

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. Matthew 2. 1-12

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**Archdeacon of York:** The Revd Canon Liz Hassall, will be formally collated as our new Archdeacon at a ceremony at York Minster on Saturday 10th January 2026, during Evensong at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend the service.

**Next Tuesday Tea** on 13th January at 2.15 pm. Join us for tea and cake and a relaxing chat.

**News of Roger Willis:** Roger's son, Michael has been in contact with Connie with some good news. Apparently, Roger was gravely ill over Christmas but seems now to have turned a corner and there is even talk of him being discharged from hospital in the near future.

Michael thanks us for our prayers, sends good wishes to our new vicar, as well as remembering the anniversary of Romey's passing on New Year's Eve.

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Usual Rest Day is Friday.

**Sunday Duty Rota:** the next Sunday morning duty Rota will be issued towards the end of January. Our church services could not operate without the participation of members of the congregation and we are always seeking more volunteers for the roles of Assistant (to help Duty Leader), Sidesperson, Intercessor and Coffee assistants. If you feel called to help in any of these roles please contact Marg Rhodes by email: [marg.rhodes@btinternet.com](mailto:marg.rhodes@btinternet.com) before 20th January."

**Ryedale Community Foodbank** thanks us for our support throughout 2025 and wishes us a Happy New Year. They report that they had their busiest December ever, giving out 960 kilos of food on the Friday before Christmas. The shelves at Howe Road are very bare! The main shortages are: tinned meat, meat in sauce, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, tinned fruit, small jars of coffee, biscuits, shampoo, shower gel & toothpaste.

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



John Henslow 2005

**4th  
January  
2026**



## 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

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Blessing

Christ our Lord,  
to whom kings bowed down in worship  
and offered gifts, reveal to you his glory  
and pour upon you the riches of his grace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

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

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

All of today's hymns are in the printed service booklet. At the end of the service, Alison will play Rhapsodie sur des Noels by Eugene Gigout.



### **BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 13**

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Conference Close, Fitzjohn Close, Newbiggin, Ryngwoode Drive, School Lane and Chapel Drive.

The flower team will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Monday morning, starting at 9.30 and the gents will follow on Tuesday morning to remove the hardware and stow it in the Gallery. Thank you in advance for undertaking this work.

**Blankets for Ukraine:** if you are planning a New Year clear out of your cupboards and, if you have some good, clean blankets you no longer use, then please consider donating them for the people of Ukraine to use over winter. Malton and Norton Lions are collecting them and will ship them. Blankets only, please. Further information about the collection point next week.

**Next Sunday 11th January:** we are invited to worship with our Methodist friends at their Annual Covenant service at the Wesley Centre. Start time 10 am. There will be a short, said service of Holy Communion at St Michael's at 4 pm in the afternoon.

**Sunday 18th January:** we are invited to join Churches Together for a Unity Service at Norton College starting at 11 am.

Rise & Shine at 9.30 am and a short, said service of Holy Communion at 4pm in St Michael's church.

### **Iona-style service today**

at 4pm & on the theme of Advent. Tea & cake afterwards and everyone is very welcome.



The service of Holy Communion on Wednesday morning resumes this coming Wednesday at 10.30 am.

**Thursday 8th Jan:** Funeral of Mrs Ruth Houghton at 12 noon.

**Coffee Stop** will operate on 3rd Jan, 7th Feb and 7th March (in aid of church funds). Normal service resumes on April 4th.

## **Readings for Epiphany**

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

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. Isaiah 60. 1-6

### **A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians**

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. Ephesians 3. 1-12

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'