

The Collection Plate will be passed around during the Offertory Hymn. If you don't have any cash on you, there is an electronic giving terminal at the back of church.

Malton Market Place will be hosting a **Christmas Festival** over next Saturday and Sunday, so you won't be able to park near to church.

We would like to offer mince pies at next Saturday's **Coffee Stop**, so please can you donate some, either shop-bought or home-made, for this event. Every pie will be much appreciated. All proceeds will go to church funds. Many thanks, Heather.

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 event raises funds for The Children's Society and giving envelopes can be brought in on the day.

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

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 Chanticleer Singers will perform a candlelit Christmas concert at **St Mary's Priory** on Friday 13th December at 7.30 pm. Drinks & mince pies from 7 pm.

Also on Saturday 14th December at 3pm in the **Wesley Centre**, where they will perform Christmas carols with Ryedale School Cantaria. Tickets £12 online or from Hoppers & children/students go free.

Pop-up Shop Update: the free shop for children and families run last week in town by OMG had an astonishing 1,159 people through the door. Congratulations to everyone involved and it just goes to show what vital and valuable assistance it provides for the young families of Malton.

Sunday Reflection: every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on: vimeo.com/dioceseofyork This Sunday, The Ven Andy Broom, Archdeacon of the East Riding, reflects on our Gospel reading.

Next Tuesday Tea on 10th December at 2.15 pm.

Items for Weekly Sheet to:
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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.*

**1st
December
2024**

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. **Amen**

Prayer after Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

A big thank you to the All-Age team for putting together our service today.

All the songs & hymns are in the printed service book.



At the end of the service, Alison will play Postlude on "Helmsley" James Vivian.

BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 16

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Damson Court, Great Sike Road, Orchard Gardens, Sheepfoot Hill, Sycamore Avenue & Blackthorn Ave.

There will be a festive lunch after this Wednesday morning's Communion service. Do join us, if you can. Adrian

Another big thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the refreshments served at last Saturday's St Clement's Festival. Your efforts raised a superlative £270 for church funds.

And another big thank you to the ladies of Malton & District Flower Club for their imaginative and inventive flower displays all around our church. They spent a lot of time and effort in producing their art and making St Michael's church look so lovely.

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

READINGS & DUTIES

Sunday 8th Dec at 9.30 am

Readings	Malachi 3. 1-4 Philippians 1. 3-11 Luke 3. 1-6
Duty Leader	Sam Free
Assistant	Sue Wright
Sidesperson	Christine Roberts-Holland
Readers	Helen Shaw Alan Young
Intercessions	Connie Clark
Chalice	Helen Shaw
Coffee	Sue Thackray Cathy Harrison
Flowers	No flowers in Advent

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 most Wednesdays at 10.30 am in church.

Tuesday 3rd December: Service of Thanksgiving for Nora Woodall at 11 am.

Advent Processional Candle-light Carol service today at 6.30 pm in church and led by Archdeacon Sam. Don't miss this wonderfully atmospheric service marking the start of Advent.

This service will not be available to watch on Zoom, so you have to be here!

Readings for the first Sunday of Advent

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.' Jeremiah 33. 14-16

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

We have so much joy before our God because of you, and we thank him for you. But we cannot thank him enough for all the joy we feel. And we continue praying with all our heart for you night and day. We pray that we can see you again and give you all the things you need to make your faith strong. We pray that our God and Father and our Lord Jesus will prepare the way for us to come to you. We pray that the Lord will make your love grow more and more for each other and for all people. We pray that you will love others as we love you and that your hearts will be made strong. Then you will be holy and without fault before our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy people. I Thessalonians 3. 9-13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.' Luke 21. 25-36