

Joint Service: last Sunday members of St Michael's congregation attended a Churches Together in Southern Ryedale (CTSR) joint service at Norton College, along with people from St Peter's, St Mary's, St Leonard's, the Methodists, Salvation Army and Elim. It was a joyous service to mark the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Each congregation contributed in some part, with music led by The Salvation Army Brass Band and a music group from Elim. We were inspired to think about the benefits of working together as different churches. "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity" (Psalm 133). The service was followed by a delicious bring and share lunch and it was all a wonderful opportunity for fellowship. Sue & Tracey

Holocaust Memorial Day is on Tuesday 27th January. This date was chosen because it was the day of the liberation of the extermination camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Iona-style service next Sunday, 1st February at 4pm & on the theme of Candlemas. Tea & cake afterwards and everyone is very welcome.



Sue Wright is about to start knitting her cute Crème Egg cosies of animals to sell for church funds. She would be very grateful to have some Cadbury Crème Eggs donated so as to increase the profits. The cosied eggs will be selling for £2 each, (no increase since last year).



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.

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Our annual **Pancake Party** will be held on Tuesday 17th February. Could you rustle up a few pancakes for this All-Age event? Offers to Tracey Young, please. Smaller pancakes are easier to manage, so small to medium pancakes please, depending on the size of your pan. A few gluten-free pancakes will be bought in. As well as pancakes, there will be a craft activity for the children and colouring sheets etc. Any volunteers to help set up before the event would be much appreciated (4-4.30pm) to be ready for a 5 o'clock start. Any pancakes would need to be brought to church around 4.30 pm please and three people are needed to serve them. Please feel free to invite anyone you think might be interested and let's look forward to a good evening of pancake fun! Tracey

Clerestory Repair Update: further to last week's update, the Public Notice certificate was submitted on Monday and the sealed Faculty giving the Diocese's permission to carry out the structural repair work was received on Thursday this week. This is obviously an important step forward as nothing could be done without a Faculty.



**25th
January
2026**

**Please
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**Third
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. 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

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world: may your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

A big thank you to the Earl Fitzwilliam Charitable Trust, who at their Trustee meeting this week, voted to grant the sum of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) to the cost of the structural repair of our south Clerestory. Normally, their awards are capped at £5,000.

During Communion, the choir will sing Hymn 476 and "Christ is our Light." At the end of the service, Alison will play Paean on "Divinum Mysterium" by John Cook.
HYMNS: 89, 38, 90 & 65

BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 16
Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Damson Court, Great Sike Road, Orchard Gardens, Sheepfoot Hill, Sycamore Avenue & Blackthorn Ave.

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

Next Sunday (1st Feb) is All-Age worship for **Candlemas** and also the baptism of Ruby Coulson. If any members of the congregation (old or young) still have their baptismal candle (or just a regular candle), please bring it to the service so that we can all celebrate and remember both our own baptisms and the feast of Candlemas by lighting the candles. (If you don't have a suitable candle or forget, we shall have spares at church). Alison

READINGS & DUTIES

Sunday 1st February at 9.30 am

All-Age service with baptism

Readings	Malachi 3. 1-5 Hebrews 2. 14-18 Luke 2. 22-40
Duty Leader	Sue Wright
Assistant	Rosie Miller
Sides-person	Elaine Matthews
Reader	All-Age team
Intercessions	All-Age team
Coffee	Clare Firth Watson family

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 non-Eucharistic.

Evening Prayer: a short, said service of Evening Prayer on Tuesdays at 3.45 pm.

Holy Communion on most Wednesdays at 10.30 am in church.

Ash Wednesday (18th Feb): Holy Communion at 7.30 pm.

Advance Notice: Canon Richard will run a Lent course this year: five sessions on a Tuesday evening in church and starting at 7pm on Tuesday 24th February. Then, 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th March. Details of subject to follow.

Readings for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Isaiah 9. 1-4

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1. 10-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to Matthew

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Matthew 4. 12-23