

born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John I. 1-14

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PRAYER PARTNERS Lent 2021



The organisation of this will be more difficult this year, but the principle of praying daily for one other person from St Michael's remains a good one. If you would like to take part, please contact Connie Clark by phone (07544 380163) or email (clarkconstance@hotmail.com). She will number your request and eventually draw numbers from a 'hat' and allocate a person for you to pray for anonymously during Lent. In a similar way your name will be given to a different person and he/she will pray for you.

Please contact Connie by Sunday 14 February at the latest. She will then get back in touch by Ash Wednesday (17 February) with the name of your Prayer Partner.

Finally, at Easter, we usually end the Prayer Partner initiative by encouraging you to write an Easter card for the person for whom you have been praying, telling them who you are and, if you know the person, you may also want to give him or her a small gift. We will announce nearer Easter how we intend to work it this year.

The Diocese is launching a **Children of Light Festival** in March. There will be an art competition to encourage children & young people to explore "being light in difficult times." Churches can organize a local completion and send the winning entries into the Diocesan-wide competition. Prizes will be presented by the Archbishop of York at Bishopthorpe Palace. Go to the News & Events tab on the Diocese web site for info.

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David Campion kindly sends us a quote that caught his eye in a piece in the I-on line. It's an interesting angle on current heated discussions about removing what some regard as inappropriate statues.

Cato the Elder (Roman soldier, Senator and historian) said: "After I'm dead, I'd rather have people ask why I have no monument than why I have one". David doesn't think it's something he will have to worry about!

Sunday Reflection:

Today's talk on Vimeo is by Rt Revd Raphael Hess, a South African bishop. You can find his talk on the Diocese website and on [vimeo.com/dioceseforyork](https://www.vimeo.com/dioceseforyork).



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.*

**7th
February
2021**

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,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
by your gift the tree of life
was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished
at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Second
Sunday
before Lent**

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

THANK YOU: to the team of people who assembled and delivered the latest instalment of Bible bags this week.

During Communion the choir will sing 'Locus Iste' by Anton Bruckner.



At the end of the service, Alison will play the Short Prelude and Fugue in G major by J.S. Bach.

BENEFACT PRAYERS-WEEK 5

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Borough Mere Lane, Castlegate, Lowfield Road, Pickering Road, Riccal Drive and Wentworth Mews.

DUTIES

The current duty list ends at the end of February. The situation regarding worship with a congregation in church is not yet clear, so the new list will be for Readers and Intercessors only, and for the period to the end of June. For the first few months you will need to record your reading and send to John Patten by the morning of the previous Friday. Later, it may be possible to read in church but there will also be the opportunity to record, if this is easier for you. If you would like to be part of the team please let me know by 10 February. Margaret Clark: 696790 maggsclark@maggsclark.f9.co.uk

Items for Weekly Sheet to:
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READINGS & DUTIES 14th Feb Sunday next before Lent

Readings: 2 Kings 2.1-12
2 Corinthians 4. 3-6
Mark 9. 2-9
Readers Sarah Barry
Maureen Diggins
Intercessions Sarah Barry
Flowers: Rosie Miller

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.

St Mary's Priory, Old Malton

is open daily for private prayer, 10am to 4pm.
Sunday morning Matins will now be available at 11.15am on Facebook & YouTube. Afternoon worship at 3pm on Facebook.

Date for your diary: a service for Ash Wednesday will be broadcast on Zoom from St. Michael's at 7:30pm on 17th February.

UPDATE ON ROMEY: she is back home and says she is steadily improving. She enjoyed the chat in Glyn's Virtual Tea Room on Wednesday afternoon.

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race. Proverbs 8.1, 22-31

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Colossians 1. 15-20

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to John

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were