

already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains. John 9. 1-41

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### St Michael's Coffee Stops

should have been starting again in its usual weekly Saturday slot on April 4th. Sadly, because of the present crisis, the re-start has had to be postponed. Coffee Stops provide a much appreciated social activity and there is a need for a few more 'Leaders'. So if you have been a Coffee Stop helper and wouldn't mind a little extra responsibility when it starts up again, please get in touch with Heather on 01653 694485 or 07890 492372 to learn more. Just a couple more Leaders would make such a difference.

**THANK YOU:** to Maurice who gave up his Saturday morning to polish the lectern. Also, to Rosie, who has been working hard on the church gardens.

Items for Weekly Sheet to:  
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### The **FOODBANK** is

likely to be in high demand. Please donate, if you can.



We have sent 365 Australian dollars (about £184) to the Victoria Bushfires Emergency Relief Fund, which is being administered by the Diocese of Melbourne. It represents the proceeds from 3 Coffee Stops held in the first quarter of this year. Thank you to everyone.

Sunday afternoon gatherings at Costa have been cancelled; as has the next scheduled benefice meal out at the Queen's Head, Amotherby. Likewise, the next benefice lunch at the Wentworth Arms and Lent Lunches have also had to be cancelled.

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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.*

**22nd  
March  
2020**

Whilst services are suspended, the Weekly Sheet will still be produced and emailed around as a way of keeping in touch and keeping you abreast of any developments. Printed copies can be delivered to those without email, so please let me know of anyone who would like to receive the sheet. (Helen 692149).

Some **good news**-work will be starting in church on Tuesday 24th March to renew the leaking central heating pipe and is expected to take about two weeks. Access to all areas will not be possible during this time.

### Collect

Merciful Lord,  
absolve your people from their offences,  
that through your bountiful goodness  
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins  
which by our frailty we have committed;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,  
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,  
whose blessed Son our Saviour  
gave his back to the smiters  
and did not hide his face from shame:  
give us grace to endure the sufferings  
of this present time with sure confidence  
in the glory that shall be revealed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Mothers  
Sunday**



Website: [www.maltonbenefice.org.uk](http://www.maltonbenefice.org.uk)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

In line with Government recommendations, the Joint Archbishops have taken the difficult decision to suspend church services and gatherings. In light of this, the clergy of Southern Ryedale met on 17th March to decide a unified response.

On Sunday mornings, for the foreseeable future, church bells will ring throughout the Deanery, at 10.15 am. This will be a communal call to prayer, which we invite you to join in with **at Home**. Rest assured that I will be in St Michael's, as a Warden will be in St Mary's, praying for the church family, surrounding community and nation.

Both our churches will remain open, 7 days a week, from 9am to 5pm, as a place for **individual** prayer and reflection. May God bless you and those you love, both today and in the weeks to come.

Blessings, Glyn

### **BENEFICE PRAYERS-WEEK 12**

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Colling Wood Gardens, Fenton Lane, Mount Road, Rowan Avenue, Saville Street and York Road.

### **PRAYER PARTNERS**

Who is praying for you?  
Find out at Easter



### **AN EXERCISE FOR LENT**

During the present situation, it is important that we continue to pray for those people we have been allocated in this Lenten exercise.

As Easter approaches there will be further information as to how the process will be drawn to a close.

**Update:** David Thackeray (Mona's husband) has passed away peacefully in Stockport. RIP

### **PARISH SUPPORT NETWORK**

We want to ensure all in the Church Family are supported at this time as we adjust to the restrictions because of the Covid-19 virus.

**Please get in touch if you need any help:**

- Picking up shopping
- Posting mail
- Urgent supplies
- A friendly phone call

### **Either**

email:maltonbenefice@yahoo.com

**or** leave a message at 01653-692089.

Both will be checked daily and we will get back to you. Do you know of anyone else we can help? Let us know.

### **READINGS 29 March 2020**

Readings Ezekiel 37. 1-14  
Romans 8. 6-11  
John 11. 1-45

## **READINGS FOR SUNDAY 22nd MARCH**

### **A reading from the book of Exodus**

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Exodus 20. 1-2,12

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honour your father and mother' - this is the first commandment with a promise: 'so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.'

Ephesians 6. 1-3

### **A reading from the Gospel of our Lord according to John**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you