

**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.

**Vicarage update:** the Diocese are exploring installing property guardians to occupy the house over winter. A representative of Ad-Hoc Property visited Friday before last to assess the situation. So, don't be alarmed if, in due course, you see signs of occupation.

**Sunday Reflection:** every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on: [vimeo.com/dioceseforyork](https://vimeo.com/dioceseforyork) This Sunday, The Revd, Dr Jenny Wright, Chaplain to the Archbishop of York, reflects on our Gospel reading.

**Tuesday Tea** this coming week and we invite you to join us for a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake, from 2.15 to 4pm. Time for a relaxing catch-up with friends.

**Malton Flower Club** are hoping to hold a 'Back to Basics' demonstration on 21st January & invite interested people from St Michael's. Save the date & more info in the New Year.

**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** next Friday at 7.30 pm. Drinks & mince pies from 7. 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.

**Christmas card pin board:** provided once again for you to write one Christmas card to all your friends at St Michael's and pin it up on the board. You may like to make a contribution to the chosen Christmas charity (Ryedale Community Food Bank) in recognition of the money saved on multiple cards. Please pass your envelope, marked 'Foodbank', to Treasurer Rob, or put it in the wall safe.

**Postage stamps:** don't forget to save the stamps from the cards that fall onto your mat at home. Collection box at the back of church for them for fundraising by Oxfam.

**Dodie Dunstan** has been in hospital this week and we send her our prayers and best wishes.

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

Items for Weekly Sheet to:  
[helen.shaw59@btinternet.com](mailto:helen.shaw59@btinternet.com)



**8th  
December  
2024**

**Second  
Sunday of  
Advent**



## 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

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

### Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

During Communion, the choir will sing the Anthem “Wake, O Wake, for night flying” by J. S. Bach & Hymn 36. At the end of the service, Alison will play Chorale Prelude on “Saviour of the Nations Come” by J.S. Bach.  
**HYMNS: 32, 607, \*, \***

**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 & Showground Road

**Christingle Service this afternoon.**



A 'Sticky Christingle' event for children & families begins at 2pm, with glue, craft, sweets & lots of fun. The 'Christingle Service' begins at 3.30pm. The event raises funds for The Children's Society and giving envelopes have been left in the pews.

**THANK YOU:** Margaret Clark, who would like to thank you all for love, care & prayers you have given to her and Peter, particularly during the last year. Peter very sadly died on Monday. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in St Michael's at 12 noon on Wednesday 18 Dec. All very welcome. RIP Peter

**READINGS & DUTIES**

**Sunday 15th Dec at 10.45 am**

Readings Zephaniah 3. 144-20  
Philippians 4. 4-7  
Luke 3. 7-18

Duty Leader Trish Atkinson  
Assistant Rosie Miller  
Sidesperson Mark Davey  
Readers Rosie Miller  
Mark Davey

Intercessions Sarah Barry  
Chalice Connie Clark  
Coffee Clare Firth  
Marg Rhodes  
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 10th December:** PCC meeting in church at 7.15 pm.

**Another big thank you** to Alison, our Director of Music, for last Sunday evening's Advent Processional service—from darkness into light. Also to the augmented choir for their tremendous contribution. It was a beautiful and uplifting start to the season of Advent. More than 70 people attended and joined in the hymn singing with great gusto!

**Readings for the second Sunday of Advent**

**A reading from the book of the Prophet Malachi**

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Malachi 3. 1-4

**A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians**

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, I I having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. Phil 1. 3-11

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea and Herod was ruler of Galilee and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" Luke 3. 1-6