

off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 25. 14-30

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Message from the Tech Team: We have had complaints about the sound quality and have investigated. We find the sound recorded by Zoom is quite clear generally, apart from occasional distortion overload from the organ or full choir. We try and reduce the volume in louder parts of the service to counteract this. There was also a pre-echo which we have now resolved. There is an issue with the internet concerning sound. It will work for some on some days and not others. It has also been sent from the church to the cloud somewhere in the globe and then returned to you as an individual. It also relies on the quality of your laptop/PC or tablet. For best results, use a headset or earphones. Do keep us informed of any ongoing difficulties and we will do our best to resolve them.
Thank you. John, Alan and Andrew

FINAL CALL FOR SHOE BOXES: please take your filled boxes to Anne Bell's house (2 Orchard Rd, Malton) asap. Thank you.

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Sunday Reflection
Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on video at: vimeo.com/dioceseofyork.
Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell has invited contributors to join him in taking turns to offer this video resource, which you can also find via the Diocese of York's Facebook and Twitter feeds.
Today's talk is by the Archdeacon.



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.*

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Once again, we are not able to meet in church for public worship. Our Vicar, however, will be in church to celebrate Holy Communion and the service will be transmitted via Zoom, as has become customary. 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 a web link. The service commences at 9.30 am.

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



**Second
Sunday before
Advent**

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

THANK YOU: to Simon, who preached the sermon for our service last Sunday and also to Alison, who played the organ at her first Parish Communion service as Musical Director. Her rendition of the Last Post and Reveille on the organ was a triumph.

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.

SERVICES
Morning Prayer is said at 9 am every morning via Zoom.
Evening Prayer is said at 7:15 pm on Tuesdays via Zoom.
Parish Communion on Sundays at 9.30 am via Zoom.

SALLY JONES: it was with real sadness that we received the news of the death of Sally Jones last weekend. Many will remember Sally, who was the wife of Nick Jones, vicar of St. Michael's from May 1999 to September 2006. After Nick's death, Sally went to live in her beloved Whitby, but has remained in contact with several St. Michael's people over the years. RIP Sally

The Bible Story Bag team need to collect lots of **empty paper towel cardboard tubes**. Please save them for us. Elaine Ramsey can collect them from you. Give her a call or send a text on 07913 628443 to arrange collection. Thank you.

Items for Weekly Sheet to:
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READINGS & DUTIES 22nd Nov
Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1. 15-23
Matthew 25. 31-46
Readers Connie Clark
Alan Young
Intercessions Andrew Nicholson

VESTRY MEETING and A.P.C.M.
Today at 9.30 a.m.
The APCM and Vestry meeting will still take place today during the Parish Communion service, which will be broadcast on Zoom.

MATTHEW 25.14-30
Use it wisely!

- ⇒ Have you been given something valuable to look after? How did it make you feel?
- ⇒ What is going on in this parable? Is it fair?
- ⇒ How can you responsibly use the talents/gifts God has given you?
- ⇒ Ask God to reveal a new talent/gift within you.
- ⇒ Make a card celebrating a friend's talent/gift. Hide it where they might find it.

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

A reading from the book of Zephaniah

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went