

So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." Luke 13. 1-9

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St Michael's Church, Malton

The Church in the Market Place

We are a church, who invites and welcomes others, to journey together, growing in our love of Christ and deepening our relationship with Him.

**24 March
2019**

**Third Sunday
of Lent**

CHURCH CLEANING LIST

Thank you to everyone who has willingly cleaned and helped to keep the church fresh and tidy. I am preparing a new list for **2019/20** and would be pleased to have new people join the teams as some have only two people. Your turn would only be every 12 weeks and just involves a few light tasks, as our cleaner comes weekly. If you feel able to help please contact **Romey Willis 694289**. You will be most welcome

Tots Church

Playing and praising together with **St Michael's and St Mary's**
Join us for creative play, messy art, bible stories, songs and praise. For all pre-school children & families.
'Malton CP School Hall
at 9.15 am Tuesday 2nd April
'New life at Easter'

Host Lent Appeal

Volunteers needed to offer hospitality for one day, or three days and two nights over a weekend to international students. Web site: www.hostuk.org or call 020 7739 6292 for more information.



CTSR LENT LUNCHES

Every Friday 
8 March to 5 April
12 noon to 1.15pm
Malton Baptist Church
Proceeds to Christian Aid.

BENEFICE LUNCH

at the Wentworth Arms at 12 noon next Thursday 28th March. Please let Helen Morgan (692157) or Adrian (07870 591142) know if you plan to attend, with your menu choices. It's a lovely occasion. Why not join in for good food and good company.

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY TABLE TOP SALE Saturday 13th April.

There will be an Easter craft stall in church, along with a cake stall and one selling bric-a-brac to raise funds for St Michael's. If you can help on a stall on the day, please offer your services to Adrian or Romey.

We shall need cakes to sell, of course, so any offers of baking will be gratefully received and there's time to ransack your cupboards to search out saleable bric-a-brac, unwanted Christmas gifts and the like. Refreshments served throughout and Sandwich and Scone lunch from 11 am to 1 pm.

Welcome to our services today

We welcome to Communion all baptized 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. 435, 284, 532, 455

6.30 p.m. Faith, Hope and Love, an evening service at St Mary's

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy,
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

THANK YOU: to Margaret Clark, who is working to produce our Annual Report on the year 2018 for the APCM.

The Diary

The March edition is available on the church web site to read at:

www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

If there is anything you want included in future back page jottings of The Diary, leave info in church, clearly marked "For the Diary" or email to maltonbenefice@yahoo.com

CHOIR NOTES

During communion the choir will sing



'Out of the direst depths' and hymn 101. Thank you to Andrew Wright who is playing the organ for us this morning.

BENEFICE PRAYERS-WEEK 14

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Crabtree Drive, Freehold Lane, Newgate, Ryton Stile Road and Seph Way.

COME & SING FAURE'S REQUIEM



During a service for Passiontide on Sunday 7th April. Singers are invited to arrive for rehearsal at 2.30 pm. There will be a tea break before the service at 6.30 pm. (Drinks provided but bring your own food).

Monday 25 March

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Tuesday 26 March

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Wednesday 27 March

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion followed by coffee at Bar 46, Market Place
7.00 p.m. Benefice Lent Course

Thursday 28 March

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Mary's
12.00 noon Benefice Lunch: Wentworth Arms
7.30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday 29 March

12.00 noon Lent Lunch at the Baptist church

Sunday 31 March

MOTHERING SUNDAY

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion— All Age

READINGS & DUTIES 31 March

Mothering Sunday

Readings I Samuel 1. 20-28
John 19. 25-27
Duty Leader Romey Willis
Assistant John Morris
Sidespersons Caroline & Peter Nicholson
Readers Romey Willis
Intercessions Tracey Young
Server Tracey Young
Chalice Tracey Young, Connie Clark
Transport Karen Dallimore
Coffee Janet Rogers, Sandy Jeffries
Flowers No flowers in Lent.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

There will be a special, All Age service next Sunday 31st March at the usual time of 9.30 am to mark Mothering Sunday.



A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55. 1-9

Choir Anthem: A metrical version of Psalm 63 by T. Dudley-Smith

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. I Corinthians 10. 1-13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted