a righteous and holy man and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Mark 6. 14-29

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The **Collection Plate** is no longer passed around during the service and, if you are not signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme, you may put your offering in the plate at the back of church as you enter or in the second plate as you leave.

**Date for your diary:** Saturday 7th Sept at 10am in York Minster: a Back to School service. Take your school bag in for a blessing.

#### Services at St Mary's Priory

Today: Choral Mattins at 11.15 & Evening Prayer with hymns at 6.30 pm

Wed: NO Holy Communion at 9.00 am

Thurs: Morning Prayer at 10.00 am

Next Sunday: Choral Mattins at 11.15

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

**During the Vacancy,** either leave a message on the church office 'phone (01653 692089) or contact Mike Rhodes (01653 531339 between 9am and 5pm) or speak to Heather Williams. All contact details in the church address book.

The Children's Society: huge thanks to everyone who has contributed to the charity through their home collection boxes. Trish has now counted all the money and it amounts to an amazing £566.91, which is £100 more than last year.

Thank you also to Trish, who has once again performed this enormously worthwhile task, on behalf of the charity.

**Sunday Reflection:** every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on: vimeo.com/dioceseofyork

This Sunday, The Ven Sam Rushton, Archdeacon of York, reflects on our Gospel reading.

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



## 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.

### l 4th July 2024

#### 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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

# Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

A big thank you to Revd Veronica for coming to lead our service today. Another big thank you to Janet and her team for last Sunday afternoon's Iona-style service. I5 people attended and appreciated the quiet worship and beautiful music. Also the tea & cake afterwards.

During Communion, the choir will sing "Rejoice, the Lord is King" by Malcom Archer and Hymn 574. At the end of the service, Alison will play Prelude & Fuge on "Now thank we all our God" by Percy Fletcher.

**HYMNS: 558, 496, 466 & 574** 

#### **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.

And Another Thank you: to Connie and her team for running Tuesday Tea during the week. Nine people enjoyed the refreshments and it was good to talk to foreign visitors as they came into church. They were appreciative of the warm welcome they received.

Worryingly, for those hoping for a summer, we remember **St Swithun** on **Monday 15th July.** According to tradition, if it rains on Saint Swithun's bridge (in Winchester) on his feast day, it will rain for forty days. He was Bishop of Winchester from 852-863 AD and placed in a tomb in the new basilica in 971AD. According to contemporary writers, numerous miracles preceded and followed the move.

# READINGS & DUTIES Sunday 21st July at 10.45 am

Readings | Jeremiah 23. 1-6

Ephesians 2. 1-22 Mark 6. 30-34:

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Duty Leader Sam Free

Assistant Andrew Nicholson

Sidesperson Rosie Miller Readers Tracey Young

Mike Rhodes

Intercessions Doreen Brown

Chalice Tracey Young
Coffee Clare Firth

Marg Rhodes

Flowers Sandra Walker

#### **SERVICES**

**Parish Communion** on Sundays at 9.30 am in church, except third Sunday of the month, when Parish Communion 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.

**NB:** Holy Communion this coming Wednesday has been cancelled as Doreen is unwell. We send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Apologies: no Zoom on Sunday 28th July

Items for Weekly Sheet to: helen.shaw59@btinternet.com

# Readings for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity A reading from the book of the Prophet Amos

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel." Amos 7, 7-15

#### A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through lesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace 8that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 2. 11-22

#### Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to Mark

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason, these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was