

### APPEAL FOR FLOWER FUND

We have managed to stay in credit for a number of years, thanks to the generosity of our flower arrangers and other donors ,who have given regularly to keep us afloat.

However, we are now depleted of funds (in fact our coffers are empty) so, if anyone would like to make a small contribution, we would be very happy to accept.

Happy Christmas everyone!

Anne Bell

### CHRISTMAS CARD BOARD

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.

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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### LUKE 1 46-55

#### Thanks Be to God

- ⇒ What are you most thankful for?
- ⇒ What is Mary God for in the reading?
- ⇒ Do you think God is ever thankful to humans? Why?
- ⇒ Thank God for all the good things in your life.
- ⇒ Go for a walk and silently thank God for the things you see.
- ⇒ 'We give thanks to God not because of how we feel but because of who He is'  
*Ann Voskamp*

#### Sunday Reflection

Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on the Diocese website & [vimeo.com/dioceseforyork](https://www.vimeo.com/dioceseforyork)

This Sunday's reflection will be with Liz Holdsworth, Associate Team Leader, Mustard Seed project.

**Christmas services** are all available on Zoom, using the same link as for Sunday morning Parish Communion.

Parish Communion on Sunday 2nd January will not be on Zoom.

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

Items for Weekly Sheet to:  
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19th  
December  
2021

Fourth 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: once again obligatory.  
We are allowed to sing but behind your mask.**

#### Collect

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son: grant that,  
as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

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

**THANK YOU:** to Simon for taking both our services today. Also, thank you to everyone who worked hard, to decorate our church so beautifully. It is, as ever, magnificent.

During Communion, the choir will sing 'Hail, Blessed Virgin Mary' & the Basque Carol.



At the end of the service, Alison will play Chorale Prelude on "Vom Himmel Hoch" by Johann Pachelbel

**Hymn Numbers: 63, 38, 56 & 362**

**BENEFICE PRAYERS-WEEK 24**

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Appletree Way, Greengate, Lime Tree Avenue, Pinfold Garth, Tara Park and Harvest Drive.

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

Tonight at 6pm.



**READINGS & DUTIES 2nd Jan**

**All Age service**

Readings Isaiah 60.1-6  
Matthew 2. 1-12  
Duty Leader Connie Clark  
Assistant John Morris  
Sidesperson Christine Roberts-Holland  
Readers Connie Clark  
Ceri Smith  
Intercessions Sarah Barry  
Flowers Romey Willis  
Lorraine Small

**READINGS & DUTIES 24th Dec**

**Midnight Mass**

Readings: Isaiah 9. 2-7  
Titus 2. 11-14  
Luke 2.1-20  
Duty Leader John Morris  
Assistant David Campion  
Sidesperson Rosie Miller  
Readers Rosie Miller  
John Morris

**Intercessions Alan Young**

**READINGS & DUTIES 25th Dec**

Readings Isaiah 52.7-10  
Hebrews 1. 4-12  
John 1. 1-14  
Duty Leader Heather Williams  
Assistant Maureen Diggins  
Sidesperson Marjorie Walker  
Readers Heather Williams  
Marjorie Walker

**Intercessions Maureen Diggins**

**READINGS & DUTIES 26th Dec**

Readings 2 Chronicles 24. 20-22  
Acts 7. 51-60  
Matthew 10. 17-22  
Duty Leader Samantha Free  
Assistant Tracey Young  
Sidesperson David White  
Readers Samantha Free  
David White  
Intercessions Tracey Young  
Flowers Sue Wright

**WEDDING:** Chris & Abigail are getting married on Wednesday 29th at 1 pm. We send our best wishes for a joyful ceremony in our church and pray that their marriage will be long and happy.

**READINGS FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**A reading from the book of Micah**

The LORD says to his people: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore. he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Micah 5. 2-5a

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews**

When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10.5-10

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

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Luke 1. 39-55