

The **Collection Plate** is no longer passed around during the service and you may put your offering in the plate at the back of church as you enter or leave. Alternatively, there is a way of giving to the church, without having to put money in the collection plate. It is called the **Parish Giving Scheme** and anyone can set up regular giving by going to the website:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/> Just follow the instructions. The added advantage of this system is that it calculates the Gift Aid for us (if applicable) and returns the money to our account each month. If you need any help please contact the Treasurer.

FLOWER ROTA: a new Rota is in the process of preparation and there are some gaps. If anyone feels they could put flowers on the Altar windows for one week in the year, (maybe to commemorate a special anniversary) please sign up and leave a note on the table at the back of church. No previous experience is needed – guidance is available if required. Similarly, if there is anyone who feels they can no longer continue to fulfil this task, please fill in the appropriate box in the form provided. Thank you, Anne

The Church of England is running a Lent course called **“Watch & Pray.”** It invites us all to wait expectantly for God to meet us and sustain us through the storms and trials we all face. For full details see the website: www.churchofengland.org If you use email, you can sign up for daily Lent reflections and these are free. There is also a booklet available for those with no internet access for a cost of £2.50. The booklet for children is £1.50. The books are available from the CofE website. If anyone wants one but cannot access the internet, please see Heather.

Message from the Community

Food Bank: Sue says that demand for their services shows no signs of diminishing in 2024. Current shortages are: coffee, UHT juice, green and blue UHT milk, tinned hot dogs, tinned meatballs, tinned ham (large & small tins), bottles of squash, biscuits, chocolate & sweets, tomato ketchup

All-Age Worship: as Mothering Sunday falls on the second Sunday of the month, it has been decided that for March only, All-Age Worship will move to the 2nd Sunday, (10th). In this way, we can celebrate as a whole church family. Sunday 3rd March will be a Parish Eucharist.

Hello Church,
With love and our hearts full of gratitude. My family would like to say a very big **THANK YOU** to the church and everyone who contributed towards the gifts that were sent to us for our new addition, David. We appreciate it a lot.
With Love,
Olu x Seun

Please note that it is not possible to broadcast morning service on Zoom this Sunday, 18th February.

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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.*

**18th
February
2024**

Welcome to our service today

We welcome to Communion all baptized Christians. Coffee is served after Rise & Shine at 10.30am and 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 Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**First
Sunday
of
Lent**

Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

A big thank you to Tracey & her team for organizing the Pancake Party & also Sue S. and Trish for running Tuesday Tea.

During Communion, the Choir will sing the Lent Prose "Attende Domine" & Hymn 97. At the end of the service, Alison will play Fantasia in C Minor by J. S. Bach.



HYMNS: 95, *, 96, 469

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.

St Michaels' is hosting the service for the **World Day of Prayer** in Malton this year. It will be at 2 pm on Friday 1st March and the service has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. Refreshments will be served afterwards & all are welcome.

LEGO CHURCH next Sunday for those aged 3 and upwards to explore Bible stories. Held in the Lady Chapel during Parish Communion.

Coffee Stop: the date for the March event is Saturday 9th.

If anyone would appreciate a home visit and/or home Communion, then please contact Connie Clark on 07544 380163.

Items for Weekly Sheet to:
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READINGS & DUTIES

Sunday 25th Feb at 9.30 am

Readings	Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16 Romans 4. 13-25 Mark 8. 31-38
Duty Leader	Trish Atkinson
Assistant	Sue Wright
Sidesperson	Joyce Birch
Readers	Mark Davey Sue Thackray
Intercessions	Connie Clark
Chalice	Connie Clark
Coffee	Connie Clark Mark Davey

SERVICES

Parish Communion on Sundays at 9.30 am in church, except third Sunday of the month, when PC 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 a non-Eucharistic service.

Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 10.30 am in church.

Sunday Reflection: Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on vimeo.com/dioceseforyork
This Sunday, The Very Revd Dominic Barrington, Dean of York, reflects on our Gospel reading.

Services at St Mary's Priory

Today: Choral Mattins at 11.15 am

Wed: Holy Communion at 9.00 am

Thurs: Morning Prayer at 10.00 am

Next Sunday: Choral Mattins at 11.15 am & Evensong at 6.30 pm

Readings for the First Sunday of Lent

A reading from the book of Genesis

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Genesis 9. 8-17

A reading from Paul's first letter to Peter

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

1 Peter 3. 18-22

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to Mark

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Mark 1. 9-15