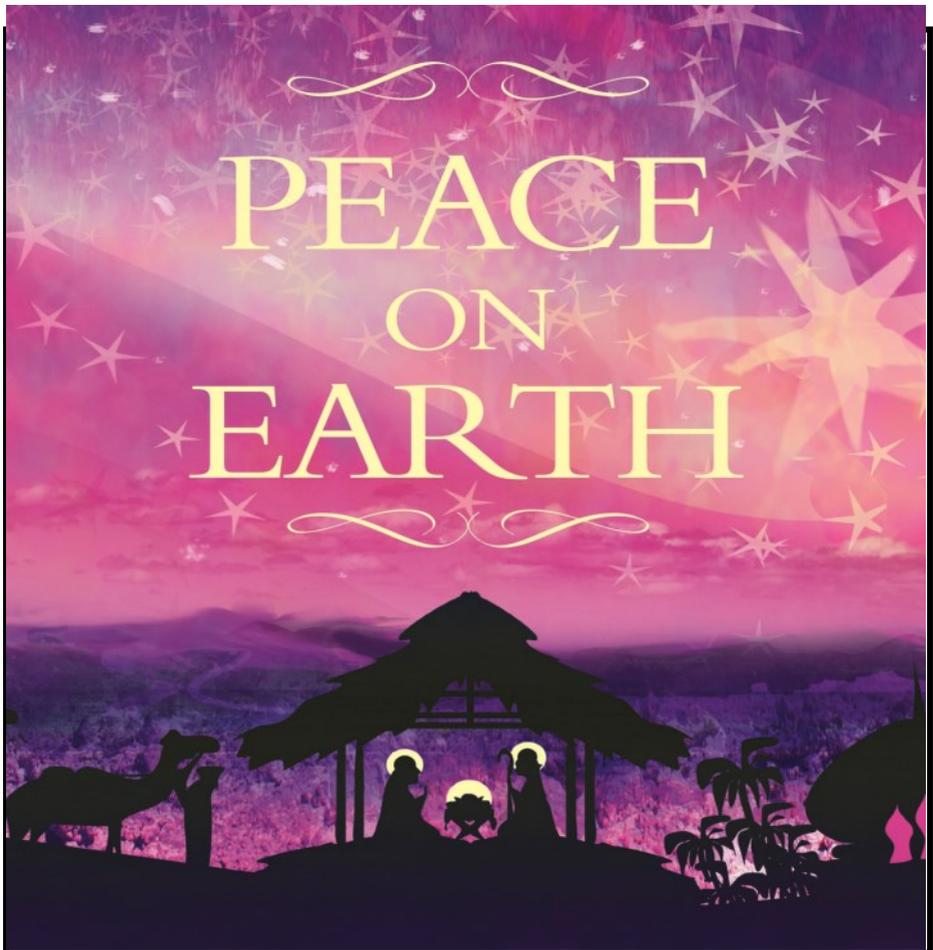


The Benefice of Malton & Old Malton

# The Messenger

## December 2018

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It's Spring 2014 and the phone rings at our house in Durham, where I was training for Ordained Ministry, at Cranmer Hall, part of St. John's College.

"We'd like you to consider doing your Curacy at Malton and your Training Incumbent will be Peter Robinson. He's been there for 18 months and we think that you, Peter and Malton will be a good fit."

Well, I knew the area reasonably well, having camped in Ryedale on numerous occasions. I also knew Pickering well as a town, but I'd never really spent much time in Malton, having only driven through it on multiple occasions to get to the coast I knew it had a bacon factory, was famous for Horse Racing and had a reputation for being a tad lively on a Saturday night, but that really was the extent of my knowledge.

I visited Malton early 2015 to meet with Peter and by the end of the day, I knew that serving my Curacy here could potentially be a very positive experience...three years later and that has definitely been the case.

When we moved, our two sons (Rhys and Myles) enrolled at Malton High School and in all honesty, they've never looked back. They quickly integrated into the "Malton scene" and have identified with the town ever since, mostly through the warmth and welcoming nature of the people who live here, but also due to their positive nature and an ability to embrace change.

Fast forward three years to 2018 and it would be fair to say that Maureen and I struggle to see ourselves anywhere else but here. We quickly fell in love with the geographical area, the people who make up the community and the congregations of St. Mary's and St. Michael's. Malton has so much going for it; great schools, extensive retail and leisure facilities, a real connection with its history and tradition, and a community that truly cares for each other, without being insular, and open to welcoming new friends.

Christian witness, worship and ministry has been the heartbeat of Malton for centuries, and it is evident from the ecumenical warmth that exists here, that this is still the case and will continue to be so.

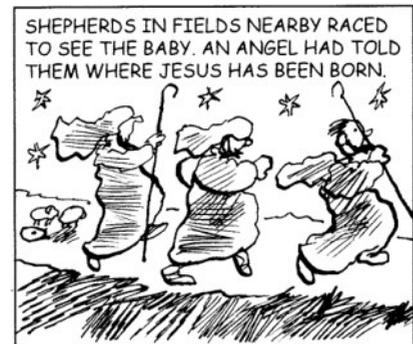
I am delighted to have been appointed as Vicar of Malton and I look forward to serving you in the years to come, but more than that, I look forward to us sharing life together (both the highs and lows).

