

trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So, take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Matthew 25.14-30

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### Message from the Community

**Food Bank:** we are now collecting towards our Christmas extras food parcels but we still have some shortages in normal stock: tinned hot dogs, UHT blue milk, instant mash, sponge puddings, hot chocolate, adult sweets & chocolates & tinned custard.

**Christmas items:** long-dated mince pies, Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings, selection boxes, Christmas biscuits & Christmas chocolates.

The **Deanery Gathering** scheduled for Tuesday 21st November has been cancelled.

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

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### Sunday Reflection:

Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on [vimeo.com/dioceseforyork](http://vimeo.com/dioceseforyork)  
This Sunday, The Ven Dr Amanda Bloor, Archdeacon of Cleveland, reflects on our Gospel reading.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Advent Processional** service on Sunday 3rd December at 6.30pm.

**Christingle** service on Sunday 10th December at 2pm

**Carols by Candlelight** on Sunday 17th December at 6.30 pm.  
Christmas Eve **Crib Service** at 4pm.

**A big thank you** to everyone who contributed in any way to yesterday’s Christmas Fayre, but especially to Sue Wright, who master-minded the event again. So, to everyone who spent hours baking on Friday, or crafting over preceding weeks, or donated prizes, helped on the day, etc, **THANK YOU.**



**19th  
November  
2023**

## 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 service today

We welcome to Communion all baptized Christians. Coffee is served after Rise & Shine at 10.30am and before the Parish Communion service begins; please join us for refreshments and, if you are new to St Michael’s, make yourself known to us.

### Collect

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God  
and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him  
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Prayer after Communion

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Second  
Sunday  
before  
Advent**

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

**A big thank you to Revd Canon Veronica James for coming to lead our service today.**

During Communion, the choir will sing the Anthem "Awake, awake: Fling off the Night!" & Hymn 33. At the end of the service, Alison will play Voluntary on Old 100<sup>th</sup> by Henry Purcell.  
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**BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 17**

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Derwent Road, Hawthorne Avenue, Orchard Road, Smithson Court, Town Street and Showground Road.

**Christingle Service**

on Sunday 10th December. A 'Sticky Christingle' event for children & families begins at 2pm, with glue, craft, sweets & lots of fun. The children will be making Christingles for the whole church family, so ALL are warmly invited to join us for the 'Christingle Service' that begins at 3.30pm. The whole afternoon will be raising funds for The Children's Society and giving envelopes at the back of church can be brought in on the day.



If anyone would appreciate a home visit and/or home Communion, then please contact Connie Clark on 07544 380163.

Items for Weekly Sheet to:  
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**READINGS & DUTIES**

**Sunday 26th Nov at 9.30 am**  
**Christ the King**

Readings	Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24
	Ephesians 1. 15-23
	Matthew 25. 31-46
Duty Leader	Trish Atkinson
Assistant	Rosie Miller
Sidesperson	Elaine Matthews
Readers	Rosie Miller
	Mark Davey
Intercessions	Trish Atkinson
Chalice	Sue Wright
Coffee	Alison Forster
	Sue Wright
Flowers	Dawn Booley

**SERVICES**

**Parish Communion** on Sundays at 9.30 am in church, except third Sunday of the month, when PC starts at 10.45 am and Rise & Shine (for families & children) is at 9.30 am. The All-Age service on the first Sunday is a non-Eucharistic service.

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

**LEGO CHURCH** next Sunday for those aged 3 and upwards to explore Bible stories. Held in the Lady Chapel during Parish Communion.

**St Clement's Fayre, next Saturday & St. Michael's** is hosting various bands and choirs from 10.30–5.15pm, (entrance is free). Do drop by and see what's going on. Refreshments served.

**Second Sunday before Advent**

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

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth. Zephaniah 1. 7, 12-18

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians**

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

I Thessalonians 5. 1-11

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to Matthew**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time, the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 'His master said to him, "Well done, good and