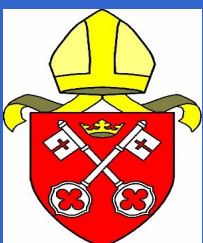




St Columba

St James

Parish Profile of St Columba and St James with Holy Trinity



**The Diocese
of York**



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Prayers for Guidance

We prepare our Parish Profile
You prepare our hearts.
O Lord, help us to look to You
to map our future.
Open our eyes to Your vision,
may our lives be like an open book
waiting for Your words and directions
to be inscribed.
Help us to seek only after You.
We await Your voice.



From a member of St James' church



Gracious Lord,
we ask for your guidance
as we wait patiently and in anticipation
for a new priest
to serve here at St Columba and at St James.
May both our churches have a new vision and hope for the future.
Be with us all as we endeavour to be a support for one another,
and respect each other's opinions.
May all we do and say
be done in love for you and one another.



From a member of St Columba church

Greetings in Christ's name!



Thank you for prayerfully discerning God's calling to the Benefice of St James and St Columba's and also to the East Riding Archdeaconry in the Diocese of York. We trust this profile will begin to give you an understanding of the churches and parishes, but above all, we welcome you to come and meet us here!

This post has become available at a very significant time in the life of the Diocese. We have committed together in *Living*

Christ's Story to being people who tell the story of Jesus' life death and resurrection and who also tell the continuing story of what Jesus has done through his church, which includes what Jesus has done and continues to do through each of our own lives. These are times that require us to be simple, humble and bold.

To make the vision of *Living Christ's Story* a reality, our diocesan goals are:

- Becoming more like Christ
- Reaching people we currently don't
- Growing churches of missionary disciples
- Transforming our finances and structures

You can explore this vision and our commitment to this journey on our Diocesan website.

Both churches are embracing this vision and share a commitment to grow in faith and numbers. The Benefice is only 6 years old, good progress has been made in embracing the opportunities this brings but there is scope for this to develop further. It is a post ideal for someone who enjoys the variety of working across different church traditions but in the shared context of central Scarborough. Together the churches recognise the need for a Vicar who will lead them in mission and evangelism, growing both the Church and the Kingdom.

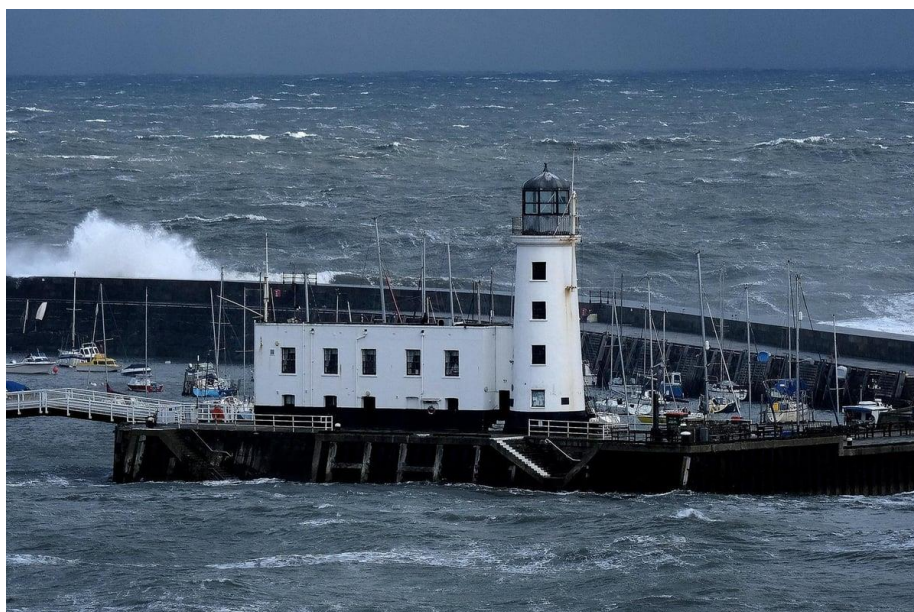
As a Diocese we pray together the prayer of Teresa of Avila, "Lord, what do you want from me?" This is our prayer for *Living Christ's Story*. We pray this prayer particularly for you in this time of discernment. We hope that you will hear Christ's call clearly and we look forward to prayerfully sharing this discernment with you.

Please do contact Archdeacon Andy Broom by phone (01482 881659) or email (ader@yorkdiocese.org) if you have any questions or would like a fuller picture than the Profile offers. We want to do all we can to support you as you explore and discern this call.

With our prayers,

+Eleanor

(Bishop of Hull)



**Welcome to St Columba and
St James with Holy Trinity**

**Thank you for your interest in becoming
our next vicar.**

**Perhaps God is calling you to come and join us
here in Scarborough.**

**Our two churches are looking forward with
expectancy to this exciting future and we are
committed to working together.**

**We pray that it may be your God given desire to
serve with us.**



AN INTRODUCTION TO SCARBOROUGH

Within a few minutes' drive or within easy walking distance are the popular North and South Bays. The town is "twixt the moors and sea", with wonderful areas of leisure for all to enjoy, whatever their interest; there is much to explore and discover and add new interests. The twin bays link with the English Heritage castle; Scarborough is a town of historical significance, ranging from the Roman times right through to the Middle Ages, with cliffs and coastline of great geological and paleontological importance. The towering headland looks onto the North Sea with magnificent views of the coast and moors, with the cliffs looking over the dinosaur coast.

Transport

The railway station offers fast connections to the major national rail hubs of York, Leeds, Merseyside and beyond. There are regular National bus services to York (with connections for London, Edinburgh, Leeds and Middlesbrough). There is a coastal line to Hull by way of Bridlington and Beverley. A bus service connects all parts of the town and surrounds to other towns and villages in the district.

Local culture and interests

Scarborough is proud of the famous Stephen Joseph Theatre, the theatrical home of Sir Alan Ayckbourn, and is used for premieres of his works. We have the UK's only remaining professional seaside Orchestra at the Spa, providing a summer season of light classical music. Other venues include the Open Air Theatre with a capacity of over 8,000 attracting leading artists, groups and shows and there is a Cultural high level of museums and art galleries along with a thriving performing arts scene including music and theatres.

The Scarborough Spa Orchestra
in the Sun Court



Falsgrave Park looking towards the castle



There are huge natural attractions in Scarborough: the North and South Bays with many water sports, particularly surfing, and the nearby Dalby forest which plays host to cyclists of all abilities. The Sports Village offers many facilities for activities including a swimming pool, and this is also the home of Scarborough Athletic Football Club. Of huge interest to cricket fans, there is Scarborough's famous Cricket Ground which hosts first-class matches each summer and one of the highlights is the famous Cricket Festival. From the cricket ground pavilion there is a most unusual and interesting view of St. Columba Church.

Further along the magnificent coast are unique bird colonies which can be viewed from the RSPB site at Bempton Cillfs.



The Open Air Theatre

General Interest

Within easy travelling distance are the Scarborough Hospitals, primary and secondary schools, the Sixth Form College and the new colleges of Higher Education, the Scarborough campus of the University of Coventry and the Scarborough University Technical College, all easily accessed by public transport.



A view of Scarborough South Bay

THE PARISH OF ST COLUMBA

'To be a Beacon of Light at our crossroads.
To be the heart and warmth within our community.'

A previous Vicar of St Columba Church once described our Church as "The Church at the Crossroads". We are situated on a very busy crossroads and so often people come into our Church when they are at a crossroads in their own lives. When it's dark and St Columba Church is lit up, the light just shines out like a beacon to everyone passing from all four directions.

We hope to be here to make a huge difference to someone maybe for a moment, an hour or maybe for the rest of their lives. We offer a very warm welcome to all who come through our doors from our community and beyond. We really hope that anyone who enters, will find peace, warmth and will find and feel God's love, always.

Location and Parish Outline

The Parish of St Columba lies just north of the centre of Scarborough, backing onto the edge of the famous Peasholm Park and Glen area. Scarborough is an ancient coastal town and the Borough stretches from Whitby to the north to Filey in the south and includes the rural District of Ryedale. Total population of the Borough is some 150,000. Population of the parish is 4,294 adults, according to the most recent Church Urban Fund research statistics. The socio-economic rating of 2,088 out of 12,382 in the Country ranks us at the poorer end of the scale.

From the North Bay Beach, a few minutes' walk will bring you to our church. This growing parish Church has a huge heart, a welcoming feeling, and among its worshippers, some very diverse personalities who will provide a very warm welcome to a new vicar and their family too.

It has been suggested on occasion, that by enlarging the boundaries of our Parish, this would greatly increase the outreach possibilities of our Church. There is no possibility of any future house building within our current boundary.

The parish church of St. Columba stands in a commanding position on an important roundabout junction/ crossroads running north-south and east-west, linking the suburbs with the town centre. There is good, convenient car parking in the neighbouring areas, and reserved spacing in front of the main church doors for chauffeured wedding and funeral cars.

The Parish Electoral Roll currently stands at 109 members with 60% of people on the Roll living outside the Parish and we show a continuing pattern of annual growth. Weekly Sunday and Wednesday attendance averages 57 at our Holy Communion services. Many of our congregation tend to be ageing but with a few young families. We encourage children and young people to become involved in our service and we have a pleasant children's space within the centre of our Church.



Outline

- Work with families is a priority. We would like to see and encourage growth within the area of Families and Youth whilst continuing the care of our older members.
- Coffee, Cake & Chat meet on alternate Tuesdays in the Church for friendship and outreach. This has shown some growth in our regular Church congregation. Others attend and support our regular Community Coffee mornings. We became part of the 'Warm Space' initiative last winter.
- An active, well attended Mothers' Union within our group of Churches – St Columba hosts meetings once a month with members from all over the town.
- Bible study groups, include Lent, Faith and Advent courses.
- Confirmations are available and classes are organised, as required.
- The Parish Hall stands next to our Church and consists a good suite of upper and ground floor rooms. It is now rented out full time to a local Pre-School following reduced usage from other groups, post Covid. This is only intended as a short term measure.
- In the winter months we have a reasonably well supported Craft group on the alternate Tuesdays to Coffee, Cake & Chat.
- The Church itself is used for alternative activities and groups eg. Scarborough Flower Club, Choirs etc.
- Frequent social events, various fund-raising mornings, organised concerts and well attended social events are organised.
- There is a good Internet connection throughout our Church.
- Pastoral visiting team for home Communion.
- Involvement with the Mustard Seed Project, a Diocesan Initiative.
- We continue to support the local Food Bank at the Rainbow Centre in Scarborough.

The Ministry Team and the Church Family

The Ministry Team and the PCC recognise how important it is to involve as many people as possible in the worship and needs of the church. We encourage weekly lay involvement in the reading of Scripture from the lectern, leading intercessions, the ministry of Home Communion and singing in the small choir at Christmas. Fiona, our Assistant Curate or Julia, our Reader, acts as Liturgical Deacon at our main Sunday Service. At our Wednesday morning service Betty gives support to the Clergy, leading our service. We have an enthusiastic support team who welcome visitors, provide refreshments in Church after all our services, arrange floral works of art and look after the garden.

Worship Style

Order 1 & 2 Order of Service Books are in use. Worship is strongly Eucharistic centred. We have reserved sacraments for home Communion. Vestments are worn and there is a serving team on Sundays at the 9.30am Service, although there is scope to introduce appropriate changes.

We uphold an open policy and would hope to continue to support anyone coming forward for Baptisms, Weddings, Confirmations and Funerals, and see these as pastoral opportunities.



Reverend Fiona Hill, Assistant Curate



Julia Jones, Reader

Our current Ministry team provides us with a diversity of skills and traditions:

Priest	Vacant
Assistant Curate	One (to leave by May '24)
Active clergy	None
Reader, with Permission to Officiate	One
Visiting clergy	Three
Eucharistic Ministers (Home Communion)	Three
Pastoral Care co-ordinator	One
Team of Servers and Sacristans	Nine (seven with permission to administer Communion)

The Team

Revd Fiona Hill	- Assistant Curate
Julia Jones	- Reader (PTO)
Pauline Hainsworth	- Churchwarden
Kath Spence	- Deputy Churchwarden
Carole Atkinson	- Deputy Churchwarden
Marianne Scales	- Deputy Churchwarden
Vacant	- Treasurer (Pauline is doing this in the interim)
Vacant	- Secretary
June Walker	- PCC Minute Secretary
Ernest Targett	- Pastoral Care, a Recognised Parish Assistant
Ray Springall	- Safeguarding Representative for the United Benefice.

Church Services

St Columba's has a strongly Eucharistic tradition.

We hold regular services each Sunday at 9.30am and a midweek service on a Wednesdays at 10 am.

- We do look forward to other forms of Worship being introduced to complement our current Communion services.
- We would love the opportunity to re-commence a Sunday School, which unfortunately ceased during Covid, with many youngsters not returning once lock downs were lifted.
- Other services include the very popular Community Christmas Eve Christingle service, the Pre-School's Children's Nativity, Carol services and services throughout Holy week.
- Public Officials, the Air Cadets and the R.A.F Veterans take part in our annual Battle of Britain Service held in St Columba Church, every September.

Regular Services

Each Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion/ Sung Eucharist
Each Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion
2 nd Wednesday	2.00pm	Mothers Union

Everyone is very welcome and are encouraged to stay after all our services for Coffee/Tea and Biscuits in the Café Area in Church.

Average Attendances at Services

Sundays	9.30am	45 plus 2 children
Wednesdays	10.00am	12

Occasional Offices – In 2022 and to September 2023

Baptisms – infants	5
Baptisms – Teens & Adults	0
Confirmations	0
Weddings	0
Funerals – in Church	8
Funerals - at the Crematorium	2



Baptism and Families

St Columba's welcomes parents with children for Baptism, which can take place on Sunday at 9.30 am or else as a separate service at 12 noon.

We have some families with younger children at the 9.30am Service. St Columba seeks to make families and young children very welcome and included. We take into account the needs of those less fortunate than others and at present make welcome a person who is homeless, and also their dog, at many of our services and social events.



A happy family at St Columba



We welcome all



Children enjoy the activity area

Music

Hymns Old and New, Anglican Edition (21996) is in use, supplemented by occasional new items. The 9.30am Eucharist can be sung to The Addington Service by Richard Shepherd. We have a digital organ, with playback system, installed in 2007, replacing the old pipe organ, which is “mothballed” but this is still in place and remains usable. The organists are paid on the RSCM scale. We have an organist Tim, a regular relief organist, Lucy and a pianist, Marian once a month.

We installed an up to date Sound system two years ago enabling the playing of CD's or through Bluetooth, in the event of no organist or pianist been available or if required at special services.

Musicians describe the building as having “the best acoustics in Scarborough”. The church is a popular venue for various musical activities and superb concerts.



Communication

A four-page, weekly “Pew News” lists the usual array of news, notices, meetings, Community events, current and future Services, hymns, readings, speakers and anniversaries and helps keep everyone aware and informed. A rota for two months ahead is provided to all concerned.

Pauline, the Churchwarden and June, the PCC Minute Secretary help the vicar to keep the flow of correspondence moving between the PCC, Ministry team, church officers and the congregation.

We have a St Columba Facebook Page as well as access to our United Benefice Facebook Page, containing current information, services and activities which are regularly updated. We have links to Churches Together in Scarborough and other Christian media centres are available. We are listed in ‘A Church near You’.

There is a general increasing need to develop communication. This is no less true than in our Parish, particularly through the increasing means of technology as well as through the more usual, traditional channels. As younger members of the church increase, our church recognises their expectation for electronic methods of contact, which is openly encouraged.

Finance

In the Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022, we had an income of £66,347 and an expenditure amounted to £55,069. Our fully paid Freewill offering to the Diocesan funds during 2022 was £20,203.

General and Restricted Reserves fell to £66,000. Of this we hold £52,000 towards the cost of installing new heating with a more energy efficient system and £8,600 given as a legacy, to be specifically used for people in the 20 – 40 age range.

We have varying options for giving with many members of the congregation using the Envelope scheme for their weekly, generous giving. Whilst just a few prefer to give regularly by direct debit, the Parish Giving Scheme is available and we have a card reader on site. Members of the congregation who are able to, have completed a Gift Aid form for their generous donations.

The Church

We are aware that we have some current issues with the fabric of our Church building. The largest one is with the North Aisle flooring which requires a major repair due to issues with the original structure. During the repair to this aisle the intention is to install underfloor heating within this area. There are also plans for the re-purposing of the space within our Church including a new kitchen, toilets, storage, heating, new glass entrance on the crossroads, new ramped access, painting etc. Parts of these ideas also include the possible exchanging of the inner panels of the inside entrance doors to glass, which will improve the welcome to our Church. A faculty will be sought for this part of the works, prior to that for the full refurbishment.

We are hoping to have a new heating system installed. The architect has now sourced more energy efficient, environmentally friendly Halo heating. If this can happen, we will not require a new gas boiler. We already have just over £50,000 set aside towards a new heating system. Parts have been sourced to keep our existing heating system functioning until a more appropriate stage in the renewal programme is reached.

Meetings are currently progressing with the Architect to the second set of plans phase. At present we do not know the total cost of the proposed and planned works due to the complexity of the issues. We are in the early stages of talks and site visits now with the Structural Engineers. We are being steered by our architect through these complex stages.

We are all excited with these proposed plans but we are aware that funding will need to be sourced. We are hopeful that a member of the congregation is going to assist in sourcing funding towards this now, much larger-scale project. We are still in the very early stages and in the hands of our architect, engineers and God. We are looking for our new Vicar to bring energy to this exciting project and to lead our PCC into the fulfilment of this vision.

St Columba Church stands at the crossroads junction of Dean Road and Columbus Ravine here in Scarborough. The plan of the building resembles a bird: Columba is Latin for a dove and a figure of the dove appears on the font and throughout our Church.



St Columba Church is the last Church designed by Temple Moore, the distinguished Church Architect in 1914 and his son Leslie, supervised the construction, which was completed in 1926.



The Church has a Grade 2* listing. It is considered an architectural gem, designed with the Eucharist intended as the principal offering to God. This has continued to shape St Columba Church's ethos.

Despite the constraints, the interior has a wonderfully calm and spacious feel. Once described as looking like a factory on the outside and a Cathedral on the inside, it is a very unique place of worship. There is a sensation of the interior unfolding in front of you as you walk through the door and along the central aisle. Wide arches to the cleverly designed side aisles give a classic sense of balance to the space.

The triangular Lady Chapel which is situated in the northern area of the Church, is used for private prayer and occasional services. The figures of the Northern Saints seen over the altar, are by Temple Moore's daughter, Mary.

The church has a south-easterly aspect over the inner suburbs to the town centre. The construction of the main Church was completed and dedicated at the end of January 1926. We have a small interesting booklet, describing the unique architecture and points of interest, which is available to anyone visiting the Church.

We only have a narrow garden, which encloses two sides of the Church and faces each of the main road frontages. We have no churchyard to maintain and no car park, however there is good on-street parking available within the surrounding streets. Opposite the Church, there is Scarborough's closed Dean Road & Manor Road Cemeteries where there are many Commonwealth War Graves.

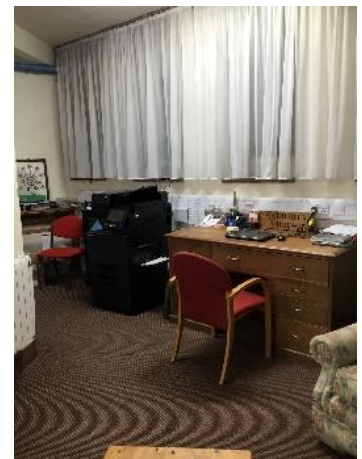
The Battle of Britain
Commemoration



Meeting area

The undercroft provides a good, generous size Vestry area and a large well-equipped office and meeting area. Part of the underground area is used by the 'St Columbus Men's Club' as a snooker room; this has a full-sized snooker table and enables people to join, register and play for a reasonable cost although unfortunately these areas are prone to damp.

The Office area



The Community Hall

We now have a faculty in place until 2028, enabling our Church to use comfortable, upholstered, stackable seating. These chairs are enabling us to move these accordingly for the Church to be used for other community activities eg. Concerts, meetings and some Community groups.



Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Coffee, Cake and Chat

As more people use our Church for community use, then we are finding that more people are beginning to feel included and part of our Church family.



We aim 'To be a Beacon of Light at our crossroads.
To be the heart and warmth within our community.'



THE PARISH OF ST JAMES with HOLY TRINITY

Our Vision ~

We aim to be a Light in our Parish', seeking greater community engagement through means such as the Community Cafe and monthly Creative Family Worship as well as the wider use of the Arts Centre for community activities in which we can demonstrate our Christian values whilst engaging in what is happening in our parish.

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The Parish is mostly in the Falsgrave area of Scarborough and is an urban priority area. St James Church has been a mission church since 1884 serving the local community along the railway and A64 (Seamer Road) entering Scarborough. It has also been a Fair Trade church since 1993.

There is a variety of housing in the parish: a mixture of privately owned and rented accommodation, student accommodation and several homes for the elderly. About thirty years ago, the church of Holy Trinity in South Cliff closed and the congregation joined with St James, hence the title of our parish. On the hillside facing the church, is the award winning Falsgrave Park and another local attraction, further along the A64, is the Mere - a beautiful lake and peaceful area enjoyed by walkers and anglers.

In addition, there is a small industrial estate and a retail outlets park off the main road. Opposite this area is the Falsgrave Community Resource Centre and behind this up the hill is Falsgrave Village Caravan Park.

There is a mix of ages within the Parish and the majority are non-church goers. A lot of the employment in the Parish, and in Scarborough generally, is on the industrial estates on the edge of town, in the seasonal tourism industry and many people work remotely in the IT industry.

## The Church Family

Our main Sunday Service of worship is at 11.00 am, with an average attendance of 22 people and an age range from 30 to 90 years. We have 35 on our Parish Electoral roll (14 non-resident and 21 resident in the Parish). Young families attend occasionally, especially at celebration times such as Easter, St James' Day (at the end of July) and at Christmas.

We are a very friendly church family who warmly welcome all newcomers and holiday makers.



One of our church members has completed the Diocesan missionary 'Mustard Seed Project' and in 2023 helped to set up a Community Café which now operates twice per month and is open to all.

We have fun .... and eat cake!





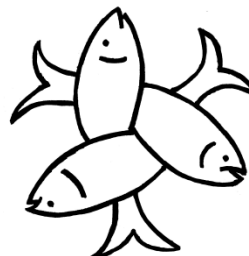
## Church Leadership and Services

### The Ministry Team

The PCC recognise the importance to involve as many people as possible in the worship and life of the church. We encourage lay involvement in leading some worship, reading of scripture, leading intercessions, the ministry of Holy Communion at home, administering the chalice at Holy Communion and singing or playing an instrument in the Worship Group.

Our current team include:

- 1 Assistant Curate
- 2 Churchwardens
- A team of helpers
- Lay leaders
- A Worship Group



We have a long history of lay involvement in worship and an enthusiastic Music/Worship Group which includes keyboard, flute, guitar and percussion.

We uphold and would wish to continue with an open policy in response to requests for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, and see these as pastoral opportunities.

The PCC supports the vicar in being willing to marry people who are divorced, after proper consideration.

### Church Services

St James offers a range of Services in the Evangelical tradition, using Common Worship for the main Services and Lay participation is actively encouraged. There is a Service each Sunday: the first and third being Eucharist, the second an Iona Service with Baptism when required, and the fourth is Creative Worship led by lay teams. The fifth Sunday sees a joint Benefice service with St Columba in alternate churches. Refreshments are offered before the service at 10.30 am.

### Monthly Service Structure

|               | <b>Service</b>                                                              | <b>Leaders</b>                  |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| First Sunday  | 11.00 am: CW Holy Communion                                                 | Priest                          |
| Second Sunday | 11.00 am: Iona Service<br>Baptisms when required                            | Lay Leader / Priest as preacher |
| Third Sunday  | 11.00 am: CW Holy Communion                                                 | Priest                          |
| Fourth Sunday | 11.00 am: Creative Worship                                                  | Lay Creative Worship Team       |
| Fifth Sunday  | 9.30 or 11 am – depending on venue<br>Joint Benefice Holy Communion Service | Priest                          |

Other services include a popular Crib Service for families, and Nativity and Carol Services at Christmas time. During Holy Week, we have a Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service and a one-hour Service of reflection on Good Friday. We also celebrate St James Day, nearest to 25<sup>th</sup> July as possible, as well as Harvest and Remembrance Sunday.

Refreshments are currently in the side chapel preceding our Sunday services.

In the wider community we join in with the Churches Together In Scarborough (CTIS) Walk of Witness on Good Friday.

## **Worship Style**

Order 1 of Common Worship is used for Holy Communion and Occasional Offices. The Iona Service is mainly from the Iona Worship Book and we use the Mission Praise hymnbook.

Cassock and surplice with stole or scarf are worn according to the service but we are able to introduce appropriate changes when necessary.

## **Occasional Offices**

### 2022 to September 2023:

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Baptisms      | 6 |
| Confirmations | 1 |
| Weddings      | 1 |
| Blessings     | 3 |



## **Church Communications**

- Monthly Prayer Diary with Service rotas, when we pray for all the streets in our parish
- Weekly Notice Sheet
- Annual Church reviews for the APCM
- 2 parish leaflet drops per year
- Facebook and 'A Church Near You' site
- Banners on church garden railings
- The Office Administrator for the Arts Centre is on the same site

## **Giving to Mission**

From our budget our major support is to CMS, the Barnabas Fund, and local Christian charities Sidewalk and Faith in Scarborough Schools (FISS). In addition we individually give to Christian Aid, the Bible Society, Feed the Minds and The Children's Society.

We have regular newsletters from our mission partners and their family in Ethiopia whom we support and have the pleasure of occasional visits when they are on leave in the United Kingdom.

## Finance

| <b>Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022</b> | <b>Income<br/>£</b> | <b>Expenditure<br/>£</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| St James with Holy Trinity                       | 32,577              | 38,784                   |
| Church & Community Arts Centre                   | 23,591              | 22,513                   |
| <b>Totals:</b>                                   | <b>56,168</b>       | <b>61,297</b>            |

|                    |               |                              |                |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Freewill Offering: | £16,000       | Bank & Reserves Cash Assets: |                |
| Mission Donations: | <u>£2,526</u> | St James Church              | £43,068        |
|                    |               | Community Arts Centre        | <u>£ 7,299</u> |
|                    |               | Total Funds                  | <u>£50,367</u> |

We always meet our financial commitment to the Diocesan Free Will Offering.

## Ministry at St James

Our Worship Group in action

## Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Officer, Ray Springall, is a member of St James Church and is the Officer for the Benefice. Ray regularly updates the PCCs on the latest news and changes with regards to safeguarding policies, procedures and initiatives.

## The Mothers' Union

St James has now joined with St Columba Mothers' Union, meeting once per month; this now makes one Scarborough Branch with members from all over the town.

We continue to support families who have been victims of domestic abuse and give gift vouchers at Christmas so parents can buy toys or clothes as required. We also support the Food Bank at Westway Open Arms in Eastfield.

## Enlarging our Faith

We offer a weekly study and fellowship group called TGIM (Thank God it's Monday!). This is an enthusiastic and welcoming group. As well as TGIM, we also enjoy participating in Advent and Lent courses.

## Children

At the back of the church, we have a small library for people to browse and borrow and on the other side of the church is our 'Baby Burrow' where very young children can have fun with toys and activities looked after by their parents in a comfortable and safe environment.

In the past we have run monthly Saturday morning sessions for young children and their parents/carers with stories and activities, often using Godly Play materials. It has been difficult to set this up again after the Covid pandemic but we hope that an opportunity for its revival will present itself.

## Stay and Play group

This group which meets every Tuesday morning in term time is run by one of the mums whose child used to attend. Mums, Dads, Grandparents and carers enjoy a happy, relaxed, safe and supportive environment for both adults and children. Up to now we have tried to ensure a clergy presence each week for part of the session and would hope to continue this to keep a church involvement.

Invitations are given out for activities in church, for instance children's services at Christmas time.

## The Music/Worship Group

The four members of St James Worship Group enrich our Sunday services with their range of musical talent, using keyboard, guitar, percussion, recorder and flute, as well as beautiful voices! One of our members plays for the famous Scarborough Spa Orchestra along with other members of her family. We do have a very good organ in the church which, although is rarely played for Sunday services, it is kept in good condition and played weekly by a celebrated local organist: he regularly records in Italy and is regarded as an authority on Mediaeval organ music.



## Courses

We are always open to new ideas and organise Advent and Lent courses open to all.

## Bring and Share lunches and social outings



We celebrate our Patronal Festival, St James Day, in a variety of ways each summer and have regular Bring and Share lunches for events such as leaving/retirement parties, Harvest celebrations, welcoming our CMS link missionary family and so on. We join with St Columba for annual Away Day gatherings and also organise trips to the theatre and to the Scarborough Spa Orchestra performances in the summer.

## Concerts in Church

Our church acoustics are good and the Scarborough Concert Band, consisting of local musicians of all ages, perform annual Christmas Concerts in the church.

The Reflective Community Garden

## Pastoral Care

The church family of St James are very good at giving care to other members of the congregation. The assistant Curate makes regular visits and a member of our congregation is trained to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. We have special contact with one of our Parish's Care Homes, Scarborough Hall, and regularly hold short services there with the residents; sometimes the carers bring residents to our Sunday services.

The local school for children with special needs, Springhead School, holds its annual Christmas Service in the church and we also invite them and other schools to follow our 'sensory trail' around the church.

We have also supported the year 6 children from Thomas Hinderwell Primary Academy with their 'It's Your Move' school leavers' scheme.

Two of our congregation are currently supporting Ukrainian refugees with learning English.

## The Church & Community Arts Centre

### Outreach

Twenty years ago in our church an idea was born – to reach out into the community by creatively developing the space we have, making areas for a variety of uses. This has gone from strength to strength and we have four main areas for hire with at least 350 people regularly using our facilities each week. The variety of activities on offer include children's groups, art and craft, dance and exercise with also classes run by U3A (the University of the Third Age!) in modern languages, Literature, Opera and Operetta and craft. We hire rooms for parties and celebrations as well as to charities for functions such as tabletop sales. We have a Gallery which has recently been used by the Rainbow Centre for storage of items for children of refugees and asylum seekers.

Our Upper Room has IT availability and can be used for smaller group meetings.

The nearby MENCAP organisation has begun hiring one of our halls for their children during school holidays and we have had enquiries from a local church group who would like to hire one of our rooms for regular Sunday worship.

We operate The Arts Centre as a not-for-profit organisation and the annual take up of room hire allows us to keep the buildings in good order. We were hit hard during the lockdowns of the recent pandemic but have made good progress so far in building up our bookings again.

The Ceramics Studio grew from a storage area with the help of local artists and we can now offer increased art and craft facilities, which includes a working kiln. We obtained significant funding for two other areas: decking at the Café entrance giving full disabled access and creating a very pleasant area to increase floor space in good weather.

The second area of funding enabled us to renovate the church garden, complete with statues, some made by a local artist in conjunction with nearby schoolchildren. We call this our Reflective Community Garden.



## The Church Hall

Our present church hall was built in 1953. Between 2003 and 2006 we converted some church rooms to form St James Church & Community Arts Centre. We began with major renovation work on the Undercroft to form an activity room and storage area and also created a Gallery. We then went on to upgrade the hall, including a separate room with IT facilities, which is called 'The Upper Room', useful for meetings and smaller groups.



An Art Class in the Undercroft



World Dance in the Hall



The Upper Room

## The Office



There is a small well-equipped office as part of the Art centre and this is currently used by the Arts Centre Administrator three mornings per week. All administrative work for the Arts Centre is done here as well as the church printing of weekly Sunday Service Notice sheets, monthly leaflets and rotas. It is of course available for use by the vicar and other interested parties at all times.

## The Community Café

This was recently set up to reach out to members of the wider local community, offering a place to meet, socialise and join in activities. It is led by a member of our congregation, who last year completed the Diocesan Mustard Seed Project, supported by a band of church volunteers. The Café meets twice a month and is a very welcome addition to our outreach.



## The Cockleshells Café

The former hall kitchen and side rooms were converted into a café with seating for 20 people. This leads onto a decked outdoor area with extra seating in the better weather.

The Café was set up to be a community hub and has had paid managers followed by church volunteers. It is currently run for four days per week by an enthusiastic, independent manager as her own business, serving various drinks and tasty homemade food and there is a very good relationship between the Arts Centre and the Cafe keeping it at the heart of the Centre. The cafe proprietress hopes to be able to offer placements for autistic students in the future.



Cockleshells  
Café  
Lunch in the  
sun



# Buildings and History

## The Church

Our founder, Frederick Hartop Holt, a new Cambridge theology graduate, came from Wakefield and arrived in Scarborough in 1883. He

set up St James' Mission Chapel in 1885 and it was created as a Parish Church in 1893. The church has been fortunate over the years in the number and quality of 'In Memoriam' and thanksgiving gifts such as the windows, which are of an unusually good quality for a small Victorian parish church. The church furnishing was largely completed in 1921 with the installation of a carved oak pulpit, rood screen and communion rail, together forming the First World War memorial to those men of the parish who fell in the war as well as the members of the parish killed in the German bombardment of December 1914. The oak cover of the font is a memorial for the fallen of the parish during the Second World War. The altar was installed in 1938 and the organ in 1976.

The most recent major addition is the fully tiled floor; previously we had a wood block floor but the concrete raft on which it stood had subsided so it was re-laid in 2008, incorporating under floor heating pipes.

Holy Trinity church, who joined with St James on their closure, was granted patronage of the Church Pastoral Aid Society. We have benefited from them in developing mission-orientated leadership skills.



Looking towards the East window



The church in the Spring



Views of the church interior.



Celebrating Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee

We aim to be a welcoming warm and friendly family where all are accepted and loved.



## The Joint Benefice Vicarage

The property is on Box Hill in the parish of St James.

The front door opens into a lobby which leads into a reception hall and dining area. A roomy lounge and further sitting room lead off to the left and to the right is a well-appointed kitchen with breakfast area and a utility room.

Leading from the reception hall to the right, immediately after the entrance lobby, is the study.

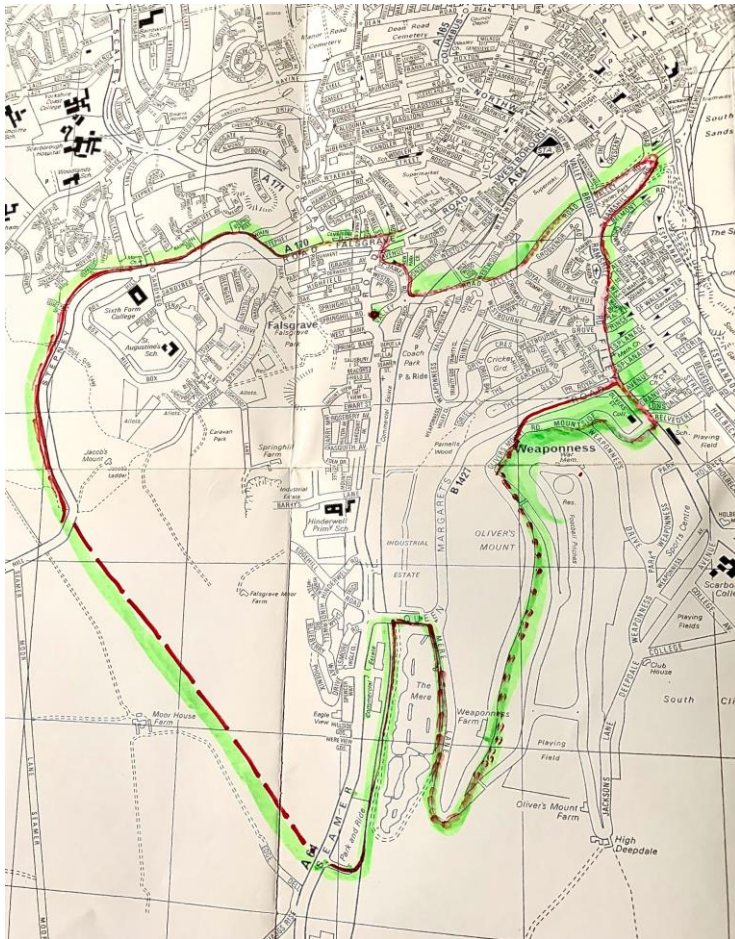
Upstairs four bedrooms and a bathroom are situated around the landing area.

There is a double garage with some parking space on the paved forecourt.

The garden is well kept but not extensive and there is a patio area at the rear. Box Hill is a quiet road and the house is not overlooked as the rear garden backs on to a field and there are no houses immediately opposite.



# The Parish of St James with Holy Trinity: 24 Seamer Road, YO12 4DT



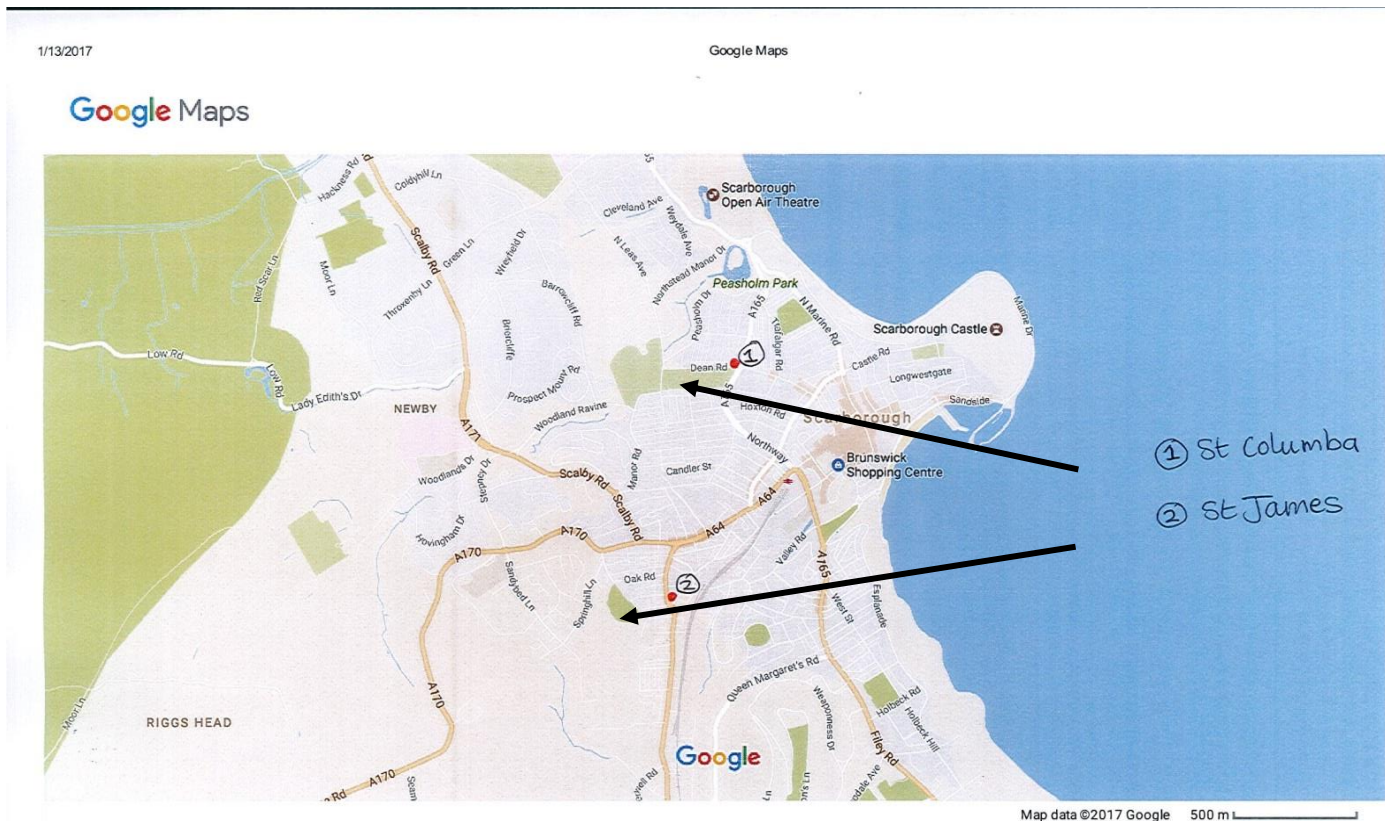
# The Parish of St Columba: Dean Road, YO12 7JH