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Your friend and brother in Christ

**Glyn**

# The First Christmas



# St Michael's News



## From the Registers

### Baptism

18 November Lily Grace Sawyer

### Funeral

1 November Jim Coleman

## December Music report

At the time of writing we have had one rehearsal for the Christmas music. The Carol Service on 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30pm, will be very traditional with 7 readings interspersed with carols for the choir and plenty for the congregation to join in with. The challenge for the choir this year is to learn a song originally arranged for the King's Singers called 'Born on a new day'.

Before that, choir members will be singing seasonal music at the coffee stop on 15<sup>th</sup> December and Carol singing at Rockingham House, Hollis Court and Princess Court on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Janet Patten (694466) and Sarah Barry (228859 )**

## Thank you ...

To Carolyn Richardson who has helped to administer Holy Communion at the Abbey, Rockingham House, & Ashfield over many years. She has now handed over her duties in anticipation of leaving Malton. She will be missed by the residents.

## Monthly Coffee Stop Dates

12th January, 9th February, 9th March  
These run along side our Prayer Breakfasts



Find us on:  
**facebook**

St Michaels has a Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/www.maltonbenefice.org.uk](http://www.facebook.com/www.maltonbenefice.org.uk)

# St Mary's News



## *From the Registers*

### **Baptisms**

7/10/2018 Grace Atkinson

14/10/2018 Hannah Broad

### **Funerals**

3/10/2018 Duncan Stuart Wray

11/10/2018 Patricia "Pat" Dobson

18/10/2018 Rosemary "Rose" Saul

## **News from St Mary's :-**

### **Carol Singing around the Parish**

A group of hardy souls will be venturing out on the night of Wednesday the 12th December to sing carols around the parish.

Would you like to join us?

We will meet at The Abbey in Old Malton at 4.45 pm for refreshments before joining the Residents in singing favourite carols and then venturing further afield.

### **Nine Lessons and Carols**

Please join us for this special service which will be held at 3 pm on the 16th December. There will be light refreshments afterwards.

### **Crib Service**

This well loved family service will be held on Christmas Eve at 3 pm. We hope your children and grandchildren will come dressed as shepherds and angels to help us tell the nativity story.

### **Christmas Day**

Our Christmas Day service will be BCP Holy Communion at 11.15 am and all are welcome to attend.



St Mary's s has a Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/stmarysoldmalton/](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysoldmalton/)

# The Hymns we Sing – part 3

By Janet Patten

The Hymns we Sing - Choosing Hymns and Anthems for the choir to sing during the administration of Communion

When thinking about the music for the choir to sing during the administration of Communion, we have to bear in mind several factors:-

1. The music should help to direct people's thoughts towards God.
2. The music should help people in their devotions.
3. The music must not get in the way or be a distraction.
4. The music should include at least one hymn that the congregation can join in with.

The choir have a repertoire of anthems and other music which is very suitable. These include anthems like 'Ave verum' by Mozart (which was written for a church choir), songs from Iona and Taizé, as well as numerous hymns and songs in our books.

The different seasons of the Church's year spark off ideas. During Advent we can include hymns and songs looking forward to Christ's coming. At Christmas, we like to include quiet carols, and during Passiontide we like to include one or two Chorales and some plainsong, and at Easter it has become traditional to sing 'God so loved the world' by Stainer, and the hymn 'Now the green blade riseth'. At Pentecost the chosen music will be about the Holy Spirit, and at Harvest it will reflect our concerns for the world. At other times I choose from the wealth of hymns, songs and anthems which are devotional in style.

It is important that we choose music that the choir can sing well. A new anthem or hymn may take several weeks to learn before it is ready for a service. If the choir are not confident, they will not sing at their best and this will detract from the worship. There are some favourites that you will probably recognise because they are chosen quite often, for example 'As water to the thirsty' and 'Mayenziwe'. Similarly, hymn 329 (Thee we adore) has always been one of the choir's favourite plainsong hymns. Singing it is a bit like putting on a favourite jumper! It feels very comfortable, and if you are comfortable singing a hymn or anthem, you can really worship fully.

Some of the music the choir sings, has come from other sources. From time to time choir members attend RSCM singing days and come back with ideas of new music. A fairly recent addition to our repertoire is a setting of the Gaelic Blessing by Ray Sturdy the former organist at St Mary's.

Finally, I would like to invite the congregation to join in with the Communion hymns if they would like to. The numbers are usually up on the board with black numbers.

## Tots Church

Playing and praising together with St Michael's and St Mary's

Join us for Christmas creative play, messy art,  
bible stories, songs and praise.

For all pre-school children and families.

