

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.

A New Home for Parents Space
OMG's *Parents Chat, Chill & Play Space* has a new home at School House on Highfield Road. Join us for a special opening celebration on Tuesday 20th May, 8:30–10am, with Bishop Flora and the headteacher. You are warmly invited to come and see the space!

Could You Lend a Hand?
We're looking to grow the team, so we can keep offering this safe and friendly space for parents and their little ones. Could you help once a fortnight or monthly on Thursday mornings (9–11am, term time)? Or perhaps you'd be happy to bake a cake now and then – or simply pray for the families who come along. Every bit of help makes a difference as we build relationships and share God's love with our community. To find out more or get involved, speak to Hendrik or Mavis, or Email on: hendrik@omg-malton.org.uk/ Tel: 07563 161914.

The PCC is responsible for the overall wellbeing, practical as well as spiritual, of the church, the church members, and the church buildings. Would you like to get involved and help with this important work? Please contact Heather for details. Nomination forms are at the back of church.

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.

Deanery Songs of Praise at St Michael's next Sunday 11th May at 4pm. Everyone is welcome and tea and coffee will be served afterwards. **Thank you** to those who volunteered to act as sides-person and serve the tea and coffee. Of course, it's not just the serving, it's the washing up and putting away afterwards as well, so it's a big thank you.

Sunday Reflection: every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on: vimeo.com/dioceseforyork
This Sunday, The Revd, Dr Ian McIntosh, Director of Mission & Ministry, reflects on John 21. 1-19.

Thursday 8th May: in the church calendar we remember **Julian of Norwich** on this day. She was born around 1343 and died some time after 1416. She lived most of her life in seclusion as an anchoress and was noted for giving spiritual guidance. Her writings, now known as *Revelations of Divine Love*, are the earliest surviving English-language works attributed to a woman.

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

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



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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.

**4th May
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

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness
and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Grace

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. **Amen**

**All-Age
service
for
Third
Sunday
of Easter**

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

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

All of today's hymns & songs are in the printed service booklet.



BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 9

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Chapel Lane, Copperfield Close, Middlecave Drive, Rabbit Lane, Russett Road and Wheelgate.

Next Tuesday Tea on 13th May at 2.15 pm.

On Saturday 17th May at 4.30 pm we have a visit by members of the Darlington & District Organists & Choirmasters' Association. They will be playing our organ at the end of a day of visits to play church organs across Ryedale. Listeners are welcome.

Another big thank you to Gareth for stepping in to lead Lego church last Sunday. As ever, the children displayed incredible imagination.

Ryedale Community Food Bank is short of the following foodstuffs: cereals, UHT milk, jam, bottles of squash, tinned custard, tinned potatoes, packets of rice, jars of pasta sauce, jars of curry sauce, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables and tinned tomatoes.

Christian Aid Week starts next Sunday. Please support, if you can.



READINGS & DUTIES

Sunday 11th May at 9.30 am

Readings Genesis 7. 1-5, 11-18,
8. 6-18, 9. 8-13
Acts 9. 36-43
John 10. 22-30

Duty Leader Sam Free
Assistant Andrew Nicholson
Sidesperson Elaine Matthews
Readers Sarah Barry
Mark Davey
Intercessions Ceri Smith
Chalice Sue Wright
Coffee Sue Wright
Mark Davey
Flowers Anne Bell

Zoom not available this Sunday.

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.

Iona-style service

TODAY at 4pm.

Tea & cake afterwards.

All welcome.



Our service on Sunday 18th May, at 10.45 am, will incorporate the APCM.

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

Readings for the third Sunday of Easter

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah

Sing aloud O daughter Zion; shout O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel the LORD is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressor sat that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your eyes says the LORD. Zephaniah 3. 14-20

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Saul still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked 'Who are you Lord?' The reply came 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground and though his eyes were open he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision 'Ananias.' He answered 'Here I am Lord.' The Lord said to him 'Get up and go to the street called Straight and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered 'Lord I have heard from many about this man how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said 'Brother Saul the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on your way here has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized and after taking some food he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues saying 'He is the Son of God.' Acts 9. 1-20

Our Gospel reading is reproduced in the service booklet