

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to John

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow me.’ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’ Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

John 1. 43-51

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Sunday Reflection: Today's talk on Vimeo is by The Revd Canon Dr Vicky Johnson, the Canon Precentor of York Minster. You can find her talk on the Diocese web site and on vimeo.com/dioceseyork.

Ena Blanchard wishes to be remembered to her friends at St Michael's. She has been vaccinated and is keeping well.

Adrian and Jezz send best wishes to all in lock-down.

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Marlane Butler: Adrian advises us that Marlane passed away last weekend. She was a member of St Mary's church, but would be well known to some at St Michael's. RIP Marlane.

The Archbishop of York, The Most Revd Stephen Cottrell



will be sharing short reflections throughout January on the theme, 'Our Hope is Found' as the country continues to combat the effects of the global pandemic. His reflections will include a prayer or a poem and the first of this nine part series was released on New Years Day. These reflections can be accessed on the Archbishop of York's website, Facebook page or YouTube.



17th
January
2021

Third
Sunday of
EPIPHANY



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.

Once again, we are not meeting in church for public worship. Our Vicar, however, will be in church to celebrate Holy Communion and the service will be transmitted by 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 a link to the service by email each week and the service commences at 9.30 am.

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

A BIG THANK YOU: to Revd Glyn, Alison, our Director of Music, Alan, John and Andrew for committing to continue going into church to deliver our Sunday morning Parish Communion service.

During Communion the choir will sing "In a World Where People Walk in Darkness" by Richard Shephard. At the end of the service, Alison will play Chorale Prelude on "Vom Himmel Hoch" by Pachelbel.



READINGS 24th January

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: Genesis 14. 17-20
Revelation 19. 6-10
John 2. 1-11
Flowers: Elsie Peace

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.

Funeral in church on Monday 18th January at 12 noon for Don Frank.

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.

Would you like **Archbishop Steven** to pray for you or someone you know? If so, send in a request to Bishopthorpe Palace. He will then pray, with support from nuns of The Order of the Holy Paraclete in Whitby.



Prayer requests can be made by emailing 'Prayer Request' to: office@archbishopofyork.org

Alternatively, post your request to: "Prayers", Office of Archbishop of York, Bishopthorpe Palace, Bishopthorpe, York, YO23 2GE.

Message from Revd Glyn

On Tuesday evening, the PCC met on-line to review our current procedures in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. After a robust and comprehensive discussion, the Council decided that in light of increasing infection rates (both nationally and in our local community) and the immense pressure that is being placed on the NHS and its amazing staff, we needed to suspend Corporate Worship, in the building, until further notice, but allow the building to remain open for Private Prayer. We will continue to broadcast Parish Communion via Zoom, from church, as long as circumstances (and the Government) permit us to do so.

While the building is no longer available to gather in and worship together, we should rejoice and thank The Lord for the amazing gift of technology and the expertise and commitment of our Technical Team. The hard work undertaken and the rapid response at the outset of the crisis, means that St. Michael's has remained together, as a worshipping community, throughout...something which many other churches have been unable to do.

I would encourage you to refrain from having conversations around "the church being shut"...nothing could be further from the truth. Despite the building being a significant symbol and place of worship over many centuries, let us not forget that the church of St. Michael's is actually comprised of the worshipping community and is not defined by a building of mortar and stone.

We come together to worship, learn and encourage each other, so that we can leave the building envisioned, energised, enabled and empowered by God's Holy Spirit, to go out into the world and be "salt and light". This current situation has enabled us to disperse into our individual communities with the message of The Gospel and the ability to serve others as Christ has commanded us to. It reminds me of the Early Church in the New Testament. After the martyrdom of Stephen, the Gentile church experienced a period of intense persecution in Jerusalem, resulting in many dispersing to their home towns and taking the Gospel Message far and wide. As a result, the Christian church spread much wider and quicker than it would have done if all the people had remained in Jerusalem.

I have been heartened and encouraged by the individual acts of kindness and service that are reported to me on a weekly basis, undertaken by members of our church. Many are done "in secret", without publicity or a desire for recognition. I assure you that such acts do not go unnoticed, by myself, the community we serve or Our Lord God Almighty. I encourage you to continue such "good works", to continue caring for others (and yourselves), to continue praying and to continue putting your faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We, together, are the church of Christ and now is the time for the church to be dispersed throughout Malton, loving God and loving others, in His name and to His Glory.

May God continue to bless you and those you love, both now and in the weeks to come.

Your brother and fellow worker in Christ., Revd Glyn.