

The preparation for the July to October Sunday morning **Duty Rota** will soon be underway. New recruits are always needed for this very important aspect of our Sunday morning worship. If you would like to participate in the smooth running of the services at St Michael's, please contact Marg Rhodes by email on [marg.rhodes@btinternet.com](mailto:marg.rhodes@btinternet.com) or alternatively, in person.

**Church garden:** I dug over and weeded the flower bed on the left-hand side of the front entrance doors last Sunday afternoon.

A big thank you to the Watson family, who have agreed to once again take a turn with the maintenance and will do this in early June. Also, to Heather, who will take the next shift in early July. If anyone else would like to take a turn, please let me know.  
Helen Shaw

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



If anyone would appreciate a home visit and/or home Communion, then please contact Connie Clark (details in the Parish Address Book), or Canon Richard.

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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/dioceseofyork](http://vimeo.com/dioceseofyork)  
This Sunday, The Revd Canon Sam Taylor reflects on John 10. 1-10 for Vocations Sunday

**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.  
07870 591142

You will all remember that over the autumn months St Michael's generously donated the proceeds of weekly coffee stops to Save the Children. We can now report that the result of this fundraising effort was a fantastic £1,189.14. Thank you all for your generosity. There is a letter of thanks from Save the Children on the Notice-board.  
Anne Bell

**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.*

**3rd  
May  
2026**

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**Fifth  
Sunday  
of  
Easter**

### Welcome to our service today

We welcome to Communion all baptized Christians. Coffee is served after the Family Communion service; please stay for this and, if you are new to St Michael's, make yourself known to us.

### Collect


Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,  
the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**A big thank you** to Tracey for stepping in and running Lego church during last Sunday morning's service.

All of today's hymns and music can be found in the printed service book.   
At the end of the service, Alison will play Triumphant march on "Lux Eoi" by David Blackwell.

### **BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 2**

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Ashfield Avenue, Carpenter's Yard, Hawkswell Lane, Old Malton Road, Princess Terrace and Victoria Road.

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

**Rogation Sunday** falls next Sunday, when we have an opportunity to pray for God's blessing on "agriculture, industry, and human labour." St Mary's invites us to their Rogation Sunday afternoon service at 3pm. Feel free to bring your pets for a blessing.

Our **Annual Meeting** will be held immediately after the service **next Sunday**, 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:  
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### **READINGS & DUTIES**

#### **Sunday 10th May at 9.30 am**

Readings	Acts 17. 22-31 1 Peter 3. 13-22 John 14. 15-21
Duty Leader	Trish Atkinson
Assistant	Tracey Young
Sidesperson	Christine Roberts-Holland
Readers	Christine Roberts-Holland Andrew Nicholson
Intercessions	Trish Atkinson
Chalice	Tracey Young Mike Rhodes
Coffee	Sue Thackray Sue Wright

### **Iona-style service TODAY at 4pm.**

Tea & cake afterwards and everyone is very welcome.   
The theme of the service will be Spring and the natural world.

### **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 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.  
Acts 7. 55-60

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

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner' and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.  
1 Peter 2. 2-10

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

John 14. 1-6