

where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.' Acts 17. 22-31

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' John 14. 15-21

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**Children's Society House Box** collections have been suspended until further notice. The Society continues its valuable work with young people but will be short of income. Please could you empty and count the contents of your own box and send a cheque for the amount to the Society. It would help them so much. They need a covering letter stating the following information:- Your name and address; the Parish name- St Michael's, New Malton and the Parish number 790048. State that the money has come from your house box and please let me know the amount you send so I can keep a record. The Society's address is:- The Children's Society, Rudolf House, Margery Street, London, WC1X 0JL. If you do not have a house box, but would like to make a donation, then visit [www.childrenssociety.org.uk/virus](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/virus)

Many thanks, Trish Atkinson

David Campion has discovered that Dickens' novel 'A Tale of Two Cities' was first published in two local newspapers: It was the Bicester Times, It was the Worcester Times .....

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**Duties:** Margaret will soon need to prepare a new 'duties' list. In the first instance it will be for readers and intercessors only. If you would like to record a reading or prayer (at least for the moment) for the Zoom service, please let her know. Tel: 696790

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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.*

**17th May  
2020**



**6th Sunday  
of Easter**

We are now transmitting **Parish Communion** live using **Zoom** software. You will need this software installed and working on a tablet or a PC with camera and mic. You will receive by email each week an ID and password for the meeting and/or a web link. The service commences at 10.00 with a short organ introduction beforehand. You may wish to have your software in gallery view at the start to see everyone arriving!

You may be aware of parishioners who aren't connected to the internet and who are missing out. It is now possible to listen to the Parish Communion service on the **telephone**. Please get in touch and let us know of anyone who would like to participate this way.

**Collect**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever

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## MESSAGE FROM REVD GLYN

Like you, I too have been given the gift of time to reflect during The Lock-down, not just snatched between tasks, but quality time to really think deeply and comprehensively. During this period, I have found The LORD consistently taking me to the call placed on Jesus's life and beautifully articulated in Luke 4, which is actually a direct quotation from the Prophet Isaiah; 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' (Luke 4: 18-19 TNIV) Although Jesus used this passage as his "manifesto", I believe that it's still relevant to all of us as Disciples of Christ, both individually and collectively as a Church Family. After all is said and done, we are known by the collective noun "Christian", which started as a bit of a derogatory nickname, which has stuck. The original Greek word was "christianos", which most accurately translates as "little Christs". If we are called to bring "salt and light" to a hurting world, we could do worse than adopting the mission of our Lord and God, the very person after who we are named. Over the next few weeks I will start to "unpack" what is meant by the poor; the prisoners; the blind and the oppressed. Stay safe...stay well and may God continue to bless both you and those you love.

Revd Glyn

## BENEFICE PRAYERS-WEEK 20

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Finkle Street, Holgate Close, Pasture Lane, Spring Hall Garth and Westgate Lane.

## Ryedale Food Bank

Following the sad news of the sudden death of Jacqui Griffiths, project manager, the service paused last week to support volunteers and to reorganise its services. The Food Bank will re-open on Monday 18th May and all referrals should be made through the new phone no: 07990 264008. Rev Malcom Dyer, Chair of Ryedale Food Bank Steering Group



## Ascension Day 21st May 2020

Readings: Acts 1. 1-11  
Luke 24. 44-53

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Ezekiel 36. 24-28;  
Acts 1. 6-14  
John 14. 15-21

**Brenda**, sister of the late Greta Stockbridge, has passed away peacefully at Princess Court. RIP Brenda

**FACE MASKS:** Sue Wright is making non-medical standard, washable masks in floral or plain material in return for a donation to church funds. Contact Sue with any orders on 01653 698106.

## READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### A reading from the book Genesis

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. And when the LORD smelt the pleasing odour, the LORD said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.' God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life. Whoever sheds the blood of a human, by a human shall that person's blood be shed; for in his own image God made humankind. And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.' Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Genesis 8. 20-9. 17

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places