

They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

John 1. 29-42

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**Open Doors Prayer Meeting:** the next Churches Together Open Doors Prayer meeting: (praying for the persecuted church) is TOMORROW at 2pm, at ERCC, 62-64 Castlegate, Malton.

#### Next Iona-style service

Sunday 1st February at 4pm & on the theme of Candlemas. Tea & cake afterwards and everyone is very welcome.



**Another big thank you** to Elaine, who has completed another year as our church bookings officer. We are very grateful to her for her commitment which sometimes means she has to come out late in the evening to lock up after an event and also involves ensuring that everyone hiring our building carries out their own risk assessment. Not an easy task!

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

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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 **before Tuesday**.  
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**Clerestory Repair Update:** our application for a Heritage Grant from the National Lottery was submitted just before Christmas. We are asking for the maximum amount allowed under this particular scheme (£250,000). The application has moved to the assessment stage and we should have a response by the end of February. Meanwhile, the public notice period for the Faculty expired on Saturday 17th and final paperwork can be submitted on Monday. Hopefully, we will soon receive our sealed Faculty giving the Diocese's permission to carry out the structural repair work.

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18th  
January  
2026

Second  
Sunday  
of  
Epiphany

## 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. Our service this afternoon is a short, said service in recognition that there was a Churches Together service of unity at Norton College this morning.

#### Collect

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### Prayer after Communion

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**A big thank you** to Connie and her team for putting on Tuesday Tea during the week. 17 people attended and enjoyed the refreshments, also spending time with our new vicar. The opportunity to stay on for Evening Prayer was much appreciated.

### **BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 15**

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Damson Avenue, Gilling Way, Old Malton-gate, Seven Street, Showfield Lane and Clover Avenue.

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: TODAY - 25th January**

This year, WPCU takes Ephesians 4 v 1-13 as its central text which includes the words "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." (Ephesians 4:4).

For more information, daily reflections, etc, go to the web site:

[Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 – One Body One Spirit – Churches Together in England](#)

**Blankets for Ukraine:** Tracey has put a large box at the back of church for donations and the appeal is principally for smaller, **cot-sized blankets** (fleecy or knitted).

Doreen Brown asks if any knitters can help out with Aran weight yarn or knit some 6" squares.

**Advance Notice:** Canon Richard will run a Lent course this year: five sessions on a Tuesday evening and starting at 7pm. Dates to be confirmed.

### **READINGS & DUTIES**

#### **Sunday 25th Jan at 9.30 am**

Readings	Isaiah 9. 1-4 I Corinth 1. 10-18 Matthew 4. 12-23
Duty Leader	Trish Atkinson
Assistant	Elaine Ramsey
Sides-person	Cathy Harrison
Readers	Tracey Young Cathy Harrison
Intercessions	Andrew Nicholson
Chalice	Trish Atkinson
Coffee	Alison Forster Sue Wright

### **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.

**Evening Prayer:** Canon Richard is now offering a short, said service of Evening Prayer on Tuesdays at 3.45 pm.

**Holy Communion** on most Wednesdays at 10.30 am in church.

**Next Coffee Stop** is on 7th February and then 7th March (in aid of church funds). Normal service resumes on April 4th.

### **Readings for the Second Sunday of Epiphany**

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

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength – he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.' Isaiah 49, 1-7

#### **A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians**

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes. To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

I Corinthians 1. 1-9

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

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.'