

earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.' John 3. 1-17

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

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

Our churches are hosting lots of exciting events from Thursday evening to Sunday morning: Come and See and bring a friend. See the leaflet or: www.southernryedaledeanery.org.uk Sign-up sheets at the back of church for our Beer & Hymns event on Thursday evening at the Smithy Arms, Swinton.

Closing Service next 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.

Items for Weekly Sheet to:
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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.

Tea, Coffee, Cake & Chat at **Costa Coffee Today** from 3.30 pm onwards. Come along and see who is there.



FLOWERS IN CHURCH

We will be preparing the posies for Mothering Sunday in church on Saturday 21st March at 10.30am and would like to invite you to come and have a coffee with us. Anne has been working on the new Flower Rota and we would love to have more people; specifically to put flowers on the high altar or Lady Chapel windowsills. You don't have to be a flower arranger and you could choose a special date or anniversary of a loved one to remember them with flowers. We will show you where vases are kept and will demonstrate a simple arrangement. Hope to see you and, by the way, it's open to men too! Romey & Anne

LENT LUNCHES



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

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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.

**8th
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

President & Preacher Revd Glyn Diggins

Hymns at 9.30 a.m. 424 (omit vs 5 & 6), 101, 96, 525

6.30 p.m. Evensong at St Mary's

Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Second
Sunday of
Lent**

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

THANK YOU: to Sarah and Janet for devising and leading our Iona-style service last Sunday afternoon.

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



'Lord for thy tender mercies sake' by John Hilton and Hymn 99.

BENEFICE PRAYERS-WEEK II

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Church Hill, Edenhouse Road, Mount Crescent, Riggs Road, Rye Close and Worsley Court.

LENT COURSE started last Wednesday. It's not too late to join in, if you missed it. It's held on Wednesdays in church from 7-8.30 pm and the theme is "Talking Jesus". Its for anyone who wants to share their faith confidently and naturally.

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

Monday 9 March

Tuesday 10 March

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7.15 p.m. PCC Meeting

Wednesday 11 March

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel followed by coffee at Costello's, Market Place

7.00 p.m. Lent Course: Talking Jesus

Thursday 12 March

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

7.30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday 13 March

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12 pm Lent Lunch at Baptist church

Saturday 14 March

10.00 a.m. Coffee Stop: Sue Wright
Eileen Searle

Sunday 15 March

NO SERVICE AT ST MICHAEL'S

10.00 a.m. United Deanery Service at St Peter's, Norton

Transport Rob Hall

READINGS & DUTIES 22 March

Readings Exodus 20. 1-2,12

Ephesians 6. 1-3

John 19. 26-27

Duty Leader Connie Clark

Assistant Elaine Ramsey

Sidespersons Caroline & Peter Nicholson

Readers TBC

Intercessions TBC

Server Elsie Peace

Chalice Elsie Peace, Sue Wright,

Coffee Lorraine Small, Janet Gavigan

Transport Karen Dallimore

NOTE change of venue for coffee after Wednesday morning's Communion service, following the closure of Bar 46.

A reading from the book of Genesis

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. fig leaves together and made something to cover themselves.

Genesis 12. 1-4a

Choir Anthem: 'God so loved the world' by Stainer

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Romans 4.1-5,13-17

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord according to John

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about