

I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So, when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.' John 4. 5-42

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Lent course: remaining study units:

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.

Services in Holy Week

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

Monday 30th March: Holy Communion at 10.30 am.

Tuesday 31st March: Holy Communion at 10.30 am.

Wed 1st April: H C at 10.30 am.

Thurs 2nd April: Maundy Thursday Eucharist at 7.30 pm.

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

Saturday 4th April: Easter Vigil at 7.30 pm.

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

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

Request for Help

Following several meetings with Richard, the young families team have decided to restart Messy Church, which was very successful before Covid. Could you perhaps help, please? We are looking for someone (or some people) to help prepare and serve lunch at the end of the session. This will be a very simple affair, so no particular catering skills needed. A big part of Messy Church is fellowship over a simple meal. In addition, would anyone be willing to come and sit at an activity table and just chat to families? Tracey and I are organising the event and everything will be prepared and ready to go. We have planned our first session for the Easter holidays - Maundy Thursday from 11-1pm. As a team, we believe it is the responsibility of the whole church family to nurture our young families. We have addressed a need to focus on primary age children. If you think you can help please speak to me, Sue Thackray, I am in church most Sundays and sing in the choir. Thanks

Adrian advises that **Sylvia Pidgeon** recently passed away. RIP Sylvia



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.*

**8th
March
2026**

**Please
silence
your
mobile
phone**

**Third
Sunday
of Lent**

**also
International
Women's
Day**

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

Welcome to our service today

We welcome to Communion all baptized Christians. Coffee will be served before the Parish Communion service begins; please join us for refreshments and, if you are new to St Michael's, make yourself known to us.

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A big thank you to Janet and her team for last Sunday's Iona-style service. 26 people attended and appreciated the focus on Lent, especially John 3:16 concerning Nicodemus, & also the tea and cake afterwards.

During Communion, the choir will sing the Anthem "O taste & see" by Vaughan Williams and



hymns 565 & 379. At the end of the service, Alison will play Tocata "Aberystwyth" by Bednall.

HYMNS: 469, 416, 96 & 368

During the service, George will be presented with the RSCM Light Blue Award medal. Most of the work for this, which includes reading music, history of St Michael's, ear tests, basic sight singing and singing a short solo, he has undertaken in his own time as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Congratulations, George.

BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 22

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Folliott Ward Close, Hudson's Close, Paul's Yard, St Leonard's Close, Wyse House Lane & Harebell Drive.

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 and with the option to stay on for Evening Prayer at 3.45 pm.

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

Next Sunday: Mothering Sunday Rise & Shine children's service at 9.30 am.

READINGS & DUTIES

Sunday 15th March at 10.45 am
Mothering Sunday

Readings I Samuel 1. 20-28
Colossians 3. 12-17
John 19. 25-27

Duty Leader Connie Clark
Assistant Rosie Miller
Sidesperson Mark Davey
Readers Connie Clark

Cathy Harrison
Intercessions Connie Clark
Chalice Conni e Clark
Coffee Clare Firth
Cathy Harrison

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.

Monday 9th March: PCC meeting in church at 7.15 pm

Wednesday 11th March: funeral service at 1 pm for Una Walker.

Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent

The Gospel reading is very long today and leaves no space for the Old and New Testament readings.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to John

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps."