



MESSENGER



**For the Benefice of
Lockington, Lund and Scorsborough with Leconfield**

News from the parishes

While we are still praying for a Rector for the Benefice, our churches continue to flourish. Our churchwardens were all re-elected at our recent Annual Parish Meetings – Sally at Scorsborough, Simon at Lund and Sam and Andrea at Lockington. Mike continues as PCC Chair at the festival church at Leconfield.

All the churches are open, for baptisms (4 at Lockington since Christmas!), weddings (going well at Lund, Scorsborough and Leconfield) and funerals. Rev Maggie Jeavons kindly leads our communion services and attends our coffee mornings and is available for a chat. She can be contacted via the churchwardens.

Come to look around your beautiful parish churches or come to a service (shown on the diary page) and a warm welcome is guaranteed.

Andrea Parr, Churchwarden, Lockington

Leconfield Interfaith Group

Eight of us met for our Interfaith gathering at St Catherine's Church on 13th June. We were pleased to be joined by Father Deacon David Hoskin from the Orthodox Christian Community of St Constantine in York and his wife.

David helped us to appreciate something of the history of the Church. Following Christ's ministry 2000 years ago it developed into five distinct jurisdictions or 'patriarchates'. A series of councils were held, the first at Nicea early in the fourth century at which the patriarchs and bishops came to a common agreement about matters of doctrine, worship and church order. At that time the Church was still one, but later in the first millennium, tensions emerged between the Patriarchate of Rome and the other patriarchates, and finally in 1054 there was a substantive schism between East and West, a fracture that divides the Church to this day.



David told us of his own spiritual journey which was for many years in the Anglican ministry. When travelling in Eastern Europe he and his wife experienced Orthodox worship, and for them both it was a profoundly moving revelation. When David retired the attraction of Orthodoxy, rooted in early Christianity and little changed down the centuries, proved too powerful to resist, and they were both received into the Church. David was ordained deacon four years later.

He explained that the Orthodox liturgical texts are almost entirely drawn from scripture. The rich musical tradition relies only on the human voice: no musical instruments are used, and the church building itself is designed to give worshippers an experience of standing on earth surrounded by icons which provide a window through which heaven is glimpsed. He showed us some of his own small icons and explained a little of how they are made and blessed.

The church community in York is seeing significant growth, especially among younger people seeking a spiritual anchor for their lives.

What a fascinating journey we had! As usual with our discussions we could have continued for much longer than our allotted time. We are very grateful that David and his wife were willing to join us and appreciated the generous way he dealt with our many questions.

David Fellows

A message from the Area Dean

When Peace Feels Far Away

The villages of the East Riding are calm and peaceful places to live. We often pass by and warmly acknowledge one another as we walk the paths around the village, stop to chat with friends or simply to admire the beauty of our marvellous countryside. And yet, it's hard not to feel the weight of what's going on beyond our own boundaries.

The headlines are heavy. Ukraine remains gripped by war, as Gaza suffers ongoing violence. In recent weeks, tensions between Israel and Iran have deepened too, with airstrikes and military retaliation, and thousands of civilians once again caught in the crossfire. It's a wearying picture - so much suffering, so many layers of hurt and history. It leaves a question many of us are quietly asking: what can we do, here, that might matter at all over there?

There's a tension that sits with us. On the one hand, life goes on: travelling to work and back, sitting exams, mowing the lawn, catching up with friends for a drink. And on the other, there's a constant stream of images and updates from places where lives are being torn apart. But we're not as far removed as we might think. Part of being human is to live rooted in one place while still carrying something of the world's pain.

So what does it mean to live as people of peace in 2025? Not in vague or idealistic terms, but here, among our neighbours, with the challenges of real life. The theologian Miroslav Volf, who experienced the war in the Balkans first-hand, once wrote that peace begins not when agreement is reached, but when we refuse to dehumanise the other. That's a hard calling. But in a world where voices are often raised in judgement and debate, there is something quietly powerful about choosing to listen instead.

And perhaps that's where the story of Pentecost, recently marked in the Christian calendar, still speaks. It's remembered as the moment when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the early Church. But it's also a story of connection: people from different nations heard the same message spoken in their own languages. It's a reversal of the Tower of Babel, where confusion and division once reigned. Pentecost is not the end of difference, but marks a new kind of listening and understanding.

Being a peacemaker can begin in the smallest of places. A willingness to listen to someone whose view is different from our own. Choosing not to react quickly, but to respond with care. Not withdrawing into circles of agreement, but seeking conversations marked by patience and honesty. The world's crises may feel beyond our control. But that does not mean we're powerless. We can pray and we can care, trusting that no act of love and grace is ever wasted. And we can live in ways that reflect the peace we long to see. Perhaps, the next time we walk through our villages or pause to ponder in our village churchyards, we might carry that longing not as a burden, but as a quiet calling. Peace begins with how we chose to live.

T P Kelly (email: rev@thefourtowers.co.uk; Phone: 07539 429945)

Friends of St. Catherine's Church invite you to join in **Leconfield Village Scarecrow Competition**

Theme: **Summer Holidays**

Closing date for entries: **Sun. 6th July**

Judging Day: **Sat. 19th July**

Winners announced in the Church



Join us for Refreshments in Church

Entry Fee: £1.00 per household

Entry Forms available from Linda
07957 327589

Bacon Butties at Lund

Thank you to all those who have supported Bacon Butties at All Saints Lund over the last year.



**We will now be having
a summer break.**



Bacon Butties will begin again on
Saturday 21st September
between 9-30 and 11-30am

Coffee Mornings

10.30-11.30am

**Wednesdays
at St. Catherine's Church,
Leconfield**

**Thursdays
at Lockington Village Hall**

All are welcome





July 2025 Services

**Please note that during the Interregnum
all Services are subject to change**

	St. Mary's Lockington	All Saints Lund	St. Leonard's Scarborough	St. Catherine's Leconfield
Midweek Services	<u>Wed. 2nd July</u> 9.30a.m. Midweek Service with healing prayers			
Sunday 6th July Trinity 3 Proper 9	11.00a.m. Morning Worship		9.30a.m. Holy Communion	
Midweek Services				
Sunday 13th July Trinity 4 Proper 10	9.30a.m. Holy Communion	11.00a.m. Morning Worship		NO SERVICE
Midweek Services				<u>Wed. 16th July</u> 9.30a.m. Midweek healing prayers
Sunday 20th July Trinity 5 Proper 11	9.30a.m. Holy Communion			
Midweek Services				<u>Thurs. 24th July</u> 7.00p.m. Celtic Evening Prayers
Sunday 27th July Trinity 6	11.00a.m. Contemporary Worship	9.30a.m. Holy Communion		NO SERVICE

Church Notices that didn't quite 'make it'...

The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.

Churchyard maintenance is becoming increasingly difficult, so it will be appreciated if parishioners cut the grass around their own graves.

Life choice

A small boy returned from Sunday School in tears. When questioned by his mother for the reason of his distress, he gulped: "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, but I want to be an engine driver."

COPY DATE for articles and events - Friday 18th July

Who's Who & Contact Details

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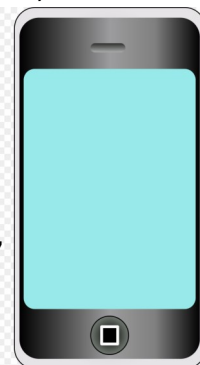
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www.dioceseofyork.org.uk

www.churchofengland.org



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Holiday time is almost upon us.

Have you ever heard of Scargill House near Kettlewell in beautiful Wharfedale, North Yorkshire? Several people from Lockington and many others from Beverley Deanery have visited Scargill over the years. The Scargill Community have offered God's welcome of love and joy for over 65 years and their generous hospitality is hugely enjoyable.

Andrea and I have joined many courses over the last ten years and have found them enjoyable, inspirational, and at times challenging, and they take place in a homely, peaceful and hugely fun environment. The encounter with Jesus that Scargill gives is full and filled with loving laughter.

Discussions often run on into the night about subjects as diverse as underfloor heating, best beers, radio hams and mountains and occasionally ideas to reorganise the CofE!

You are never alone, unless you want to be. Sit in the sun lounge and someone will always join you. Scargill is never sanctimonious or stuffy about Jesus – the community lives in the realistic fun and joy of God's grace in Christianity.

Andrea and I were told ten years ago by our Archdeacon that you go once to Scargill and you're family – we were sceptical, but it's true! The first decision to book a course was the hardest bit. For more information visit www.scargillmovement.org

Graham Parr