

Moses lifted up the snake in the desert. It is the same with the Son of Man. The Son of Man must be lifted up too. Then everyone who believes in him can have eternal life. For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world guilty, but to save the world through him.

John 3. 1-17

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### Lent course: remaining study units:

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

If you can't get to church to attend in person, you can watch on Zoom on the usual Sunday morning service link.

We are delighted to report that The National Lottery has communicated to us their decision on our application for a Heritage Grant & they have awarded St Michael's £249, 000 (the maximum amount possible) towards the structural repair of the south clerestory. We are grateful to Irving Patrick for their help & expertise in writing the bid.

We are saddened to learn that **Una Walker** passed away in hospital on 8th Feb and we send our thoughts and prayers to Maurice. Una's funeral will be at St Michael's on Wednesday 11th March at 1pm. RIP Una

### World Day of Prayer:

the annual service will be held next Friday (6th March) at Norton Trinity church at 2pm. The theme is "I Will Give You Rest: Come."



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

### Upcoming Services for Families

**15th March:** Mothering Sunday Rise & Shine children's service at 9.30 am.

**29th March:** Palm Sunday procession with a guest appearance by Owen the donkey at 10.45 am.

**2nd April:** Messy Church for Easter

**3rd April:** Good Friday Gathering in the Market Place at 10.30 am.

**5th April:** Easter Sunday Family Service with activities & eggs for the children at 9.30 am.

**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, Archbishop Stephen reflects on our Gospel reading.

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



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## 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.*

**1st  
March  
2026**

**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

Heavenly Father,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you give your faithful people new life  
in the water of baptism.

Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,  
that we who are born again  
may serve you in faith and love,  
and grow into the full stature of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross,  
and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**St David's  
Day**



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

**A big thank you** to Janet for bringing cakes last Sunday and allowing us to celebrate her 90th birthday with her after the service. Thank you also to those who stepped in & helped Sue & Mark serve refreshments.

All of today's hymns are printed in the Order of Service.



At the end of the service, Alison will play Prelude with Fuge in D minor by J. G. Walther.

### **BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 21**

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Fitzwilliam Drive, Howe Road, Paul's Row, St Leonard's Lane, Winthrop Close & Harebell Road.

### **BAPTISM SERVICE**

**Eile-Renee Swift**

will be baptised during our service today

### **Baptism Welcome**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: led by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father.**

**We welcome you**

**Coffee Stop** next Saturday, (7th March) will be in aid of church funds. Regular Saturday service resumes on April 4th.

**Next Tuesday Tea** on 10th March at 2.15 pm. Join us for tea and cake and a relaxing chat. Option to stay on for Evening Prayer at 3.45 pm.

### **READINGS & DUTIES**

#### **Sunday 8th March at 9.30 am**

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| Readings      | Exodus 17. 1-7<br>Romans 5. 1-11<br>John 4. 5-42 |
| Duty Leader   | Sam Free   |
| Assistant     | Sue Wright                                       |
| Sidesperson   | Christine Roberts-H                              |
| Readers       | Christine Roberts-H<br>Rosie Miller              |
| Intercessions | Andrew Nicholson                                 |
| Chalice       | Sue Wright                                       |
| Coffee        | Alison Forster<br>Joyce Birch                    |

### **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.

### **Iona-style service this afternoon at 4pm.**

Tea & cake afterwards and everyone is very welcome.



In the church calendar, we remember **St David** today, Patron Saint of Wales and 6th century Bishop.

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

### **A reading from the book of Genesis**

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Genesis 12. 1-4a

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

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17

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

There was a man named Nicodemus who was one of the Pharisees. He was an important Jewish leader. One night Nicodemus came to Jesus. He said, "Teacher, we know that you are a teacher sent from God. No one can do the miracles you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth. Unless you are born again, you cannot be in God's kingdom." Nicodemus said, "But if a man is already old, how can he be born again? He cannot enter his mother's body again. So how can he be born a second time?" But Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth. Unless you are born from water and the Spirit, you cannot enter God's kingdom. A person's body is born from his human parents. But a person's spiritual life is born from the Spirit. Don't be surprised when I tell you, 'You must all be born again.' The wind blows where it wants to go. You hear the wind blow. But you don't know where the wind comes from or where it is going. It is the same with every person who is born from the Spirit." Nicodemus asked, "How can all this be possible?" Jesus said, "You are an important teacher in Israel. But you still don't understand these things? I tell you the truth. We talk about what we know. We tell about what we have seen. But you don't accept what we tell you. I have told you about things here on earth, but you do not believe me. So surely you will not believe me if I tell you about the things of heaven! The only one who has ever gone up to heaven is the One who came down from heaven—the Son of Man.