

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.

Easter flowers: donations towards the cost of providing our Easter decorations will be much appreciated. A collection pot will be available on the coffee table after services or you can hand a donation to any of the flower organizers.

The PCC is responsible for the overall wellbeing, practical as well as spiritual, of their church, the church members, and the church buildings. Would you like to get involved and help with this important work? The PCC meets seven times a year on the second Tuesday of the month in alternate months at 7.15 pm and the December meeting is a social event. Feel free to talk to the Wardens if this is of interest. Nomination forms would have to be submitted before the APCM on Sunday 18th May.

Thank you to St Mary's for their welcome and hospitality at the joint Benefice Service last Sunday. Archdeacon Sam was presented with a card and a basket of spring flowering plants to thank her for the enormous amount of help that she has given the Benefice during the vacancy. **Thanks also** to the OMG team with the cargo bike for providing coffee.

If anyone would appreciate a home visit and/or home Communion, then please contact Connie Clark. Details in Parish Address Book.

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

Date for your diary: Deanery Choral Evensong with the choir Gaudeamus in the chapel at Castle Howard on Sunday 14th September at 4.00pm, with doors opening at 3.45pm from the side entrance. If you wish to attend, please email Rachel Henley at Castle Howard before 24th Aug.
Email: rhenley@castlehoward.co.uk

Weekly Saturday morning **Coffee Stops** resumed yesterday and so yet **another big thank** you is due to everyone who has committed to a slot on the rota. Coffee Stops have been missed and you provide a valued service to the community.

We are obliged to produce a completely new **Electoral Roll** this year. Electoral Roll forms are at the back of church after services. Please return to a Sidesperson or Church Warden to ensure your name is on the Electoral Roll.

Another big thank you to Andrew S, who resumed church grass cutting duties this week.

Good Friday Gathering in the Market Place (18th April). Would you like to represent St Michael's and do one of the readings? Register your interest with either one of the Church Wardens. Rise & Shine at 9.30 am on Good Friday.

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.



**6th
April
2025**

**All-Age
service
with
Baptism**

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 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

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give your faithful people new life
in the water of baptism.

Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you
in faith and love, and grow into the full stature
of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

A big thank you to Revd John Lee for coming to lead our service of baptism today.

All our hymns today are in the printed Order of Service. At the end of the service, Alison will play Postlude by C. H. Rinck.



BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 5
Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Borough Mere Lane, Castlegate, Lowfield Road, Pickering Road, Riccal Drive & Wentworth Mews.

BAPTISM SERVICE

Winnie Maeve Edson will be baptised during our service today
Baptism Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: led by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father.

We welcome you

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.

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

READINGS & DUTIES

Sunday 13th April at 9.30 am
Palm Sunday with Bishop Flora & our Methodist friends

Readings Isaiah 50. 4-9a
Luke 19. 28-40

Duty Leader Mike Rhodes
Assistant Sue Wright
Sidesperson Christine Roberts-Holland

Reader Methodist member
Intercessions Mike Rhodes
Chalice Sue Wright
Coffee Cathy Harrison
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.

NB: WED 9th APRIL - because we expect to be interviewing candidates for becoming our vicar, there will be NO Holy Communion service this Wednesday morning.

The Way of the Cross:
at 6.30 pm this evening.

A service with music, hymns and readings to mark Passiontide. You are warmly invited to attend this very special service. NO Iona-style service this afternoon.



Readings for the fifth Sunday of Lent

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD who makes a way in the sea a path in the mighty waters who brings out chariot and horse army and warrior; they lie down they cannot rise they are extinguished quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness rivers in the desert to give drink to my chosen people the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise. Isaiah 43. 16-21

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh I have more: circumcised on the eighth day a member of the people of Israel of the tribe of Benjamin a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law a Pharisee; as to zeal a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law blameless. Yet whatever gains I had these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and I regard them as rubbish in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3. 4b-14

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to John

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany the home of Lazarus whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him) said 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you but you do not always have me.' John 12. 1-8