

Monday 6th December

In the church calendar we remember St Nicholas on this day, but who was he?

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in a village in Asia Minor (Turkey) At the time, the area was Greek. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his entire inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships. Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, Christians were persecuted, and Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith. He was exiled and imprisoned. The prisons were so full of bishops, priests, and deacons, there was no room for the real criminals: murderers, thieves and robbers. After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicea. He died on 6th December AD 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church, where a unique relic called manna formed in his grave. This liquid substance, said to have healing powers, fostered the growth of devotion to Nicholas. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration.

Sunday Reflection

Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on the Diocese website & vimeo.com/dioceseforyork

This Sunday's reflection will be with the Bishop of Beverley, the Rt Revd Glyn Webster.

We have a **hostess trolley** to give away, in return for a donation. If anyone would like it, please see Connie. Thank you.

World Day of Prayer

Coffee Morning at St Michael's next Saturday 11th December between 10am and 12noon. All welcome. There will be a **cake stall and a scarf stall**. Cakes may be brought on the morning. If donating a cake, please write on it the ingredients used. Scarves can be brought to church before the Coffee Morning as there will be a box under the table at the back of church to put them in.

Although Ryedale Food Bank has closed, you can still donate food to a temporary **foodbank** at Ryedale House or leave in the green box in church or take to Morrisons' supermarket.

They are requesting donations of Christmas items: chocolates, Christmas puddings, custard, Christmas cakes, boxes of biscuits, selection boxes, tinned ham and salmon.

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5th
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2021

Second Sunday
of
Advent



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.*

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.

FACE COVERINGS are no longer obligatory, (but feel free to continue wearing) and we are now allowed to sing.

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

THANK YOU: to Alison and the augmented choir for a beautiful Advent service. An uplifting start to Advent.

During Communion, the choir will sing 'People look East' by Christopher Steel & 'O Child of Promise, Come' by James Quinn. At the end of the service, Alison will play 'Postlude Cantique' by Theodore Dubois.



Hymn Numbers: 58, 24, Svc book, 29.

BENEFICE PRAYERS-WEEK 22
Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Folliot Ward Close, Hudson Close, Paul's Yard, St Leonard's Close, Wyse House Lane, Harebell Drive.

MALACHI 3.1-4
The Messenger

- ⇒ Have you received an amazing message? What did it say?
- ⇒ Why does Malachi describe God's messenger as fire and soap (v.3)?
- ⇒ How would you describe 'the messenger' to a non-Christian?
- ⇒ Thank God for all the prophets who foretold the birth of Jesus.
- ⇒ Send an amazing message of blessing to a friend today.
- ⇒ 'I'm an imperfect messenger but the message is perfect' *Ron Paul*

Privacy Notice: Seating in the side aisles is designated as a "video-free" area, and is out of range of our cameras.

READINGS & DUTIES 12th Dec
Readings: Zepheanah 3. 14-20
Phillippians 4. 4-7
Luke 3. 7-18
Duty Leader Rob Hall
Assistant David Campion
Sidesperson Mark Davey
Readers Rob Hall
Mark Davey
Intercessions Alan Young
Flowers No flowers in Advent

SERVICES
Morning Prayer is said at 9 am every morning (except Sunday) via Zoom where the format of the Northumbria Community is used.
Parish Communion on Sundays at 9.30 am in church
Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 10.30 am in church.

Services at St Mary's Priory
Today: Choral Mattins at 11.15 am.
Advent Carol Service at 6.30 pm
Wed: Holy Communion at 9 am.
Thurs: Morning Prayer at 10 am.

CHRISTMAS CARD BOARD
will be reinstated this year, so you can write just one card to all your friends at St Michael's and pin it on the board for all to see. You may like to donate the money you save on cards to our chosen charity, SASH, or one of your own choosing.

Items for Weekly Sheet to:
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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER

A reading from the book of Malachi

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Malachi 3. 1-4

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Luke 3. 1-6