# Map of Yorkshire



## Location of each Church



# St. Columba & St. James Parishes

## Our new Vicar

The United Benefice of St Columba and St James with Holy Trinity seek a vicar who would thrive in the two churches with their own distinct individual styles of worship, traditions and cultures, and be able to manage well the challenges and opportunities which come with such diversity.

Both churches are in areas of deprivation and both have a desire to reach out in mission to the surrounding communities. This is a full-time post to be shared equally between the two parishes in this relatively young United Benefice.

### Personal Qualities:

We are seeking a vicar who:

- Is a "people person" with a genuine sense of care and compassion for all generations.
- Is mission minded.
- Enjoys evangelism but has an inclusive and sensitive approach.
- Is a person of prayer.
- Is respectful of a variety of spiritualities, including Eucharistic as well as Creative Worship.  
Has a good sense of humour.

### Desirable Skills:

We would like the vicar to:

- Be a strong collaborative leader.  
Encourage and inspire both churches to continue to work with us to achieve our aims and vision.
- Have a passion and commitment to lay leadership and ministry, developing our existing teams and supporting individuals.
- Be able to lead St Columba's church through a period of significant architectural change for their building project.



Font at St Columba



Font at St James

**Priorities:**

- Good intergenerational worship and pastoral care, including home visits.
- Support and develop our successful cafes in both churches which are rich in missional opportunities.
- We are blessed to be surrounded by nurseries, and at St James by schools, colleges and a University; we would like help in discerning where to focus our mission.
- We would like a vicar who would help us to develop a shared vision for our United Benefice.



## **Our commitment to you**

- We will support and care for the general well being of our new vicar.
- We will fully support the vicar in clear and defined balanced holidays.
- Expenses reimbursed regularly.
- Encourage an annual retreat and support for professional development.

### **We offer:**

- Our Joint Prayers
- Commitment to respect the unique nature of the post and the two parishes
- Faithful congregations
- Our Hospitality
- Practical support
- Dedicated Ministry teams
- Good music
- Good humour
- Support, friendship, care.... and cake!



## The Deanery of Scarborough



A warm welcome to Scarborough Deanery a place where we are creatively stepping out in faith through Prayer, Growing, Belonging and Serving in sharing God's Kingdom across all ages as part of our commitment to 'Living Christ's Story' together. The Deanery of Scarborough in the Diocese of York and the Archdeaconry of the East Riding. We have 22 parishes, rural and urban communities situated in a beautiful coastal area from Ravenscar in the north to Filey in the south and inland to East Ayton and Ganton. The Deanery is supported by lay and ordained disciples who share and encourage mission and ministry. We enjoy the fruits of working with our ecumenical partners and have an active Churches Together.

The Area and Lay Dean together with members of the Deanery Leadership Team (DLT) and Chapter meet regularly to support, encourage, and serve both the synod and the parishes, clergy, and laity across the Deanery. Parish representation on our inclusive style Deanery Synod is good and engaging in conversation and prayer. As a Deanery we seek God's help to be a partnership of churches encouraging supportive relationships through nurturing a community of faith rooted in prayer and shared worship together. Our continuing journey of Living Christ's Story our Diocesan Vision, we aim to create stronger networks across north, central, and south, supporting, resourcing, and working collaboratively across the Deanery.

Our Deanery values the importance of effective social action, environmental responsibility and servant-hearted ministry and continue to build on the good initiatives already established in the Deanery through Westway Open Arms at Eastfield and the Rainbow Centre in the town. Scarborough Deanery is recognised as an area of social and economic deprivation and is excited to be working with the Diocesan Mustard Seed Project and the Stepping Up Programme. We have two part-time (job share) Multiply Ministers giving 10% of their time to Deanery initiatives in reaching and engaging in the ministry with people under 40.

Scarborough Deanery is known to be proactive, and we have held Deanery Conferences every two years which are always well attended. Training events for Authorised Local Ministers (Lay Ministry), Church Wardens, Secretaries, Treasurers, Vision Days, Children's Events, and a variety of prayer, worship, and mission opportunities and we look forward to building more on this in the future.

If God is calling you to serve in Scarborough Deanery, we look forward to you joining us as we strive to serve as disciples in this place.

Area Dean: Revd. Samantha Taylor

Lay Dean: Canon Ros Brewer