Tuesday 4th December, 9.15am in  
Malton County Primary School Hall

Call 693489 for details

## Tots Church

To reach out to the many young families in our community, we are starting a monthly 'Tots Church' story session at Malton County Primary School. We are looking for just a few more helpers on this 'first Tuesday of the month' slot. There is a little something for everyone to do; welcoming, serving refreshments or simply joining in the fun. Do contact Tracey for more details on 693489, Please remember this opportunity for witness and mission in your prayers.



Please Consider helping local people who may struggle to provide for their families over the Christmas Period .

Ryedale Food Bank seeks donations of the following items :-

mince pies , christmas crackers , chocolates , selections boxes , crisps & nibbles

Fruit juices & household items .

St Michael's Church, Malton

**CAROLS**  
**BY**  
**CANDLELIGHT**



Sunday 23rd December  
at 6.30pm

A big 'Thank you' to all the staff at Deansfield Court Extra Care Unit for all the Christmas Food generously donated to the Food Bank



## Christmas Card Scheme

You are invited to send one Christmas Card to your church family and make a

donation to our chosen charity which is **CRISIS** .

Donations in lieu of cards in the wall safe—Please

The boards will be ready by the 4th December



## October 2018

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Planned Giving (gift aided)	2,353	Cost of generating funds	
Other Planned Giving	225	Donations to charities	155
Collections	448	Freewill offering to the Diocese	3,850
One off gift aid envelopes	224	Salaries/honoraria	599
Donations	205	Clergy expenses	6
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>3,455</b>	Mission and evangelism	40
Income Tax recovery	2,795	Church insurance	187
Retained fees - funerals etc		Church maintenance	123
Fundraising for charities	435	Church office costs	173
Fundraising for St Michaels	77	Church service costs inc music	112
Interest / investment income	102	Church heat, lighting, water	255
Legacies		Major works expenditure	
Other	42	Miscellaneous	-496
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>6,906</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>5,004</b>

### Malton Auction Market

The Farmers' Carol Service

in the auction ring on

Tuesday December 18th between the cattle and the  
sheep auctions at about 12.00 noon.

With thanks to:

St. Michael's Choir.

Complimentary refreshments - hot soup from Chapter 2 and mince pies from the new auction company.

All welcome. You do not have to be a farmer!

Simon Wright

Have you heard of the Ryedale Free Fridge, (RFF) yet? One for Malton & one for Norton –

### **FACEBOOK—RYEDALE FRIDGE**

RFF is now part of the Community Fridge Network, a network enabling the set up & running of free fridges nationally. There is not one in North Yorkshire. This movement started in Germany.

Edible food waste in Britain is by some estimates equal to £470/household annually. Shocking. This is thrown into landfill: food which has been produced by farmers, millers & cooks. Malton is a well-known food hub. Community Fridges capture this edible, perishable but unsaleable food. The freely given food is then freely available to anybody to use that day. A donation may be given if you wish. You can return again the next time the fridge is open.

The Wesley Centre, Saville St have generously offered to host the Malton fridge, in their refurbished Community space. Potentially the fridge can open 6 days a week if enough volunteers can be found. It will be possible to eat the food in the warmth there. A microwave will follow.

The Council is backing RFF by donating & delivering the necessary free food hygiene training for all volunteers – a chance to upskill. The fridge will be insured & will have a food hygiene rating. RFF is also working closely with Coast & Vale Community Action, who aid community projects. Their knowledge has helped us progress quickly & safely.

Malton & Norton Lions are committed to RFF, having donated generously towards the Malton fridge & will continue to back us, & provide some volunteers. Food Waste is on the school curriculum & we are working with a keen Malton 6th form who are helping with art work, IT & volunteering.

Chefs & cooks locally are keen to cook up fresh waste fresh food into nutritious dishes for the fridge & give cooking help. Recipe cards are possibility in the future.

The Malton food traders have responded with understanding & huge good will by offering their free food that would otherwise be binned.

The Christmas school holidays, a season of food, with no free school meals is a difficult time for those with young families, the lonely, the less able & the elderly. Malton & Norton give 169 free school meals to children.

Charles Dickens author of 'A Christmas Carol', partly inspired by an office in Malton was moved by the plight of Christmas food poverty. The tale ends well; through giving food a family can happily celebrate Christmas after all.

This is a really exciting project all about Community. The more volunteers we can train the more days we can open. There are several other ways you might be able to help. E.g. driving to collect foodstuffs. Please can you donate some time to RFF? We want to open in time for the school holidays.

You can contact us through our email [ryedalefreefridge@gmail.com](mailto:ryedalefreefridge@gmail.com)

Thank you & a Happy Christmas.



## Coffee , Chat & Cake

@ Costa Coffee

Please feel free to bring a friend along to join us and see who else is there

Sundays @ 3.30 pm

On the following dates:-

13th January , 10th March , 12th May , 14th July , 8th September , 10th



## St Michael's Church Christmas Fayre

**Raised a staggering £2,154.19**

A big, big well done to everyone that helped with setting up and helping on the day (excellent team work) and to everyone who came along and supported us on the day.

If there is anyone you know who may be alone over the Christmas Period

Pop along to see them , check if they need anything

Showing them you care at this time of year .....

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