

**Money:** just as a reminder, our parish has a shortfall of about £700 each month, and Treasurer Rob asked if 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), because it calculates the Gift Aid for us (if applicable) and returns the money to our account each month. You can access it on the web site: [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk). Alternatively, you can talk to Rob privately, and he will sort it out for you.

**A huge thank you** to Sue Wright for once again masterminding the church Christmas Fayre and to everyone who got involved in any way, whether that be donating goods to sell, moving furniture, standing behind a stall, serving refreshments on the day, counting the money, etc, etc. It was a great team effort.

**Servery:** can anyone spare the time next year to take over supervising the servery? It involves checking & ordering supplies and making sure it's kept clean & serviceable. If you can help, please speak to Marg Rhodes for more information.

**A big thank you** to Marg, who has been taking care of the servery for the last four years.

**And another big thank you** to Adrian and Jez who spent time on Thursday afternoon tidying the garden on the right-hand side of church. Helen dug over the north-side bed.

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

**Ryedale Community Foodbank update:** current shortages up to Christmas after a recent stock take are: tinned tuna, green milk, tinned soup, tinned vegetables, tins of meat in sauce, tinned fruit, microwave sponge puddings, long life fruit juice, rice, pasta, jam, cereals, rice pudding, custard.  
For the Christmas packs: selection boxes, Christmas puddings-big and small, tins or bags of chocolates, large teardrop tins of ham, small tins of ham, Christmas cakes, chocolate oranges, tins of salmon.

**St Clement's Festival next Saturday** with a full programme of choirs & local musicians performing in St Michael's throughout the day.

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

**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.*

**16th  
November  
2025**

**Please  
silence  
your  
mobile  
phone**

**Second  
Sunday  
before  
Advent  
also  
Safeguarding  
Sunday**

### Welcome to our service today

We welcome to Communion all baptized Christians. Coffee will be served before the Parish Communion service begins; please join us for refreshments and, if you are new to St Michael's, make yourself known to us.

### Collect

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God  
and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him  
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Prayer after Communion

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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

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

During Communion, the choir will sing the Anthem 'Be thou my Vision' by Bob Chilcott and Hymn 461. At the end of the service, Alison will play Marche de Procession by Alexandre Guilmant.

**HYMNS: 2, 356, 290 & 29**

#### **BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 6**

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Burke Road, Cattle Market, Maiden Greve, Pickwick Close, Rockingham Close and Wentworth Street.

**And another big thank you:** to Connie & her team for running Tuesday Tea in the week. 11 regulars enjoyed refreshments & chat, as well as three visitors and a dog. One of the visitors was an organist and so gave an impromptu recital!

**Lego church next Sunday**-for children aged 3 years & upwards to explore Bible stories. In the Lady Chapel during Parish Communion.

**Light & Sparkle party** at Advent alongside Navigate next Sunday in church. 4-6pm. Fun with torches, fairy lights, things that glow and games in the dark, as we begin to think about the light that came into the world at Christmas.

#### **READINGS & DUTIES**

**Sunday 23rd Nov at 9.30 am**  
**Christ the King**

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|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Readings      | Jeremiah 23. 1-6<br>Colossians 1. 11-20<br>Luke 23. 33-43 |
| Duty Leader   | Mike Rhodes                                               |
| Assistant     | Sue Wright                                                |
| Sides-person  | Elaine Matthews                                           |
| Readers       | Alan Young<br>Sarah Barry                                 |
| Intercessions | Heather Williams                                          |
| Chalice       | Mike Rhodes                                               |
| Coffee        | Alison Forster<br>Cathy Harrison                          |

#### **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.

**Advent Processional Service** by candle light will take place on Sunday 30th November at 6.30 pm. Join us for readings, anthems and hymns to mark the start of Advent.

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

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

## **Readings for the Second Sunday before Advent**

### **A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi**

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. Malachi 4. 1-2a

### **A reading from the second letter to the Thessalonians**

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. 2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and "The time is near!" Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.' Luke 21. 5-19