

After the service on **Sunday 28th January** the PCC wish to consult the congregation on the future direction of St Michael's. This has nothing to do with the proposed building repairs/re-ordering but is to do with our vision of how we see St Michael's developing as a church community over the next few years. The PCC's aim is to develop a strong mission statement which reflects our Christian faith. The PCC want to hear your views on the following questions:-

1. We are
2. We want to
3. What is most important to us?
4. We want you to help us to

Please consider these questions and come to the consultation on the 28th prepared to share your thoughts and views. There will be coffee and cake after the service and Andrew Watson has kindly volunteered to lead the discussion.

Sunday Reflection: Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on vimeo.com/dioceseofyork. This Sunday, The Rt Revd Paul Ferguson, Bishop of Whitby, reflects on our Gospel reading.

BOOKS: could you help us out by storing a couple of boxes of books until the next sales opportunity? The old choir vestry is cluttered up with the boxes and we need to make space. Speak to Sue Wright, if you can help. Thank you.

Alpha course started Wed 10th January. Please keep everyone involved in your prayers.

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The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts on Thursday 18th January and runs until the 25th. The theme this year is "You shall love the Lord your God.. and your neighbour as yourself. (Luke 10. 27)

Update on Christmas activities
At Tuesday's PCC meeting, Tracey & Sue reported that a phenomenal 230 people attended the Crib Service on Christmas Eve afternoon. More personnel will be needed to act as stewards in the future. The last Rise & Shine service before Christmas had been similarly inundated & the Christingle service also was very well supported. Congratulations to the team for providing these services and for generating so much interest and support.

Items for Weekly Sheet to:
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**14th
January
2024**

**Second
Sunday of
Epiphany**



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 the Parish Communion service; please stay for this and, if you are new to St Michael's, make yourself known to us.

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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.

Prayer after Communion

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

A big thank you to Janet for organizing last Sunday afternoon's Iona-style service for Epiphany & to Connie, Tracey and Trish for doing the readings. **And another big thank you to Simon** for leading our service this morning.

During Communion, the choir will sing "Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing" & Hymn 85.



At the end of the service, Alison will play Chorale Prelude on "How lovely shines the morning star" by J. S. Bach.

HYMNS: 84, *, 52, 87

BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 23

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Acre Way, Green Dykes, Lascelles Lane, Pear Tree Walk, St Michael Street and Wheatlands.

A new Parish Pass for free entry into York Minster



in 2024 has been sent out. If you want to visit the Minster any time, ask Helen Shaw for the 2024 digital pass. www.yorkminster.org

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.

NB: Next Sunday Parish Communion starts at 10.45 am, with coffee beforehand. Rise & Shine at 9.30 am.

READINGS & DUTIES

Sunday 21st January at 10.45 am

Readings Genesis 14. 17-20
Revelation 19. 6-10
John 2. 1-11

Duty Leader Mike Rhodes
Assistant Tracey Young
Sidesperson Mark Davey
Readers Tracey Young
Mike Rhodes

Intercessions Connie Clark
Chalice Mike Rhodes
Coffee Marg Rhodes
Tracey Young
Flowers Janet Rogers

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.

Funeral of Romey Willis in church on Friday 19th January at 11.30 am. The funeral service will be available to watch on Zoom and using the same link as for the regular Sunday morning service.

Romey has requested that attendees wear a bright colour and not black.

The next lunch after Wed morning Holy Communion is on 7th February.

Readings for Second Sunday of Epiphany

Today's **Old Testament reading** is rather long and takes up too much space to be reproduced this week.

A reading from the book of Revelation

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.' Revelation 5. 1-10

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to John

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.' John 1. 43-51

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Services at St Mary's Priory

Today: Choral Mattins at 11.15 am & Evensong at 6.30 pm.

Wed: Holy Communion at 9.00 am

Thursday: Morning Prayer at 10.00 am

Next Sunday: Choral Mattins at 11.15 am.

Another thank you to Connie for running Tuesday Tea in the week. 19 people attended and enjoyed the refreshments and good company.