

Gradual Hymn

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Chorus

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ be our light!.....

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Christ.....

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

Christ.....

Many the gifts, many the people.
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

Christ.....

Christmas Card Scheme: Invitation 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 4th December.

Items for Weekly Sheet to:
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Final Hymn

When the King shall come again
all his power revealing,
splendour shall announce his reign,
life and joy and healing;
earth no longer in decay,
hope no more frustrated;
this is God's redemption day
longingly awaited.

In the desert trees take root
fresh from his creation;
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
join the celebration.

Rivers spring up from the earth,
barren lands adorning;
valleys, this is your new birth,
mountains, greet the morning!

Strengthen feeble hands and knees,
fainting hearts, be cheerful!
God who comes for such as these
seeks and saves the fearful.
Deaf ears hear the silent tongues
sing away their weeping;
blind eyes see the lifeless ones
walking, running, leaping.

There God's highway shall be seen
where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean
walks the road to Zion:
ransomed people homeward bound
all your praises voicing,
see your Lord with glory crowned,
share in his rejoicing!

Christopher Idle from *Isaiah* 35, Used By

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**2 December
2018**

**FIRST
SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**



St Michael's Church, Malton

The Church in the Market Place

Welcome to our services today,

We welcome to Communion all baptised Christians.
Coffee is served after the Parish Communion service;
please stay for this and, if you are new to St Michael's,
make yourself known to us.

TODAY'S SERVICES

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

President & Preacher The Revd Glyn Diggins

Hymns at 9.30 a.m. 58, 24, Offertory & Final hymns
see pg.4

4.00 p.m. Christingle Service

6.00 p.m. CTSR Advent Service at the Wesley Centre

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BENEFICE WARDENS: thanks to all who helped or contributed in any way to Glyn's induction on Wednesday evening. It was a great and memorable event, which was enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended. We are blessed to have a great team in the Benefice, on whom we can always rely to help out. Your (relieved) Wardens!

The Messenger

The December edition is available on the church web site to read and print at: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk
Items for inclusion by 15th of month via telephone: 07779 038184 or Email: Jezza31@hotmail.com
If you are organising an event, please make sure you send details over to Jezz for inclusion in The Messenger.

CHOIR NOTES

During communion the choir will sing 'My Lord he's a-comin' soon' & 'O Child of promise come'.



BENEFICE PRAYERS-WEEK 25

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Back Lane, Greengate Flats, Maple Avenue, Pippin Road and The Maltings.

PRAYER BREAKFAST: next Saturday at 9.00 a.m. Join us for prayer followed by tea/coffee and toast.

Grateful Thanks: to all at Hollis Court for their help and support over the years with the monthly Holy Communion. Thanks also to Maureen who will take over from Carolyn to assist administering communion at the area's residential homes. Adrian Watson

Monday 3 December
8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Tuesday 4 December
8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Wednesday 5 December
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion followed by coffee at Bar 46, Market Place
Thursday 6 December
7.30 p.m. Choir Practice
8.15 p.m. Carol Service Rehearsal
Friday 7 December
8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Saturday 8 December
9.00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast
10.00 a.m. Coffee Stop: Adrian Watson, Jezz Kipling & Maureen Diggins
Sunday 9 December
10.30 a.m. Advent Praise for Food Festival
12.30 p.m. Christmas Lunch at Golf Club
6.30 p.m. Evensong at St Mary's

READINGS & DUTIES 9 December

Food Festival ADVENT PRAISE

Readings Malachi 3. 1-4
Philippians 1. 3-11
Mark 1. 1-8
Duty Leader Alan Young
Assistant Margaret Clark
Sidespersons Peter Clark, Maureen Diggins
Readers Alan Young, Tracey Young,
John Patten, Heather Williams
Revd Glyn Diggins
Intercessions Alan Young
Server N/A,
Chalice N/A,
Transport Derek Searle
Coffee Janet Rogers, Sandy Jeffries
Flowers No Flowers in Advent

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."
Jeremiah 33. 14-16

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of Lord Jesus with all the saints.
I Thessalonians 3. 9-13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." The he told them a parable: " Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on your guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."
Luke 21. 25-36

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