

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

Doreen Brown: you may not be aware, but Doreen has had back surgery and is now returned home to recuperate, under the care of her daughter. Doreen sends her thanks for the lovely Get Well card taken round by Connie and says she is looking forward to getting back to church when she is more mobile and comfortable.

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 taken care of the servery for the last 4 years.
Email: marg.rhodes@btinternet.com

If you are booked to go to the Queen's Head meal out next Wednesday, Adrian says please be there 6pm for 6.30. See you there.

Revd Canon Richard Walker will be licensed as our new priest in charge by Bishop Flora in St Michael's on Tuesday 16th December at 7.30 pm.

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

In case you didn't spot the letter on the notice board, **Ryedale Community Foodbank** sent a thank you for our Harvest Festival donations. 89.8 kilos of goods were sent. Trustee Sue says that donations have decreased over the last year, due to the cost of living, and they are having to purchase more items to meet rising demand. Since April 2022, they have aided 10,752 adults and children across the Ryedale area.

Next Iona-style service on Sunday 7th December at 4pm & on the theme of Advent. Tea & cake after and all are welcome.



Sunday Reflection: every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on: vimeo.com/dioceseforyork
This Sunday, The Rt Revd Barry Hill, Bishop of Whitby, reflects on the Feast of Christ the King.

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.

**23rd
November
2025**

**Please
silence
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phone**

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

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended
to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order
to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people; that they,
plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Christ
the
King**



Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

A big thank you to Father Jeffrey for coming to lead our service today.

During Communion, the choir will sing the Anthem 'Let all Mortal Flesh keep Silence' by and Hymn 401. At the end of the service, Alison will play Crown Imperial by William Walton.



HYMNS: 165, 592, 278 & 31

BENEFACTIVE PRAYERS WEEK 7

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Chancery Lane, Cherry Avenue, Market Place, Pitman Road, Roman Garth and West Lodge Gardens.

Another big thank you to everyone who helped out in church yesterday with the St Clement's Festival, especially coming, as it did, so soon after our Christmas Fayre.

Christmas Fayre result: a phenomenal £1, 603.82 was raised last Saturday and huge thanks to Sue and everyone else who helped on the day and everyone who came in and made purchases or made donations of any kind. A big thank you also to Nigel, who very kindly brought extra tables over from the Wesley Centre for us.

Light & Sparkle at Advent with Navigate **today** 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 30th Nov at 10.45 am
Advent Sunday Benefice Service**

Readings	Isaiah 2. 1-5 Romans 13. 11-14 Matthew 24. 36-44
Duty Leader	Sue Wright
Assistant	Andrew Nicholson
Sides-person	Rosie Miller
Readers	Helen Shaw St Mary's
Intercessions	Trish Atkinson
Chalice	Helen Shaw
Coffee	Marg Rhodes Elaine Ramsey
Flowers	No flowers in Advent

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 **next Sunday** at 6.30 pm. Join us for readings, anthems and hymns to mark the start of Advent.

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

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

Readings for Christ the King

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So, I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.' 23. 1-6

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 1. 11-20

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to Luke

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Luke 23. 33-43