

without food and praying day and night. She was standing there at that time, thanking God. She talked about Jesus to all who were waiting for God to free Jerusalem. Joseph and Mary finished doing everything that the law of the Lord commanded. Then they went home to Nazareth, their own town in Galilee. The little child began to grow up. He became stronger and wiser, and God's blessings were with him. Luke 2. 22-40

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**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.

**Prayer Partners** is being offered during Lent and forms will be available in church each Sunday from 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.



If you would like to take part, please take a form, fill in your details as requested, place it in one of the plain, un-marked envelopes provided, and put it in the box at the back of church. On or before 2<sup>nd</sup> March, please take an envelope from the box and then pray for the person whose name is on the form throughout Lent. If you pick out your own form please let me know and I will swap it for you. You may like to bring a small gift for the person you have been praying for to a service at Easter or soon afterwards. Trish Atkinson

**Sunday Reflection:** every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on: [vimeo.com/dioceseforyork](http://vimeo.com/dioceseforyork)  
This Sunday, The Rt Revd, Dr Eleanor Sanderson, Bishop of Hull, reflects on our Gospel reading.

**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.

Sue Wright requests that you donate a Cadbury Crème Egg, and not so she can eat them! She has already begun knitting her cute cosies, which she then sells for church funds over Easter. The cost of buying in the eggs has gone up and we can make more money if members of the congregation would be kind enough to donate chocolate eggs.



**Security Alert:** for those who access the vestry (old or new) from time to time during the week. Please, please remember to lock the door after you have finished. There have been a couple of instances lately where the old vestry has been unlocked, with the keys left in the lock, and no-one to be seen. Thank you from your Church Wardens.

**Date for your diary:** the date for the annual meeting (**APCM**) is Sunday 18th May.

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.



## 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.*

**2nd  
February  
2025**

**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

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God. **Amen.**

**All-Age  
service  
for  
Candlemas  
(Presentation  
of Christ in  
the Temple)**



### Closing Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope  
of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we,  
who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.

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

**A big thank you** to the All-Age team for putting together our service today. **Another big thank you** to Ceri for leading Lego church last Sunday morning.

Hymns & songs can be found in the printed service book. At the end of the service, Alison will play Chorale Prelude on “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star” by J. S. Bach.



**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.

It’s that time of year again! A Bible study meeting to discuss the theme of this year’s **World Day of Prayer** service is being held **this Tuesday** at Bethel Methodist church, Norton at 10.30am. All welcome.

Day of Prayer this year is on Friday 7th March and the material based around a theme of “I made you wonderful” is being written by women of the Cook Islands.

**COFFEE STOP** date for March is Saturday 8th and weekly Coffee Stops resume on Saturday 5th April. If anyone would like to help out serving coffee, please speak to Heather.

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

**READINGS & DUTIES**  
**Sunday 9th February at 9.30 am**

Readings	Isaiah 6. 1-13 I Corinth 15. 1-11 Luke 5. 1-11
Duty Leader	Sam Free
Assistant	Rosie Miller
Sidesperson	Christine Roberts- Holland
Readers	Helen Shaw Sue Thackray
Intercessions	Ceri Smith
Chalice	Sue Wright
Coffee	Alison Forster Sue Wright
Flowers	Rosie Miller

**Iona-style service**  
**today at 4pm.**

Tea & cake afterwards.  
All welcome.



**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.

The new Bishop of Selby, The Rt Revd, Dr Flora Winfield, will be presiding at our Palm Sunday service, when we will also welcome our Methodist friends.

**Readings for Candlemas**

**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. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts. Malachi 3. 1-5

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. Hebrews 2. 14-18

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

The time came for Mary and Joseph to do what the law of Moses taught about being made pure. They took Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. It is written in the law of the Lord: “Give every firstborn male to the Lord.” Mary and Joseph also went to offer a sacrifice, as the law of the Lord says: “You must sacrifice two doves or two young pigeons.” A man named Simeon lived in Jerusalem. He was a good man and very religious. He was waiting for the time when God would help Israel. The Holy Spirit was in him. The Holy Spirit told Simeon that he would not die before he saw the Christ promised by the Lord. The Spirit led Simeon to the Temple. Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Temple to do what the law said they must do. Then Simeon took the baby in his arms and thanked God: “Now, Lord, you can let me, your servant, die in peace as you said. I have seen your Salvation with my own eyes. You prepared him before all people. Jesus’ father and mother were amazed at what Simeon had said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, “Many in Israel will fall and many will rise because of this child. He will be a sign from God that many people will not accept. The things they think in secret will be made known. And the things that will happen will make your heart sad, too.” Anna, a prophetess, was there at the Temple. She was from the family of Phanuel in the tribe of Asher. Anna was very old. She had once been married for seven years. Then her husband died and she lived alone. She was now 84 years old. Anna never left the Temple. She worshiped God by going