

Given the worsening Covid situation, it was thought unwise to serve coffee after last Sunday's All Age service. Coffee after services and the re-starting of Coffee Stops will be discussed at the re-arranged January meeting of the PCC, to be held on Monday 17th January. It has been decided that the Parish Lunch at the Golf Club, booked for Sunday 30th January, will not now go ahead. The **Track & Trace** notice will be displayed in a prominent position before a service, if you wish to use it. We will not be going back to keeping a register of attendees for the time being.

Parish Pass

for free entry into our mother church has gone digital. Helen Shaw has been sent the new pass for 2022 so, if you want to visit the Minster any time during the year, ask Helen for it. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, York Minster's current capacity is reduced, and to secure a slot on your preferred date it is vital that you book one of the free entry tickets online and take the parish pass with you to present at the point of entry. You may be asked for proof of residency.

www.yorkminster.org
Or telephone 01904 557275

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

Tuesday 11th January

On this day in the church calendar, we remember **Mary Slessor**, but who was she?

Mary was a Dundee mill girl and an unorthodox Sunday School teacher, who was inspired by David Livingstone to become a missionary in Calabar, Nigeria, an area where no European had set foot before. Despite illness and constant danger, she lived with the tribes, learned their language, and traditions, earning their respect and putting an end to some barbaric practices, such as the killing of twins. She adopted many Nigerian children (particularly twins) who had been left to die. When Southern Nigeria became a British Protectorate, she became the first ever female magistrate in the British Empire and a skillful diplomatic emissary. Mary died in 1915, aged 67.

ANOTHER THANK YOU: from Anne Bell to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations on Wednesday afternoon. It was a sterling effort and Anne wishes everyone a very happy New Year.

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 Peter Rushton, Reader in the Clifton Benefice, York.

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9th
January
2022

Baptism of Christ



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 our mask.**

Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him
to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling
as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

THANK YOU: to everyone who contributed to collections over the Christmas period. Our Treasurer has sent cheques for £245.13 to The Children's Society and £599.75 to SASH.

During Communion, the choir will sing "All this Time" by William Walton & hymn no 85. At the end of the service, Alison will play a Chorale Prelude on "How Bright & Fair the Morning Star" by J S Bach.
HYMNS: 84, 30, 87 & 83.



BENEFICE PRAYERS-WEEK 25
Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Back Lane, Greengate Flats, Maple Avenue, Pippin Road, The Maltings and Fox Covert Place.

UPDATE ON THE CLERESTOREY
Premier Design Surveys of Thirsk came to church on Friday to carry out 3D laser scanning & measuring of the nave, both inside and out. This data will serve as the basis for working drawings and enable our Architect to detail necessary repairs. He will be invited to attend a PCC meeting to present the findings in due course.

GRATEFUL THANKS
to Revd Judy Duke for leading our service this morning and for agreeing to do so at very short notice. Our thoughts and prayers are with our Vicar, Glyn and his wife, Maureen, who are isolating having been diagnosed with Covid.

READINGS & DUTIES 16th Jan

Readings: Isaiah 62. 1-5
I Corinthians 12. 1-11
John 2. 1-11
Duty Leader Rob Hall
Assistant Sue Wright
Sidesperson Alison Hardwick
Readers Alison Hardwick
Christine Roberts-Holland
Intercessions Rob Hall
Flowers Elsie Peace

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.

LUKE 3.21-22

Baptism

- ⇒ Why do you think baptism is important?
- ⇒ What would it have felt like to be at Jesus' baptism?
- ⇒ Why do you think God chose to speak out loud at that moment?
- ⇒ Invite the Holy Spirit to fill you.
- ⇒ Ask some people about their experience of baptism.
- ⇒ 'Baptism is the initial step of a faithful heart' Max Lucado

READINGS FOR THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'
Isaiah 43. 1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
Acts 8. 14-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke

(In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.) As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'
Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22