

holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.  
Matthew 4. 1-11

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**Lent course: starts this Tuesday**, with five sessions in church and starting at 7pm. The programme is as follows:

Tuesday 24 February: 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

**Electronic giving terminal:** it has come to light that the card machine at the back of church has not been working correctly since 8th November 2025. This means that any payments made since that date have not been processed but they have been stored in the machine. The terminal is being reinstalled and all the stored payments will be processed and will appear on your bank statement. We are taking steps to ensure that this situation does not happen again. Please accept the PCC's apologies for any inconvenience caused & thank you for your understanding.

### World Day of Prayer:

the annual service will be held on Friday 6th March. The theme is "I Will Give You Rest: Come" and the service will be prepared by Christian women from Nigeria. Venue: Norton Trinity at 2 pm



**Sunday Reflection:** every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on:

[vimeo.com/dioceseforyork](https://vimeo.com/dioceseforyork)

This Sunday, The Ven Andy Broom, Archdeacon of the East Riding, reflects on our Gospel reading.

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

**Another big thank you** to Janet for playing the organ at our Ash Wednesday evening service.

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



## 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.*

**22nd  
February  
2026**

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### 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 Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**First  
Sunday  
of Lent**

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

**A big thank you** to Tracey and her team for putting on another brilliant pancake party. Thank you to all those who made pancakes and everyone who helped in any way on the day.

During Communion, the choir will sing Lent Prose Plainsong & the Hymn "Safe in the shadow of the Lord." At the end of the service, Alison will play Prelude & Fuge in C minor by J. S. Bach.  
**HYMNS: 95, \*, \*, & 455**



**BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 20**  
Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Finkle Street, Holgate Close, Pasture Lane, Spring Hall Garth, Westgate Lane and Michaelmas Road.

**Mystery Disappearance:** if anyone knows the whereabouts of the Priest's purple robe (chasuble), last seen at the end of Advent, please contact Sue Wright or the Church Wardens. Thanks

Next Sunday's All-Age service will incorporate the baptism of Eile-Renee Swift. Please remember the Swift family in your prayers this week.

**Iona-style service**  
**next Sunday afternoon**  
**at 4pm.**

Tea & cake afterwards and everyone is very welcome.



Coffee after Wednesday Communion is now held at The Deli of Malton. Everyone is welcome after the service.

**READINGS & DUTIES**  
**Sunday 1st March at 9.30 am**  
**All-Age service & baptism**

Readings	Genesis 12. 1-4a Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17 John 3. 1-17
Duty Leader	Mike Rhodes
Assistant	Marg Rhodes
Greeters	Lucy & Beatrice
Readers	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.

**TOMORROW: (23rd)** funeral service at 11.30 am for Brenda Marshall.

**Lego church today**

for children aged 3 years & upwards to explore Bible stories. In the Lady Chapel during Parish Communion.



Sending best wishes to Kath, who has been in hospital this past week.

**Readings for the first Sunday of Lent**

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?"' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So, when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. Genesis 2. 15-17; 3. 1-7

**A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans**

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Romans 5. 12-19

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

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the