

'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.

Genesis 7. 1-5, 11-18, 8. 6-18, 9.8-13

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.

Acts 4. 4-12

### Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

John 10. 11-18

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**SCAFFOLDING** went up in the south aisle last Monday as planned and the cracked plaster around the window head has been removed. What has been revealed is a far more serious than we were expecting. Our church Architect advises that this area was re-built (badly) in the 1960s and there is structural movement of the masonry and the glazing. Therefore, he will now have to draw up a plan of action and the project is going to be much larger and more expensive than anticipated, involving scaffolding inside and out.



## 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.*

**25th April  
2021**



**4th Sunday  
of Easter**

Welcome to our Parish Communion service in church. If you are not able to attend in person, the service will be transmitted by Zoom.

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.

**A FACE COVERING must be worn by all attending and there must be no singing.**

### Collect

Almighty God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,

you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be  
the good shepherd, and in his love for us  
to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Website: [www.maltonbenefice.org.uk](http://www.maltonbenefice.org.uk)

**THANK YOU:** to everyone attending our APCM today, especially those who are standing for office.

During Communion the choir will sing 'Fairest Lord Jesus' by Martin How and 'Father, hear the Prayer we offer'; a traditional English hymn, adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams. At the end of the service, Alison will play 'The Glorious Day has Appeared' by J G Walther.



### **BENEFICE PRAYERS-WEEK 16**

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Damson Court, Great Sike Road, Orchard Gardens, Sheepfoot Hill, Sycamore Avenue and Blackthorn Avenue.

### **JOHN 10.11-18**

#### **The Good Shepherd**

- ⇒ What do you know about sheep and the way they behave?
- ⇒ Why is it important for sheep to know the voice of their shepherd?
- ⇒ What does Jesus mean when he says 'I am the gate'?
- ⇒ Ask God to help you recognise his voice.
- ⇒ Read and reflect on Psalm 23.
- ⇒ "You don't learn to walk by following rules. You learn by doing, and by falling over"  
*Richard Branson*

### **READINGS & DUTIES**

#### **2 May Easter 5 - All Age**

Readings: Acts 8. 26-40

John 15. 1-8

Duty Leader Rob Hall

Assistant Elaine Ramsey

Sidesperson Anne Screeton

Readers Susannah Clark

Intercessions Sam Free

Flowers Viv Pope

### **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 in church & via Zoom.

**Holy Communion** on Wednesdays at 10.30 am in church.

### **Funeral Service for Dolly Thackray**

on Tuesday 27th April at 11 am. If you would like to watch the service on Zoom, please ask Helen Shaw for the joining details.

### **Sunday Reflection**

Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on the York Diocese website and on [vimeo.com/dioceseforyork](https://vimeo.com/dioceseforyork). This Sunday's reflection will be by The Right Revd. Dr Jonathan Frost, the Dean of York Minster.

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **A reading from the book of Genesis**

The LORD said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.' And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him. In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind – every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in. The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth – so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. 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, I 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