

of the house will come back. He might come in the evening, or at midnight, or in the early morning, or when the sun rises. He might come back quickly. If you are always ready, then he will not find you sleeping. I tell you this, and I say this to everyone: 'Be ready!'"
Mark 13. 24-37

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Another thank you: to Barry Gillespie, who has skillfully renovated our free-standing timber lectern. It had sustained some minor damage, which was noted by the donor, and we are very grateful to Barry for the repairs.

And another thank you: to Malton & District Flower Club for the tremendous floral arrangements they made for the St Clement's Festival last weekend. We are fortunate indeed to have been able to enjoy them during the following week.

DEANERY ADVENT COURSE

running at St Mary's. The theme is 'Prayer' and the leader is Mrs Sue Robertson. Saturday mornings: 9th, 16th & 23rd from 10-11.30am (start time on 2nd Dec is 11.30am). Also Wednesday afternoons; 6th, 13th & 20th Dec from 1.30-3pm.

Sessions are stand-alone, so you can attend all or as many as you choose and attendance is free. Refreshments served before each meeting. See poster on the porch notice board.

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HARMONIA CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

in St Michael's church on Saturday
9th December at 7 pm.

Tickets are £12 to include a drink.
See the poster on the notice board in the porch for ways to buy a ticket.

Sunday Reflection: Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on vimeo.com/dioceseforyork
This Sunday, The Very Revd Dominic Barrington, Dean of York, reflects on our Gospel reading.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

Midnight Eucharist on Christmas
Eve at 11.30 pm.

St Mary's traditional service of Nine
Lessons and Carols next Sunday
evening at 6.30 pm.

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

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



3rd
December
2023

All-Age
service for
Advent
Sunday



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 All-Age service today, which has no Eucharist. Coffee is served at the end of the service; please stay for fellowship and, if you are new to St Michael's, make yourself known to us.

Collect

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.

Prayer after Communion

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore.

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

A big thank you to the All-Age Worship team for putting together our service today & also to Ceri, for Lego church last Sunday.

HYMNS are in the printed service book. At the end of the service, Alison will play Postlude on "Helmsley" by James Vivien.

Don't miss the Advent Processional service this evening at 6.30 pm. It's a wonderful, atmospheric start to Advent and, unfortunately, it won't be possible to Zoom this service, so you have to be here!

BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 19
Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: East Mount, Highfield Road, Paddock Hill, Spital Street, Westgate & Meadow Drive.

Christingle Service
Next Sunday afternoon.
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. Giving envelopes can be brought in on the day.



SHOE BOX APPEAL: a big thank you to everyone who has packed a shoe box and brought it in ready for the journey to Ukraine, Moldova or Africa.

READINGS & DUTIES
Sunday 10th Dec at 9.30 am

Readings	Isaiah 40. 1-11 2 Peter 3. 8-15a Mark 1. 1-8
Duty Leader	Sam Free
Assistant	Sue Wright
Sidesperson	Elaine Matthews
Readers	Sam Free Connie Clark
Intercessions	Tracey Young
Chalice	Sue Wright
Coffee	Joyce Birch Sue Thackray
Flowers	No flowers in Advent

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.

TODAY
Meet at Costa for Tea, Coffee, Cake & Chat at 3pm. Come along and see who is there.
No Costa get-together in January.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
COFFEE MORNING:

in our church next Saturday morning with a 10 o'clock start.
Craft stall and cakes.

First Sunday of Advent

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself, we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people. Isaiah 64. 1-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. I Corinthians 1. 3-9

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord. "During the days after this trouble comes, 'The sun will grow dark. And the moon will not give its light. The stars will fall from the sky. And everything in the sky will be changed.' Isaiah 13:10; 34:4 "Then people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. The Son of Man will send his angels all around the earth. They will gather his chosen people from every part of the earth. "The fig tree teaches us a lesson: When its branches become green and soft, and new leaves begin to grow, then you know that summer is near. So also when you see all these things happening, then you will know that the time is near, ready to come. I tell you the truth. All these things will happen while the people of this time are still living. The whole world, earth and sky, will be destroyed, but the words I have said will never be destroyed. "No one knows when that day or time will be. The Son and the angels in heaven don't know. Only the Father knows. Be careful! Always be ready! You don't know when that time will be. It is like a man who goes on a trip. He leaves his house and lets his servants take care of it. He gives each servant a special job to do. One servant has the work of guarding the door. The man tells this servant always to be watchful. This is what I am now telling you. You must always be ready. You don't know when the owner