

Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So, they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. John 11. 1-45

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We are saddened to learn that two of our very long-standing parishioners & friends passed away recently.

Barbara Adamson died peacefully in St Catherines' Hospice on Friday 6th March and her Memorial Service will be at St Michael's on Monday 30th March at 3pm. RIP Barbara

Roger Willis passed away 11th/12th March and his funeral will be at St Michael's on Wednesday 1st April at 1.30 pm. RIP Roger

The Flower Rota is at the back of church & there is still time to volunteer to provide flowers and arrange them on the high altar once a year. Support can be given to anyone nervous about flower arranging! Monetary donations towards Easter flowers will be gratefully received. Anne Bell

Sunday Reflection: is with The Rt Revd Barry Hill, Bishop of Whitby, on our Gospel reading.

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Usual Rest Day is Friday.

Electoral Roll and Election of Church Officers

A completely new Electoral Roll was produced last year. That Roll is now being revised. If you are not already on the Electoral Roll (see list on the board at the back, near the toilet) and would like to be included, please fill in an application form, available at the back of church or from a Sides-person. If you would like to stand for election as a PCC member or a Church Warden please ask a Sides-person/Church Warden or the Vicar for a Nomination form. Please return all forms by the 19th April.

The Annual Meeting will be held after Parish Communion on 10th May 2026 at 10.45 am. Thank you. Heather Williams (Electoral Roll Officer)

Westminster Abbey pass: in the same way that we have a pass for free entry into York Minster, a free pass for Westminster Abbey has now been obtained. (Currently, the entry fee is £31 for an adult). It can, however, only be used five times this year and is a paper document. If you are going to London & want to visit the Abbey, ask Helen Shaw for the pass.

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



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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.*

**22nd
March
2026**

Please
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your
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**Fifth
Sunday
of Lent**

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

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least
of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

A big thank you to Sue W, Heather and Sue T for arranging the daffodil bouquets for our Mothering Sunday service last weekend.

During Communion, the choir will sing the Anthem "Jesu Dulcis Memoria" by David Galliford. 
At the end of the service, Alison will play Voluntary in E Minor by John Stanley.
HYMNS: 557, 174, 118 & *

BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 24
Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Appletree Way, Greengate, Lime Tree Avenue, Pinfold Garth, Tara Park and Harvest Drive.

Services in Holy Week
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.
An Hour at the Cross: 2pm at St Mary's Priory church.
Sat 4th April: Easter Vigil at 7.30 pm.
5th April: Easter Sunday Family Communion Service at 9.30 am with activities & eggs for the children.

Lent course: last study unit at 7 pm in church on Tuesday
Psalms for Salvation: The God who Vindicates - Psalm 24.
Available to watch on Zoom.

READINGS & DUTIES
Sunday 29th March at 10.45 am
Joint Benefice svc Palm Sunday
Readings Isaiah 50. 4-9a
Matthew 26. 14-27. 66
Duty Leader Rob Hall
Assistant Rosie Miller
Sidesperson Elaine Matthews
Reader Methodist member
Intercessions Tracey Young
Chalice Sue Wright
Coffee Sue Wright
Tracey Young

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.

Way of the Cross at 6.30 pm to-night. A service of hymns, anthems & readings for Passiontide.

Lego church next Sunday for children aged 3 years & upwards to explore Bible stories. In the Lady Chapel during our Palm Sunday service.

Items for Weekly Sheet to:
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Readings for the fifth Sunday of Lent

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to John

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So, the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.'