

And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’ Matthew 13. 1-9,18-23

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**JOINT EVENSONG
WITH WEST BUCKROSE.**

We are having our usual joint Evensong with the West Buckrose choir but with one big difference this year. There will be no picnic beforehand! The two choirs have been recording the music individually and Ian and John are mixing them to be ready for the service on **26th July at 6pm.** The Rector of West Buckrose parish will lead the service which will be on Zoom. The link will be available to both congregations nearer the time.

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Heating Pipe Repairs Update

Bad weather has held up R&R on the job in front of us in the queue and they will not now complete re-laying the floor slabs until the end of next week. We shall not be able to re-open church on Sunday 19th, as hoped. Parish Communion will be held by Zoom next Sunday, but at the earlier time of 9.30am, as Glyn needs to move on to St Mary's for 11.15am. We aim to hold the first public service in church on Sunday 26th July and plan to broadcast the service for those unable to attend.
Alan & Connie

St Mary's is now open for private prayer on Sundays 10am-1pm and Wednesday afternoons 1-4pm.

MORNING PRAYER: Every morning at 9am (7 days a week) a group meet on Zoom to pray and you are warmly invited to join us as/when you can. Please email Revd. Glyn for the "joining" details.



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.*

**12th July
2020**

We are transmitting **Parish Communion live from St Michael's this Sunday 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

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour 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

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you
in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

**Fifth
Sunday
after
Trinity**

Message from Revd Glyn

When Jesus taught the people all about God's Kingdom, He expected them to respond to Him in different ways, depending on what their hearts were like. Jesus made that clear one day by telling a story about a farmer going out and sowing seeds. Now the seed in Jesus' story stood for the truth that God loves us and has made a way for us to come into His kingdom. The different soils in Jesus' story stood for the different kinds of hearts within people. Now some of the seeds in Jesus' story fell onto very hard soil. The kind of heart that this soil represents is someone who doesn't believe when they hear what Jesus says about God's love. This person may ridicule the name of Jesus. They may be rather cynical about the message of God's love. Some of the seeds in Jesus' story fell upon some very shallow soil that was covering rocks. The kind of heart that this soil represents is someone who shows interest in Jesus and starts to follow Him, but when trouble comes along because of their faith, they give up. Some of the seeds in Jesus' story fell upon soil that was also growing something else in it. As the seeds grew into plants, so brambles grew up around them and choked them, so that they couldn't become fruitful. The kind of heart that this soil represents is someone who is a follower of Jesus, but who is also constantly distracted from following Him. They may be distracted by different sorts of worries, or they may be distracted by wanting more and more money or things. The problem with being constantly distracted is that they struggle to follow Jesus and bear good fruit. Lastly, some of the seeds in Jesus' story fell upon good soil. The kind of heart that this soil represents is someone who receives Jesus' message. They don't give up when the going gets tough. They don't allow themselves to get distracted from following Jesus and so they are fruitful. What kind of heart do you have? If you want a heart that is more able to receive Jesus' message, why not ask Him to give that to you today?

BENEFICE PRAYERS-WEEK 2

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Ashfield Avenue, Carpenter's Yard, Hawkswell Lane, Old Malton Road, Princess Terrace and Victoria Road.

6th Sunday after Trinity 19th July

Readings: Genesis 28. 10-19a
Romans 8. 12-25
Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

Message from David Campion: Sue and her team have done a wonderful job making bunting for the Camphill Village Trust celebration and collecting donations. I am meeting up with Alex Robertson (Regional Fundraiser) to pass them over. Another example of light in dark times!

Wednesday 15th July

In the church calendar, Wednesday marks the feast day of St Swithun. Most of us know the old adage that, if it rains on St Swithun's Day, it will rain for the next 40 days, but who was he? He was Bishop of Winchester from 852-863AD and was known for his spirituality. Various miracles were attributed to him and, after his death, his tomb became a popular shrine, which was moved inside the new Norman cathedral in 1093. The shrine was evidently the site of further miracles in the Middle Ages.

READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

A reading from the book of Genesis

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright. Genesis 25. 19-24

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. Romans 8. 1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow.