

Last Sunday afternoon we were delighted to welcome 17 families to church for our **'Light and Sparkle at Advent' event**. Church twinkled with fairy lights as we played torch games, solved UV light puzzles, found shiny things in the rice tray and made clay holders for our Advent candles. Glow sticks and fluorescent balloons were also much enjoyed! An excellent preparation for welcoming the 'Light of the World' born at Christmas.

The Food Festival on Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th Dec has been cancelled and instead the town is mounting **Malton Christmas Market** on those dates. We intend to run an extended Coffee Stop on the Saturday and would like a few extra helpers (sign-up sheet at the back of church) and donations of either bought or home-made mince pies. Many thanks, Heather

The roads around the Market Place will be closed for the event, so you will not be able to park near to church next Sunday.

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. Email: marg.rhodes@btinternet.com

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

Thanks to everyone who helped at the **St Clement' Festival** last weekend. There was a great community atmosphere in church throughout the whole day. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the music, the refreshments and the beautiful flower arrangements (courtesy of Malton & District Flower Club). The donations for refreshments came to around £300. I'm already looking forward to next year's event! Heather

The St Clement's Steering Committee has sent us a sincere thank you for our involvement in the event and we have been asked to pass on their gratitude to everyone who gave of their time and talents last Saturday.

Iona-style service next
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/dioceseofyork
This Sunday, Archbishop Stephen reflects on our Gospel reading for Advent Sunday.

Christmas Eve Crib Service on Wednesday 24th December at 3.30 pm. Costumes available for every child.

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.



**30th
November
2025**

**Please
silence
your
mobile
phone**

**Advent
Sunday**



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 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


Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son
Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Prayer after Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

A big thank you to Archdeacon Liz for coming to lead our service today & a warm welcome to our friends from St Mary's who join us for this fifth Sunday benefice service.

During Communion, the choir will sing the Anthem  'Zion, at thy shining gates' and Hymn 33. At the end of the service, Alison will play Postlude on "Helmsley" by James Vivian.

HYMNS: 32, 24, *, *

BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 8

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Chandler's Wharf, Chestnut Avenue, Market Street, Quarry Bank, Ropery Walk and Westside Close.

Another big thank you: to Ceri for running Lego church last Sunday, when the children explored the New Testament story of a son for Zechariah and Elizabeth, whom we know as John the Baptist.

Next Sunday's All-Age service

will include a celebration of Christingle. This is a beautiful service for all the church family (young and old) and it will be in aid of the great work carried out by The Children's Society. Even if you don't usually attend the All-Age service, please come and show your support for our young people at this special event.



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

READINGS & DUTIES

Sunday 7th Dec at 9.30 am

All-Age service with Christingle

Readings Isaiah 11. 1-10
Romans 15. 4-13
Matthew 3. 1-12

Duty Leader Sam Free
Assistant Rosie Miller
Sides-person Joyce Birch
Readers All-Age team
Intercessions All-Age team
Coffee Clare Firth
Watson family
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 **this evening** at 6.30 pm. Join us for readings, anthems and hymns to mark the start of Advent.

In the church calendar, we remember **Andrew the Apostle** today, 30th November. Fisherman, brother of Peter and the first Apostle to answer Jesus's call. Andrew travelled widely preaching the Gospel and is the patron saint of Scotland.

Readings for Advent Sunday

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The word that Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Isaiah 2. 1-5

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13. 11-14

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to Matthew

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.' 24. 36-44