

LENT COURSE starts on **Wed 4th March** from 7-8.30 pm and held in church. Theme is "Talking Jesus" over six sessions. It's for anyone who wants to share their faith confidently and naturally.

Session 1: Everyone Talking Jesus
 Session 2: What Motivates Us?
 Session 3: Living Distinctively
 Session 4: Our Story
 Session 5: Sharing God's Story
 Session 6: Go On Talking Jesus

Sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you intend to come along.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Table Top Sale on Saturday 11th April. There will be an Easter-themed stall to include craft items. This stall did so well last year, so please think about how you could contribute. Any questions to Trish.

COME SEE is the Northern Bishops' Mission to the Diocese of York.

Bishop Beverley Mason and her team will be visiting Southern Ryedale for the weekend of **12th - 15th March**.

Our churches are hosting lots of exciting events from Thursday evening to Sunday morning: in churches, churchyards, village halls, a school, a pub and a mini pilgrimage in the countryside. Come and See and bring a friend. Look out for the leaflet or go online at: www.southernryedaleanery.org.uk Sign-up sheets at the back of church.

Closing Service on Sunday 15th March at 10 am at St Peter's Church, Langton Rd, Norton. A joint Holy Communion service of celebration and commissioning led by Bishop Beverley.

LENT LUNCHES  Held every Friday from 13th March to 3rd April, between 12 noon and 1.15pm at the Baptist Church, Wells Lane, Malton. Proceeds to Christian Aid.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Service at St Leonard's Parish Centre on Friday 6th March at 2pm.

Tots Church
 Playing and praising together with St Michael's and St Mary's. Join us for creative play, messy art, bible stories, songs & praise. For all pre-school children and families.
 Tuesday 3rd March
 Jesus rides a donkey.
 Malton Primary School Hall at 9.15am



NEXT BENEFICE LUNCH at the Wentworth Arms, 12 noon on **Thursday 26th March**.

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 make an appointment.

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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.

**1st
 March
 2020**

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-All Age
 President & Preacher Revd Glyn Diggins

Hymns at 9.30 a.m. see service booklet.

4.00 p.m. Iona-style service for Lent

Collect

Almighty God,
 whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
 give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
 and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save;
 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

Lord God,
 you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord

**First
 Sunday of
 Lent**

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

THANK YOU: to the team who give of their time and talents to organize our All Age services.

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 hymns from the service booklet. NB hymn 533 will be sung, not 118.



BENEFICE PRAYERS-WEEK 10

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Cheapsides Road, Dickens Road, Middlecave Road, Rainbow Lane, Ryder Square, and Wheelgate Square.

MATTHEW 4.1-11

Testing times

- ⇒ What does the word 'temptation' mean to you?
- ⇒ What do you find most difficult to resist?
- ⇒ Jesus used scripture to resist temptation. How can the Bible help you?
- ⇒ Remember, 'if you confess your sins, God is faithful and will forgive you (1 John 1.9)
- ⇒ Follow the example of Jesus next time you are tempted.

Monday 2 March

Tuesday 3 March

9.15 a.m. Tots' Church

Wednesday 4 March

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

6.30 p.m. Meeting for Welcomers

7.00 p.m. Lent Course: Talking Jesus at St Michael's

Thursday 5 March

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

7.30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday 6 March

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

2.00 p.m. World Day of Prayer service at St Leonard's Parish Centre

Saturday 7 March

Sunday 8 March

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

3.30 p.m. Costa Coffee gathering

6.30 p.m. Evensong at St Mary's

READINGS & DUTIES 8 March

Readings Genesis 12. 1-4a

Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17

John 3. 1-17

Duty Leader Trish Atkinson

Assistant Tracey Young

Sidespersons Nan Noble, Andrew Nicholson,

Readers Mark Davey, Alison Hardwick

Intercessions Rob Hall

Server Eileen Searle

Chalice Eileen Searle, Helen Shaw,

Coffee Anne White, David White

Transport Rob Hall

Flowers No Flowers in Lent

NB: Morning Prayer start time is now moved to the later time of 9 am.

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God put the man in the garden of Eden to care for it and work it. The Lord God commanded him, "You may eat the fruit from any tree in the garden. But you must not eat the fruit from the tree which gives the knowledge of good and evil. If you ever eat fruit from that tree, you will die!" Now the snake was the cleverest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day the snake spoke to the woman. He said, "Did God really say that you must not eat fruit from any tree in the garden?" The woman answered the snake, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden. But God told us, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden. You must not even touch it, or you will die.'" But the snake said to the woman, "You will not die. God knows that if you eat the fruit from that tree, you will learn about good and evil. Then you will be like God!" The woman saw that the tree was beautiful. She saw that its fruit was good to eat and that it would make her wise. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She also gave some of the fruit to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then, it was as if the man's and the woman's eyes were opened. They realized they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made something to cover themselves.

Genesis 2. 15-17; 3. 1-7

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Jesus ate nothing for forty days and nights. After this, he was very hungry. The devil came to Jesus to tempt him. The devil said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these rocks to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written in the Scriptures, 'A person does not live only by eating bread. But a person lives by everything the Lord says.'" Then the devil led Jesus to the holy city of Jerusalem. He put Jesus on a very high place of the Temple. The devil said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off. It is written in the Scriptures, 'He has put his angels in charge of you. They will catch you with their hands. And you will not hit your foot on a rock.'" Jesus answered him, "It also says in the Scriptures, 'Do not test the Lord your God.'" Then the devil led Jesus to the top of a very high mountain. He showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and all the great things that are in those kingdoms. The devil said, "If you will bow down and worship me, I will give you all these things." Jesus said to the devil, "Go away from me, Satan! It is written in the Scriptures, 'You must worship the Lord your God. Serve only him!'" So the devil left Jesus. And then some angels came to Jesus and helped him.

Matthew 4.1-11

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SATURDAY COFFEE STOPS
next one on Saturday 14th March.