

The Collection Plate will be passed around during the Offertory Hymn. If you don't have any cash on you, there is an electronic giving terminal at the back of church.

Postage stamps: don't forget to bring in the stamps from the Christmas cards you received. There's a collection box at the back of church for them and they go to Oxfam, who raise funds with them.

NAVIGATE: calling all teenagers! Come along to our Christmas/New Year social at 5pm TODAY. There will be food, games and plenty of time to hang out and enjoy some time together. If you haven't been to Navigate before, this is the perfect introduction to what it is all about. Come along, bring a friend!

A new **Alpha Course** will be run next year starting in April. Would you be interested, or can you think of anyone who might be?

The **Parish Pass** gives free entry into York Minster.



If you want to visit the Minster during the Christmas /New Year holidays, ask Helen Shaw for the digital pass.

During the Vacancy, either leave a message on the church office 'phone (01653 692089) or contact Mike Rhodes (01653 531339 between 9am and 5pm) or speak to Heather Williams. All contact details in the church address book.

Congratulations and a big thank you to Alison for all her hard work in putting on a wonderful Carols by Candlelight service last Sunday evening. The church was packed and everyone must have left feeling very uplifted after hearing the heartfelt singing and sensitively delivered readings; as well as seeing all the beautiful decorations and dozens of candles.

Thank you to Ian for playing the organ so magnificently, all the singers and readers, Revd Canon Bob for leading the service and all the stewards, candle lighters and snuffers and everyone else who contributed in any way. It was a terrific start to the season of Christmas.

The new **Prayer Diary** for January to March 2025 provided by the Diocese offers a pattern of praying for the start of the new year and is there to help us to pray for and with one another. Use the link below to find the downloads on the Diocese web site.

[Diocesan Prayer Diary - Diocese of York](#)

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

Items for Weekly Sheet to:
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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.*

**29th
December
2024**

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,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth
the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**First
Sunday
of
Christmas**



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A big thank you to Revd, Canon Veronica for coming to lead our service today and a warm welcome to our friends from St Mary's, who are worshipping with us on this fifth Sunday.

During Communion, the choir will sing hymn 55 "In the bleak mid-winter" by Christina Rossetti.



At the end of the service, Alison will play Choral Prelude on "From Heaven Above" by Johan Pachelbel.

HYMNS: 57, 55, 65 & 73

BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 20

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Finkle Street, Holgate Close, Pasture Lane, Spring Hall Garth, Westgate Lane & Meadow Drive.

Coffee Stop: as usual, there will be only one Coffee Stop in the month of January (4th), one in February (1st) and one in March (8th). We will retain any monies raised at these Coffee Stops for church funds.

For the second quarter of the year, the PCC has chosen to support **Sight Support**. It is a local, independent charity, based in Malton, and it offers practical support to visually impaired people. They help folk remain independent and socially active and firmly believe no one should be excluded because of a disability. They campaign & run activity groups as well as organizing walking trips & other excursions in summer months.

READINGS & DUTIES

Sunday 5th January at 9.30 am

All-Age service for Epiphany

Readings Isaiah 60. 1-6
Ephesians 3. 1-12
Matthew 2. 1-12

Duty Leader Sam Free
Assistant Sue Wright
Sidesperson Elaine Matthews
Reader TBC
Intercessions TBC
Coffee Clare Firth
Rachel Watson
Flowers Heather Williams

Iona-style service for Epiphany next Sunday.

Service starts at 4pm and there's tea & cake afterwards. Everyone welcome.



Sunday 12th January: No service at St Michael's this Sunday.

Instead, we are invited to worship with our Methodist friends at the Wesley Centre. Their annual Covenant Service starts at 10 am.

Sunday 19th January: Rise & Shine will take place at 9.30 am as usual but there will be no Parish Communion service. Instead, we are invited to worship with Churches Together in Southern Ryedale (CTSR) at Norton College. Start time 11 am.

Readings for the first Sunday of Christmas

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people. I Samuel 2. 18-20, 26

A reading from the letter to the Colossians

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3. 12-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to Luke

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour. Luke 2. 41-52