

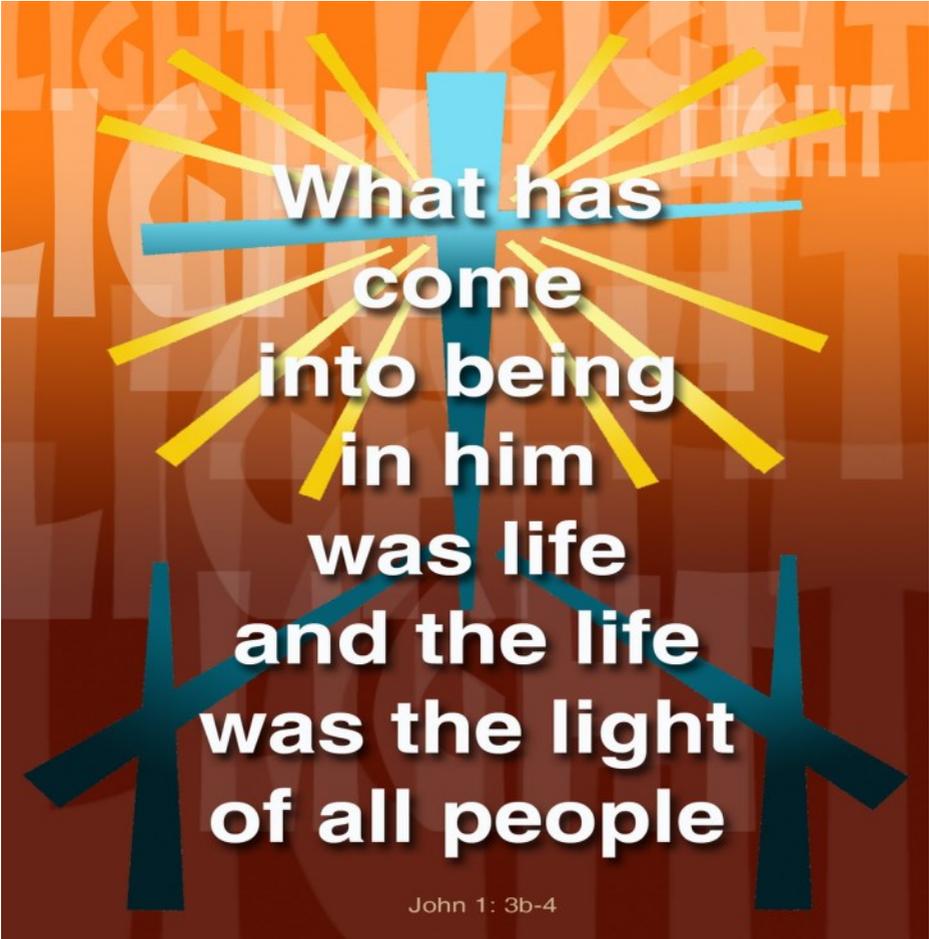
The Benefice of Malton & Old Malton

The Messenger

January 2019

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**What has
come
into being
in him
was life
and the life
was the light
of all people**

John 1: 3b-4

St Michael's News



January Music report

A huge thank you to all who came and sang with the choir over the Christmas period. Choir members rose to the challenge of learning new carols and reviving one or two that we sang many years ago. Thank you too, to Andrew Wright who played for the Carol Service and to Paul Emberley who played for the morning service on the 30th.

Sadly we have said Good-bye to Carolyn who has been a most loyal and faithful choir member for the past 10 years. She is moving south to be near her daughter and we wish her all the best in her new home.

The Benefice Lent Course will be a chance to explore the role of music in parish life. It is called 'Inspiring Music in Worship' and I hope that as many people as possible will come along and take part. There will be more details in the next Messenger.

Janet Patten (694466) and Sarah Barry (228859)



Please help local people in crisis by buying items from the list below and placing them in the box provided at the back of church.

Long life milk, sugar, fruit juice, long life cereals, pasta sauces, tinned vegetables.

Tea bags, instant coffee, instant mash potato, tinned meat & fish jam, biscuits or snack bars, toothpaste and toilet rolls.

Thank you for supporting the Ryedale Food Bank .

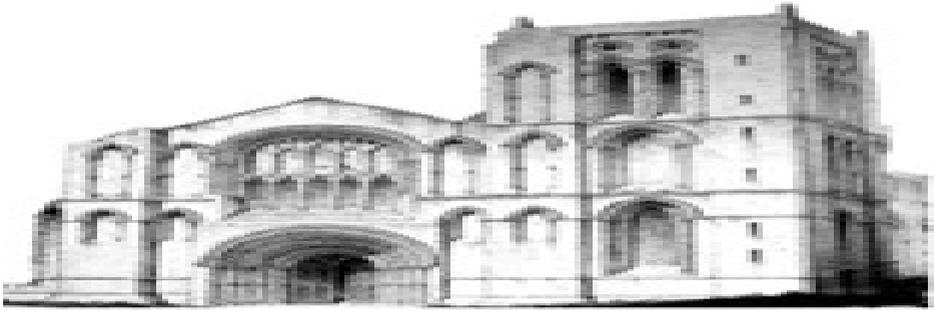


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St Michaels has a Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

St Mary's News



Christmas Fayre 1st December 2018

Thank you to all who helped to make the 2018 Christmas Fayre another successful event. The amount raised was £1,323 despite the inclement weather on the day which reduced the number of visitors to the Fayre. Well done to all!!!

