

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



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.*

15th December 2019

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 Revd Glyn Diggins
Preacher Hendrik Klaver

Hymns at 9.30 a.m. 34, 26, 29, Final hymn see pg 4

3.00 p.m. Festival of Nine Lesson and Carols at St Mary's

Collect (for Eglantyne Jebb-founder of Save The Children)
Almighty God, you appeared before Moses as a burning
bush and in the heart of your servant Eglantyne Jebb
as a white-hot flame: encourage us
with the same fierce and fiery spirit to defend the least,
the lost, the lonely and especially children in distress,
that we may ease their burdens
and live in your love and with childlike faith;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2019 at St Michael's Church



Saturday 21 Dec: Coffee & Carols at 10 am

Sunday 22 Dec: Carols by Candlelight at 6.30 pm

Christmas Eve: CTSR Coffee & Carols at 10.15 & 11 am

Crib & Christingle Service at 3.00 pm

Midnight Eucharist at 11.30 pm

Christmas Day: Parish Communion at 9.30 am

Farmers' Carol Service
on Monday 23rd Dec in the Auc-
tion Ring at 10.15 am. Accompa-
nied by St. Michael's Choir. Hot
soup & mince pies kindly provided by
Chapter 2. Everyone welcome and
you don't have to be a farmer!

Carol Singing: You are invited to
join the choir to sing carols on Wed
18th Dec from 6pm-8pm at Rocking-
ham House & Hollis Court. Meet at
Rockingham House at 6.00pm.

The Vicar is available for **Pastoral
Home visits** on Friday afternoons.
If you live in the Parish, or are on the
Electoral Roll of the church, and would
like a visit at home, please contact
Revd. Glyn to schedule an appoint-
ment.

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Third Sunday of Advent



THANK YOU: to everyone involved with last Saturday's Coffee Stop, especially Sue & Joan who raised £106 for church with the craft stall. The sale of refreshments raised £108 for Shelter.

The Diary

The December 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 'Comfort, comfort now my people' and hymn 33.



BENEFICE PRAYERS-WEEK 26

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Bramble Walk, Greengage Close, Milton Avenue, Princess Court and The Mount.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Don't miss our annual service re-telling the Christmas story accompanied by your favourite carols on Sunday **22nd December** at **6.30 p.m.** It's a beautiful occasion with the church lit only by candles and the augmented choir have been practising hard to make it a wonderful start to Christmas.



Items for Weekly Sheet to:
helen.shaw59@btinternet.com

Monday 16 December

Tuesday 17 December

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday 18 December

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel followed by coffee at Bar 46, Market Place

6.00 p.m. Carol Singing at Rockingham Hs

Thursday 19 December

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Mary's

7.30 p.m. Choir Practice

8.00 p.m. Carol Service Rehearsal

Friday 20 December

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Saturday 21 December

10.00 a.m. Coffee Stop with Carols:
Sue Wright, Caroline Nicholson

Sunday 22 December

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

4.45 p.m. Choir Practice

6.30 p.m. Carols by Candlelight

READINGS & DUTIES 22 December

Readings Isaiah 7. 10-16
Romans 1. 1-7
Matthew 1. 18-25

Duty Leader Trish Atkinson
Assistant Tracey Young
Sidespersons Janet Rogers, Sandy Jeffries
Readers Trish Atkinson, Tracey Young
Intercessions Trish Atkinson
Server Janet Rogers
Chalice Janet Rogers, David White
Coffee Beryl Queen, Karen Dallimore
Transport Heather Williams
Flowers No flowers during Advent
Cleaning Week comm 16 Dec Team A

Duties at Carols by Candlelight

Duty Leader Margaret Clark
Assistant Peter Clark
Sidespersons Peter & Caroline Nicholson

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6 then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; 7 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 35. 1-10

The choir will sing the motet 'O Radiant Dawn' by James MacMillan

A reading from the letter of James

James 5. 7-10

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

Matthew 11. 2-11