

them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.’  
John 17. 6-19

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**JOHN 17.6-15: Power of Prayer**

- ⇒ When you pray, are you usually thinking more about yourself or about God?
- ⇒ Do you believe that prayer is powerful? Why or why not?
- ⇒ How can you make the power of prayer a part of your daily life?
- ⇒ Listen instead of asking God for something.
- ⇒ Prayer is the powerful gift of talking to the most powerful God. Use it!
- ⇒ ‘Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays:  
*Soren Kierkegaard*

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS: please don't leave loose stamps in church.**

We try very hard to keep church Covid-safe. Leave them outside Adrian's house in a sealed envelope. 26 Crabtree Drive.

Items for Weekly Sheet to:  
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**STARVED OF GOOD FOOD & GOOD COMPANY?**

The Benefice lunches at the Wentworth Arms are starting up again on Thursday 27th May. If you would like to join in, please contact Helen Morgan, who can book your place and detail the menu options. Contact Helen before 24th May, please on 692157 or email: helen\_hyams@hotmail.co.uk

**UPDATE ON THE CLERESTOREY**

Our church Architect returned again during the week with a Structural Engineer. The Engineer has advised that the clerestorey window should be boarded up to ensure that it cannot fall out! Our Architect will now be working on designing appropriate repairs to the south side of church and thereafter going out to tender for the work.

**Privacy Notice:** The seating in the side aisles is designated as a “video-free” area, as it is out of the range of our cameras.



**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.*

**16th May  
2021**



**7th 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**

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where  
our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**THANK YOU:** to Janet Patten, who has produced the first of our new Parish Newsletters. If you haven't yet received one, email Janet on [janetcpatten@aol.com](mailto:janetcpatten@aol.com)

During Communion the choir will sing 'Rejoice the Lord is King' by Malcolm Archer & 'Now is Eternal Life' by Charles Steggall. At the end of the service, Alison will play 'Tuba tune in D major' by C.S. Lang.



**BENEFICE PRAYERS-WEEK 19**

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: East Mount, Highfield Road, Paddock Hill, Spital Street, Westgate and Meadow Drive.

The **Parish Address Book** is about to be updated by Connie. If you are not in it and would like to be, or your contact details have changed, please let Connie know by the end of May. (07544 380163) [clarkconstance@hotmail.com](mailto:clarkconstance@hotmail.com)

**Thy Kingdom Come**

Is a Global Prayer movement running from Ascension to Pentecost. [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** ends today. If you have not received an envelope and would like to donate, please use the one inside this Weekly Sheet. It can be placed on the collection plate or contact Alison Hardwick on 691290. Thank you.

**READINGS & DUTIES**

**23rd May, Pentecost**

Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14  
Acts 2. 1-21  
John 15. 26-27,  
16. 4b-15

Duty Leader Samantha Free  
Assistant Sue Wright  
Sidesperson Marjorie Walker  
Readers Maureen Diggins  
Marjorie Walker  
Intercessions Connie Clark  
Flowers Joan Suggett

**SERVICES**

**Morning Prayer** is said at 9 am every morning via Zoom.

**Parish Communion** on Sundays at 9.30 am in church & via Zoom.

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

**Services at St Mary's Priory**

Sunday: Mattins at 11.15 am & Evensong at 5 pm.  
Wed: Holy Communion at 9 am.  
Thurs: Morning Prayer at 10 am.

**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 with The Revd Pete Watson, St Wilfred's, Brayton, Selby.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel**

Thus says the Lord GOD: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. Ezekiel 36. 24-28

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles. Acts 1.15-17, 21-26

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to John**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with