Decorating the Church for Christmas

Many thanks to Anne, Caroline, Jacqui and John for helping to decorate the Church for Christmas. A special thanks to John for risking life and limb climbing the ladder to affix the swags to the pillars. The Church looks stunning.

9 Lessons and Carols

The service held on the 16th December was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to the augmented Choir for singing so beautifully and to John Lowe for playing the organ. Thank you also to Adrian, Helen and Steve for serving the refreshments.



St Mary's s has a Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/stmarysoldmalton/



BENEFICE LUNCH

at the

Wentworth Arms

12noon - 31st January

Please let Helen Morgan (692157) know if you plan to attend
by Monday 28th with your menu choice To Helen or Adrian

Thankyou!

World Day



Of Prayer

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Tuesday 12th February 2019

Bible Study @ Salvation Army—9.45 for 10.00 am

Led by Captain Matthew Bennet - Country Slovenia

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 November

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Any future items for the new look monthly sheet to be sent to

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Numbers 22: 2 to 24: 25

The Israelites camped across the river Jordan from the kingdom of Moab. King Balak was sure they were going to invade.

Balak told Balaam he would pay him to curse the Israelites, but ...



God told Balaam to not do it.

Balak asked him again.



God said Balaam could go but must do what he was told.

On the way, Balaam's donkey saw an angel and wouldn't move.



Balaam couldn't see the angel and grew angry.

The donkey was stopped by the angel again, and then a third time.



Balaam was so angry that he hit his donkey.

God let the donkey speak.



Have I ever done this before?

Then Balaam saw the angel...



You should not have hit her. She was right to stop. Make sure you do only what God says.

King Balak was ready to pay Balaam.



Look, there they are. Now curse them.



I will only say what God tells me to say.

Balaam tried to curse the Israelites but he could only say a blessing.



The King was not happy.

Again, Balaam could only bless, not curse.



The King grew angry.

A third time, Balaam could only bless.



I'm not paying you anything

I told you I had to say what God wanted me to say.



And Balaam went back home.

November 2018

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£		£
Planned Giving (gift aided)	2,208	Cost of generating funds	127
Other Planned Giving	212	Donations to charities	571
Collections	676	Freewill offering to the Diocese	3,850
One off gift aid envelopes	281	Salaries/honoraria	186
Donations	165	Clergy expenses	96
TOTAL GIVING	3,542	Mission and evangelism	20
Income Tax recovery		Church insurance	187
Retained fees - funerals etc	714	Church maintenance	167
Fundraising for charities	91	Church office costs	330
Fundraising for St Michaels	2,318	Church service costs inc music	325
Interest / investment income	242	Church heat, lighting, water	323
Legacies		Major works expenditure	
Other	74	Miscellaneous	144
TOTAL INCOME	6,981	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6,326

The New Year 2019

2018 has slipped away

And a New Year now comes into view,

What will it hold, no-one yet knows

What will it bring - good or bad news?

Whatever the way the wind will blow

Our craft is safe in the Master's hand,

Whether placid seas or sudden storms

The wind and the waves are at His command

Our lives like a voyage keep journeying on

With vistas new and vistas past,

The Lord in His mercy holding us tight

Steering us on to safe harbour at last.

by Megan Carter

THE MESSENGER – ITS FUTURE

Jezz Kipling is retiring from editorship of “The Messenger” from this month. We must thank him and his team of helpers for the great job they have done over the years.

His departure and the appointment of our new vicar, Glyn, have given us the opportunity to review how we communicate with people. The Church is increasingly using social media to keep in touch with its audience. For instance, both St. Michael’s and St. Mary’s make use of Facebook to keep people abreast of forthcoming events and appraised of what’s going on. It is intended to increase the use of this and other social media in future.

However, it is recognised that not all of us can or want to interrogate a screen to find things out. Hence, from February 2019, while “The Messenger” will cease to be published it is intended that the Monthly Diary will continue, but with increased detail about the months ahead and with an occasional message from the vicar pertinent to the season

(e.g.: Christmas or Easter). No payment will be expected or taken for this publication.

All this said, we do want to take note of any comments people may have about this change. Considering these and views received over the next few months we will review the decision and amend things as necessary.

Please take time to complete the following short questionnaire. Completed ones can be left in church (post in any of the wall-safes) or handed to your deliverer next month. Those reading this on line and wishing to participate may respond by email (maltonbenefice@yahoo.com).

Many thanks.

Regards,

Alan Young, Churchwarden, St. Michael’s.

MALTON AND OLD MALTON BENEFICE

COMMUNICATION QUESTIONNAIRE – JANUARY 2019

How do you receive The Messenger? - TICK THE ONE MAIN METHOD

Delivered

Pick up from Church

On line

Which items in The Messenger will you most miss? – TICK UP TO THREE

From the Registers

Music Report

Details of Forthcoming Events

Reports on Past Events

Message from the Vicar

Finance Report

Contact Details

Given these items will not be available in print from next month, would you be interested in being given details of how to access them online? – TICK ONE

I am unable to access the internet

I can access the internet but have no interest in this method

I would like to know how to do this and would use it

How best describes your feelings about the ceasing of the publication of The Messenger –

TICK THE ONE WHICH MOST REFLECTS YOUR VIEW

I will miss it and feel more “cut off” from St. Michael’s/St. Mary’s

I will miss it, but am not that bothered

I will miss it, but am happy to use other methods to keep in touch

Not bothered

Please feel free to add further comments below.