


Next week in the church calendar we remember **Saints Philip and James** (the Lesser) on Friday 1st May. Both were chosen by Jesus to be among his apostles.

**Advance Warning:** a food/music festival is being organized by the town over Bank Holiday weekend and road closure notices for the Market Place have been put up. It may not be possible to park near to church on Sunday 3rd May.

**Christian Aid Week** is on the horizon. It will be running from 10th - 16th May. 

**Services at St Mary's Priory church Today:** Sung Eucharist at 11.15 am and Evensong at 6.30 pm.

**Queen's Head, Amotherby:** Adrian is organizing a meal out on Wednesday 13th May at 6 for 6.30 pm. You can order your food on the night but please text or speak to Adrian to book your place.  
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If anyone would appreciate a home visit and/or home Communion, then please contact Connie Clark. Details are in the Parish Address Book.

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Usual Rest Day is Friday.

**Sunday Reflection:** every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on: [vimeo.com/dioceseforyork](http://vimeo.com/dioceseforyork)  
This Sunday, The Revd Canon Sam Taylor, Diocesan Adviser for Vocations and Director of Ordinands, reflects on our Gospel reading.

**Ryedale Community Foodbank update:** current shortages are: jam (not homemade), tinned fruit, packets of dried pasta (we have never asked for these before, we usually get lots donated), baked beans, tinned meat, tinned meat in sauce, tinned tuna, tinned vegetables & packets of instant mash. Thank you for your support.

**Navigate this Sunday at 5pm in church.** Aimed at teenagers, our youth discipleship group, (made up of young people from a variety of churches), meets to share friendship, faith and food. We play games, discuss big issues, read the Bible and generally just have fun.

**Benefice Lunch** at the Wentworth Arms first Thursday of the month, (7th May). 12 noon for 12.30pm. Please let Helen Morgan know as soon as possible if you would like to join this sociable occasion and also choose your menu.  
Telephone: 01653 692157 or email: [helen\\_hyams@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helen_hyams@hotmail.co.uk)

**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.*

**26th  
April  
2026**

**Please  
silence  
your  
mobile  
phone**

**Fourth  
Sunday  
of  
Easter**

## 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  
is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Prayer after Communion

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us  
to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**A big thank you** to Warden Heather, who is working over-time on getting the Annual Report ready before the APCM, and also juggling production of the undated Electoral Roll.

During Communion, the choir will sing Hymn 593 & also “Christ is the One who calls.” At the end of the service, Alison will play Paraphrase on a chorus in Judas Macabaeus by Alexandre Guilmant.  
**HYMNS: 140, \*, 138 & 437**



### **BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK I**

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Almond Tree Avenue, Broughton Road, Hamilton Green, Milton Road, Princess Road and The Shambles.

**Ascension Day:** there will be a special service of Holy Communion for Ascension Day on Thursday 14th May at 10.30 am.

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

Our **Annual Meeting** will be held immediately after the service on Sunday 10th May, when the report on the year 2025 will be delivered. Following this, there will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions. Do, please, stay on for the meeting.

Items for Weekly Sheet to:  
helen.shaw59@btinternet.com

### **READINGS & DUTIES** **Sunday 3rd May at 9.30 am** **Family Communion**

Readings	Acts 7. 55-60 1 Peter 2. 2-10 John 11. 1-14
Duty Leader	Sue Wright
Assistant	Elaine Ramsey
Sidesperson	Rosie Miller
Greeters	Lucy & Beatrice
Readers	All-Age Team
Intercessions	All-Age Team
Chalice	Sue Wright Trish Atkinson
Coffee	Clare Firth Watson family
Flowers	Anne Bell

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

Tea & cake afterwards and everyone is very welcome.



### **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 first Sunday in each month is a Family Communion svc.

**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.

## **Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

### **A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles**

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. 2. 42-47

### **A reading from the first letter of Peter**

Brothers and sisters: it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. 1 Peter 2. 19-25

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again, Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.' John 10. 1-10