

him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. Luke 4. 1-13

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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.

Sue advises that **Howard Fox** passed away on 3rd March. Howard worshipped at St Michael's for many years and latterly lived at The Hall in Thornton-le-dale. RIP Howard

**Revd Glyn** will be installed as Rector of Brayton benefice at St. Wilfrid's church, Brayton, Selby on Monday 31st March 2025, at 7.30pm. All welcome but, if you intend to go, please let Helen Shaw know. We have been asked to advise on the number of people likely to attend.

**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 Ven Dr Amanda Bloor, Archdeacon of Cleveland, reflects on our Gospel reading.

If anyone would appreciate a home visit and/or home Communion, then please contact Connie Clark. Details in the parish address book.

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

### **Malton & Norton Castlegate & Green Spaces Project.**

How can our local green spaces be enhanced? For a chance to air your views at a public consultation, call into Malton Town Council offices on March 12th between 12 noon and 4:30pm.

**Today, Sunday 9 March**, is a Day of Reflection across the UK for the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are obliged to produce a completely new **Electoral Roll** this year. An email about this was sent out to everyone on the Weekly Sheet mailing list last week. If you are not on this mailing list, but can fill out the form electronically, please ask Helen Shaw for the email. Otherwise, Electoral Roll forms will be available during services and at the back of church for the next 8 weeks. Please return to a Sidesperson or Church Warden to ensure your name is on the Electoral Roll.

**During the Vacancy**, either leave a message on the church office 'phone (01653 692089) or contact Mike Rhodes or Heather Williams. Phone numbers in the Parish Address Book.



## 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.*

**9th  
March  
2025**

### **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, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**First  
Sunday  
of  
Lent**

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

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

During Communion, the choir will sing Lent Prose plainsong & the Hymn "Safe in the shadow of the Lord". At the end of the service, Alison will play Toccata "Aberystwyth" by David Bednall.  
**HYMNS: 95, 385, \*, 455**

### **BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 2**

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Ashfield Avenue, Carpenter's Yard, Hawkswell Lane, Old Malton Road, Princess Terrace and Victoria Road.

**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.

**Another big thank you** to Janet and her team for last Sunday's Iona-style service. 22 people attended this time and appreciated the theme of Blessings, along with the tea and cake afterwards.

**And another big thank you** to Tracey and her team of helpers for a very successful and enjoyable Pancake Party last Tuesday evening. Also, thanks to everyone who made pancakes for the occasion.

### **READINGS & DUTIES**

#### **Sunday 16th March at 10.45 am**

Readings	Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18 Philippians 3. 17-4.1 Luke 13. 31-35
Duty Leader	Mike Rhodes
Assistant	Andrew Nicholson
Sidesperson	Mark Davey
Readers	Helen Shaw Mike Rhodes
Intercessions	Heather Williams
Chalice	Mike Rhodes
Coffee	Clare Firth Marg Rhodes

### **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.

**An exception to the rule above:** Rise & Shine is being moved this month and will run on the last Sunday (30th) at 9.30 am. Because this is a fifth Sunday, there will be a Joint Benefice service and this time it is the turn of St Mary's to host it again. So, no Parish Communion service at St Michael's on Sunday 30th March but Rise & Shine will take place at 9.30 am.

Even though Rise & Shine isn't happening next Sunday, we are sticking with a start time of 10.45 am for Parish Communion on this third Sunday of the month.

## **Readings for the first Sunday of Lent**

### **A reading from the book of Deuteronomy**

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Deuteronomy 26. 1-11

### **A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans**

What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Romans 10. 8b-13

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to