. While the warmer months are taken up with mainly grass cutting and general maintenance in a sizable churchyard, the cold weather and winter months when the rest of us are shy of going outside, our sextons are renovating the hedges, tidying the boundaries and repairing and repainting the benches. We have in Colin Grimmett and John Charlesworth two excellent sextons who look after our lovely churchyard with care and sensitivity. Thank you Colin and John. We also thank Neil Barnes for continuing to cut the grass in Glebe Field. This is a great help to our sextons.

There are many on-going maintenance projects related to the church, churchyard, church rooms as well as the school house. These and other matters will be reported on in the Fabric and Churchyard Report.

Missions

The church has continued to support the Rainbow Centre and Westway Open Arms financially and with items of clothing, groceries and crockery. We have maintained our links with Stepping Stones Ministries in India and continue to support Kalidas 9 years old and Sabitin 7 years old who live at Bethel and Bethany Houses. Financial donations have been made to the following charities, Church Mission Society, Children's Society, Bible Society, Children in Distress, Christian Aid, Sidewalk and Church Army. We also have a new Mission Partner in Azaria Spencer from the Church Mission Society, who we will be supporting as she follows her calling as she works in Guatemala with people society has shunned but particularly with children who have been orphaned, abandoned or abused. The collection at the NSGM service at St Laurence was donated to Scarborough Survivors.

Last year coordinated by Helen Arnold, Hilary Wallace and Chris Hoff made quilts with the proceeds raised at a coffee morning. A workshop was organised with cutting, ironing and sewing. The quilts were sent to the Stepping Stones new orphanage for girls, for the dormitories. Quilts were also made and donated by others outside the Parish. Thank you Helen, Hilary, Chris and those who helped for the beautiful gifts you made for the girls.

Sue Brown, St Laurence's Children's Society Representative, has also been supported by the church congregation in collecting clothes and other items for Samaria Aid.

Information of these and other matters can be read on the Rickinson Room, Church Room's notice board, also will be covered in more detail in the annual Missions Report.

Thank you to Hilary and the Missions Committee for continuing to bring the needs of others to the front of our awareness not only in this country but those countries abroad that need our support.

Thank you also to Philip and Janet Newell who continue to visit High Mill Estate at the edge of Scalby, reaching out to the new families by visiting and delivering welcome packs.

The church continues to be a Fair Trade church, enjoying Fair Trade items at many events. Thank you to Val Aston who continues to organize and run the Fair Trade stall on Sundays and at Scalby Fair.

Social Activities

St Laurence hosted the Scalby Fair Flower Festival again last year, coordinated by Helen Hartley and Sue Truefitt, following the Scalby Fair Theme of Pantomime. Beautiful flower arrangements adorned our church and many people who may not otherwise have visited the church viewed the lovely arrangements.

In August we were very grateful for the catering that the Social Committee provided during the interview process for our new vicar and for Lynn's Installation.

They have also been central to the St Laurence's Barbeque hosted by Sue Truefitt, again a great success, the Harvest Supper and at Christmas, the Wassail Evening enjoyed by all. All annual events much looked forward to.

The Social Committee have also organised ladies nights out. The life of St Laurence has been enhanced by all that the Social Committee have provided for many of the events that we have held. We thank them for their hard work for the amount of planning that goes into these occasions.

We would like to thank Evelyn Laidler who also provided catering over the interview process for our new Vicar, for supplying us with cake, food for Sunshine Lunch and other occasional events.

Good Neighbour

The Good Neighbour Committee led by Yvette Drabble has been again very active in the parish community, delivering gifts to those who are unwell, housebound or bereaved. Thank you Yvette and Linda Thompson and the team for all you do to make a difference with your acts of kindness.

Parishlife

The magazine printed by Basics Plus, has continued to be issued this year on a basis of every two months, with a variety of church and community articles. The magazines are placed not only in the church but also in the local library, shops and tearooms. From the feedback we receive it is much valued by those receiving it, particularly those who can't get out as often as they would like to. It also entertains, informs and keeps us up to date with all that is going on. Thank you to all those involved in collecting, proof reading and compiling each edition, before it goes to print and our deliverers who make sure Parish Life gets to those unable to get out and about.

Other Groups

St Laurence is a busy church where there is always something happening. Monthly Sunshine Lunches in the Church Rooms led by Viv Allen continue to increase in popularity and is an important point of contact for many people, enabling them to meet with friends, and enjoy an excellent meal. The Pastoral Visiting Team led by Sue Truefitt support those in need in the community providing that much needed support at a time of vulnerability. The Barnabas Group meets on the second and fourth Monday in the month led by Mavis Wild, is a lively group that supports those bereaved. A cup of tea is shared and company and chat is welcome. Occasionally an outside speaker is invited about a subject the group has chosen and a Christmas lunch and summer tea out is always much enjoyed. Tower and Hand Bell Ringers are led by Alan Grundy Captain of the Bells. It was noticeable to all of us, how much we missed the glorious sound of the bells when they were being renovated. The Hand Bells are an essential and beautiful part of our Christmas celebrations at the Carol Services. Afternoon and Evening Mothers Union is led by Linda Thompson both groups meeting regularly throughout the year with the opportunity to hear a variety of speakers and take part in the arranged events. These groups have all in their own way made an enormous difference to the community through their acts. Our very grateful thanks to you all.

Thankfulness

As I look back over the year, my heart is filled with such gratitude. Thank you to God for travelling with us every step of the way, no matter where our journey has taken us. For sustaining us in times of difficulty and lifting us in times of joy.

Thank you to every single person who has been part of and contributed to the life of St Laurence.

Thank you for helping your Churchwardens in the very many and various ways that you all have. We couldn't have done what we have without you.

Thank you for the cleaning, polishing, decorating, flower arranging, keeping things tidy, looking after the toys, by being a sidesperson, a wedding verger, a funeral verger, a reader, an intercessor, playing music in one of the groups, singing in the choir and augmented choir, ringing church and hand bells, being on the coffee rota, a magazine deliverer, a PCC member, a committee member or a Deanery Synod member, a course leader, server, communion administrator, sexton, team and group leaders and all the other tasks which keep our wonderful church alive and active. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Thank to Helen Hartley and Sue Truefitt and their flower arranging team who make our church look wonderful with their arrangements that reflect the life's seasons and all aspects of the church.

Last year I embarrassed Freda by calling her our wonderful Parish Administrator. She is, and has continued to patiently support us and our numerous needs in many ways. The work involved in the interview process for our new vicar in the summer was considerable and likewise the work that went into the arrangements for Lynn's installation on Shrove Tuesday. Our heartfelt Thanks Freda.

Maurice Martinson has continued to be there to help solve the various knotty problems that occur. From the handle on the vestry door falling off just before we were due to have a baptism to helping organise the renovations that our church has been through this year. He also manages the heating in the church and the timing of the path lights. When Pat found she had to resign Jill Bradley agreed to become the second deputy church warden with Maurice. We were incredibly grateful. They are a wonderful team and I have felt well supported. Thank you both of you.

I would like to thank all our PCC members for their dedication and hard work. Despite being in Vacancy until February, the PCC has not prevaricated over the decisions we have had to make. The agenda although sometimes lengthy and occasionally difficult has been tackled and decisions made. This has given the life of the church momentum and the ability to look forward rather than stagnating. There is no doubt that much of this would not have been possible without our PCC secretary Celia Hodgson who has steered us through agendas and kept us all in order, with her depth of knowledge of procedure.

Our final thanks must go to all our clergy and readers who when asked to help are always there with their unstinting commitment to our parishioners and parish.

Thank you, thank you.

Sally McIntyre, Churchwarden