

Christmas card pin board: provided once again for you to write one Christmas card to all your friends at St Michael's and pin it up on the board. You may like to make a contribution to the chosen Christmas charity (Save the Children) in recognition of the money saved on multiple cards. Please pass your envelope, marked 'Save the Children', to Treasurer Rob, or put it in the wall safe.

Postage stamps: don't forget to save the stamps from the cards that fall onto your mat at home. Collection box at the back of church for them for fundraising by Oxfam.

Thank you to George Watson, who has volunteered to be part of the Tech Team that delivers our Zoomed Services. He is doing volunteer work as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. We wish him every success in all that he does as he works towards achieving this prestigious award.

Rev'd, Canon Walker's **Licensing & Installation service** on 16th Dec: if you plan to attend, please arrive by 7:15pm, so that we can put out more chairs, if required. We are expecting 60 guests (not counting people from St Michael's or St Mary's). We have volunteers to help on the day, but we'll be asking our talented bakers to produce some cakes for the refreshments afterwards. Please let me know what you can offer. Many thanks, Heather

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.

Ryedale Community Foodbank update: items needed for 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.

Sunday Reflection: every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on: vimeo.com/dioceseforyork
This Sunday, The Very Revd Dominic Barrington, Dean of York, reflects on our Gospel reading.

Carols by Candlelight: on Sunday 21st Dec at 6.30 pm. Our traditional service of carols and readings telling the story of the birth of Jesus in words and music.

Christmas Eve Crib Service on Wednesday 24th December at 3.30 pm. Costumes available for every child who wants to take part.

John Loseby, husband of the late Jennie has passed away and there will be a service in church after a private cremation. It is provisionally booked for Monday 15th December at 11:00 am (TBC). RIP John

Coffee Morning for Save the Children next Saturday (13th). Helen Slee, Supporter-Led Fundraising Manager, will call in on us next Saturday around 10.15 am. It would be lovely to have your support on that day.

Anne Bell

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



7th
December
2025

Second
Sunday
of Advent



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 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

Lord Jesus, your birth at Bethlehem brought light and hope and love for all the world.

Come to us now and stay with us always, so that we can shine with your light, share your hope and continue the work of your love. **Amen.**

A Prayer for after Communion

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

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

All the hymns and songs for the service are to be found 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.

All-Age worship today includes a celebration of Christingle. It will be in aid of the great work carried out by The Children's Society.



Tuesday Tea this coming week and we invite you to join us for a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake, from 2.15 to 4pm. Time for a relaxing catch-up with friends.

Another big thank you to Alison, our Director of Music, for last Sunday evening's Advent Processional service-from darkness into light. Also to the augmented choir for their tremendous contribution, to Ian Little for playing the organ and Canon Bob for presiding. It was a beautiful and uplifting start to Advent.

Thank you also to the Junior Choir and Phillip Sanguine, who joined the regulars at our Joint Benefice service at St Michael's last Sunday morning.

READINGS & DUTIES

Sunday 14th Dec at 9.30 am

Readings Isaiah 35. 1-10
James 5. 7-10
Matthew 11. 2-11

Duty Leader Rob Hall
Assistant Sue Wright
Sides-person Christine Roberts-H
Readers Christine Roberts-H
Rob Hall

Intercessions Sarah Barry
Chalice Mike Rhodes
Coffee Sue Thackray
Joyce Birch

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 Advent. Tea & cake afterwards and all are welcome.



Concert in church: the Chanticleer Singers will be performing a Candlelit Carol Concert on Friday 12th December at 7.30 pm.

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

Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. Isaiah 11. 1-10

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15. 4-13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to Matthew

In those days, John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' 3. 1-12