

Lent course: will be running this year, with five sessions on a Tuesday evening in church and starting at 7pm. The programme is as follows:

Tuesday 24 Feb: Psalms for Salvation: The God who gives Wisdom - Psalm 19

Tuesday 3 March: Psalms for Salvation: The God who Delivers - Psalm 20

Tuesday 10 March: Psalms for Salvation: The God who Hears - Psalm 22

Tuesday 17 March: Psalms for Salvation: The God who Guides - Psalm 23

Tuesday 24 March: Psalms for Salvation: The God who Vindicates - Psalm 24

Prayer request: please remember **Barbara Adamson** in your prayers. She has been diagnosed with a terminal illness and is presently in St Catherine's Hospice for medical assessment.

Sunday Reflection: every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on: vimeo.com/dioceseofyork
This Sunday, Bishop Barry reflects on our Gospel reading for the 2nd Sunday before Lent & Racial Justice Sunday.

Another big thank you to Janet and her team for last Sunday's Iona-style service. 28 people attended and very much enjoyed the service on the theme of Candlemas and also the tea & cake afterwards.

Pancake Party our annual event will be held on Shrove Tuesday (17th Feb). As well as pancakes, there will be a craft activity for the children and colouring sheets etc. Please bring your pancakes to church around 4.30 pm and feel free to invite anyone you think might be interested. Let's look forward to a good evening of pancake fun! **Tracey**

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

Prayer Partners for Lent



If you would like to take part, collect a form from the back of church, fill in your details, place it in one of the plain, envelopes provided, and put it in the marked box. The box will be at the back of church before, during and after Sunday & Wednesday morning services. On or before Sunday 15th Feb or Wed 18th, take an envelope from the box and then pray for the person named throughout Lent. If you pick out your own form please let me know and I will swap it for you. You may like to bring a small gift for the person you have been praying for to a service at Easter or soon after.

Trish Atkinson

Thank you to everyone who has donated chocolate eggs to Sue. She has enough now and is furiously knitting her cute cosies!



Items for Weekly Sheet to:
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Usual Rest Day is Friday.



**8th
February
2026**

**Please
silence
your
mobile
phone**

**Second
Sunday
before
Lent**

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,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Prayer after Communion

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set
at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table
be transformed by the glory
of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

A big thank you to the All-Age team for putting together our service last Sunday, which incorporated the baptism of Ruby. 88 people attended and special thanks to everyone serving refreshments at the end.

During Communion,
the choir will sing
Hymn 265 & the Anthem
“Seek ye first the kingdom of
God.”



HYMNS: 262, 574, 253 & 543
At the end of the service, Alison will play Chorale Fantasia on “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” by Johann Pachelbel. It is one of the best known hymns by the Protestant Reformer Martin Luther, who was a prolific hymn-writer. He wrote the words with the title "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" & composed the hymn tune between 1527 and 1529.

BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 18
Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Duncombe Close, Hawthorne Close, Outgang Road, Spital Field Court, Westfold and Field Close.

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

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.

READINGS & DUTIES

Sunday 15th Feb at 10.45 am

Readings	Exodus 24. 12-18 2 Peter 1. 16-21 Matthew 17. 1-9
Duty Leader	Trish Atkinson
Assistant	Rosie Miller
Sides-person	Mark Davey
Readers	Rosie Miller Trish Atkinson
Intercessions	Connie Clark
Chalice	Trish Atkinson
Coffee	Clare Firth Elaine Ramsey

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.

Rise & Shine next Sunday at 9.30 am, with coffee served afterwards.

Date for your diary: a thanksgiving service for the long life of **Mike Elvy** will be held on Saturday 21st February at 11 am.

Readings for the Second Sunday before Lent

Today's Old Testament reading is too long to be reproduced here.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. 8. 18-25

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to Matthew

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.’ 6. 25-34