finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So, therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.' Luke 14. 25-33

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**The Collection Plate** will be passed around during the Offertory Hymn. If you notice that people aren't putting money in the plate, this is because they have signed up to the **Parish Giving Scheme**, and anyone can set up regular giving directly from their bank account by going to the website:

https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/ Just follow the instructions.

The added advantage of this system is that it calculates the Gift Aid for us (if applicable) and returns the money to our account each month. If you need any help please contact the Treasurer, Rob Hall. If you don't have any cash on you, there is an electronic giving terminal at the back of church.

You will recall that about two months ago we had a talk in church by Rob Hall, our Treasurer, and Phil McBride from the Diocese, about **money**. Just as a reminder, the parish has about a £900 shortfall each month, and Rob asked if the parishioners would review their giving, to help offset this monthly deficit.

The easiest way to help is to give using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), which enables the parish to claim the tax back automatically. You can access it on the web site: <a href="https://www.parishgiving.org.uk">www.parishgiving.org.uk</a>.

Alternatively, you can talk to Rob privately, and he will sort it out for you.

The Sunday morning Duty Rota for November 25 to February 26 is soon to be prepared. If you would like to join the rota team please contact Marg Rhodes as soon as possible, but no later than 22nd September. You can email her on: marg.rhodes@btinternet.com. We need more Assistant Duty Leaders, Sidespeople, Intercessors (to lead prayers) and Coffee/Tea Assistants. Please don't hesitate to contact Marg if you feel you would like to contribute to this very important part of our worship at St Michael's.

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

Sunday Reflection: every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on: vimeo.com/dioceseofyork
This Sunday, The Revd Canon Liz Hassall, Acting Archdeacon of York, reflects on our Gospel reading.

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

**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.

# 7th September 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

# **Collect**

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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** 

# Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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 and songs are in the printed service book.



#### **BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 25**

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Back Lane, Greengate Flats, Maple Avenue, Pippin Road, The Maltings and Fox Covet Place.

**Next Tuesday Tea** on 9th September at 2.15 pm.

Member of our congregation, Cathy Harrison and a friend of hers, are hosting a **MacMillan Coffee Morning** at Terrington Village Hall on Saturday 27th September. Start time 10.30 am until 12 noon. They are doing it as a thank you for all the support they have received to date on their cancer journey.

Not counting Revd Canon Simon, who was the celebrant, 16 people and four children attended this Wednesday morning's service of Holy Communion.

**St Michael's Christmas Fayre** will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November and, because the Milton Rooms were already booked up, the Fayre will be held in church this time. We shall need all hands on deck to set up and set straight again and make the Fayre a success. The usual stalls will be run, eg, art and craft items, books, cakes, raffle and tombola and any new ideas will be warmly welcomed by Sue.

# READINGS & DUTIES Sunday 14th Sept at 9.30 am Holy Cross Day

Readings Numbers 21. 4-9

Philippians 2. 6-11

John 3. 13-17

Duty Leader Sam Free

Assistant Andrew Nicholson

Sidesperson Joyce Birch

Readers Heather Williams

Mark Davey

Intercessions Ceri Smith
Chalice Sue Wright
Coffee Alison Forster

Tracey Young

Flowers Sam Free

#### **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 & on the theme of

Celebrating the Wonder of Creation. Tea & cake

after and all are welcome.



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

# Readings for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

### A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah the prophet sent a letter to the people taken as captives to Babylon. He sent it to the elders who were among the captives, the priests and the prophets. And he sent it to all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had taken from Jerusalem to Babylon. "I say this because I know what I have planned for you," says the Lord. "I have good plans for you. I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future. Then you will call my name. You will come to me and pray to me. And I will listen to you. You will search for me. And when you search for me with all your heart, you will find me!

Jeremiah 29. I, II-I3

# A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord lesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So, if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. Philemon 1-21

# Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to Luke

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to