

# Welcome to the Benefice Profile of



## Malton

&



## Old Malton



## Our Vision

### **‘Growing a visible presence of God’s love and welcome at the heart of our Benefice’**

Is God calling you to journey with us and the communities in Malton and Old Malton as we continue to grow a visible presence of God’s love and welcome across our benefice?

Our two welcoming churches, which come from complimentary liturgical traditions, became a benefice in 2013. Together, we are excited to further God’s vision for our parishes enabling us to grow in faith and in numbers. We are eager to deepen our understanding of what it means to Live Christ’s Story in our benefice and how, as a community, we can follow the example of Jesus and share His love with others.

We value each others traditions and are keen to support each others ministries, while looking to find ways of working together more in the future.



St Michael's



St Mary's

This post is a ‘Priest-in-Charge’ appointment as we are in the process of replacing the current house for a more modern and easier to maintain property. More information on this will be available at the interview.



The benefice of Malton and Old Malton love and serve our communities by:

- Being a friendly, open and welcoming Christian community
- Providing a diverse range of services and events which offer the people of the benefice and surrounding areas the opportunity to engage with God in a variety of ways.
- Connecting with and worshipping God through music. We value how this helps us to express our faith, our emotions and strengthens our spiritual engagement.
- Valuing the sacraments highly and seeing the Eucharist and Baptism as central to our church lives
- Understanding the valuable role occasional offices play in the lives of those in our communities
- Having a commitment to social justice and the environment. We are both Fair Trade Churches and support local issues and charities.
- Engaging with our local community through hospitality and fellowship. We offer a warm, compassionate welcome to all, including dogs!
- Taking our safeguarding duties seriously and sharing a Safeguarding officer.

As part of the ministry team, under the oversight of the priest, is a Fresh Expression of Church, led by two part-time Multiply Lay Ministers. Their ministry has resulted in the formation of OMG Malton, a group of volunteers from the benefice focusing on reaching and discipling people in their 20s to 40s and their families outside the traditional established church environment.



*OMG Malton Family Bible Adventure*

The Multiply post is funded until the end of 2025. Consideration is being given to the shape and form of this ministry in the future.—see page 20 for more details.

## What we believe God is calling us to seek in our new priest

- **An inspirational leader** - Someone who can identify, develop and support the significant strengths that exist across the benefice. Our future priest should be visionary, whilst supporting and valuing the work of both PCCs and OMG (Malton).
- **Drive** - Someone with the vision and enthusiasm to take us forward and to challenge us to go further in our relationship with God
- **A strong communicator** - Someone who can interact well with the whole church family and engage young and old alike with God's message. Our future priest will be willing to be out and about in the community engaging and having conversations with people from varying backgrounds.
- **Empathy** - someone who will see the strengths and opportunities that exist in our complementary worshipping communities, and will be able to identify ways for us to continue growing together as a benefice.
- **Collaboration** - Someone who can work with others to enhance the strong links that exist locally. This includes other Church of England benefices, other denominations, wider community agencies and schools.

## What we can offer a new priest:

- The highest regard for the positive mental health and wellbeing of the successful candidate and their family.
- A commitment to supporting our priest's training, reading, reflection and retreat.
- A warm and enthusiastic welcome.
- The support and commitment from the PCCs and wider Church family.
- A strong team of volunteers who support all aspects of church life.
- An experienced Musical Director and choir in each parish.
- The support of 3 PTOs who live locally.
- An exciting opportunity to be involved in some of the projects that OMG is working on and a chance to connect with the local community outside the church environment.

## Current services

### Current Services in the Benefice

Sunday of the month	Time	Service at St Mary's	Service at St Michael's
1	9.30		All Age (lay led)
	11.15	Holy Communion	
	16.00		Iona Service (lay led)
2	9.30		Holy Communion
	11.15	Mattins	
	16.00	Sunday @4 (OMG)	
	18.30	Evensong	
3.	9.30		Rise and Shine (lay led)
	10.45		Holy Communion
	11.15	Mattins	
		Family Bible Adventures (OMG)	- at various locations
4	9,30		Holy Communion
	11.15	Holy Communion	
	17.00		Navigate (lay led)
	18:30	Evensong	
5	10.45	Benefice Holy Communion	
Tuesdays	10.00	Morning Prayer	
Wednesdays		9.00 Holy Communion	10.30 Holy Communion

This schedule has been agreed between the Benefice PCCs but will be reviewed in consultation with the new priest.

Sunday morning services at St Michael's are usually available on Zoom.



St Michael's



St Mary's Priory Church



# Southern Ryedale Deanery....

## Welcome to Southern Ryedale Deanery!

Our Deanery covers a large geographical area, and the benefice of Malton and old Malton sits at its heart. Along with St Peter's Norton, to be found on the other side of the River Derwent which winds through our Deanery, it is where the largest centres of population alongside most major facilities are situated. Both Malton and Norton are seeing significant development in terms of new housing so this is a really exciting time as we welcome new people across the age ranges, with many opportunities to share the love of Jesus.

On either side of Malton and Norton are beautiful rural villages and wonderful countryside; there are six rural benefices in our Deanery – if you think of Malton and Norton as the body of a butterfly, each group of three rural benefices make up a wing on each side!

Rev'd Nicola Penn-Allison and I work together as Area and Lay Dean. We have many joys but also face lots of challenges – we are creative in our solutions and collaborative in our approach in an effort to give life to what our communities want. We believe them to be the key to spreading God's message and growing our churches.

The two churches in Malton and Old Malton have very different liturgical traditions but we see this as a strength in terms of what our churches can offer by glorying in what they do well in addition to exploring new avenues and directions.

This is an exciting time and the role offers wonderful opportunities. We hope you will find what God is calling you to in this profile and we look forward to having the chance to meet you!

Rev'd Nicola Penn-Allison  
Area Dean Southern Ryedale

Sue Teal  
Lay Dean Southern Ryedale





# St. Michael's Church, Malton

Known locally as 'The Church in the Market Place', we prize this affectionate title, accurately describing our physical presence in the town centre and our aspiration to stand for the presence of Christ at the heart of our community. We understand the core of our mission to be growing a visible presence of God's love and welcome at the heart of Malton. We are excited about our future as we follow our development plan drawn up following an extensive 'congregation voice' exercise exploring our vision for St Michael's.

## Who we are:

- We are a growing church with increasing numbers of young families.
- We are a multi-generational church with older and younger members worshipping together.
- We strive to be a church that expresses the love of God to all



*St Michael's in the Market Place at the centre of the St Clements Festival (2023)*

*Light and Sparkle Party*



## Our Future:

We are looking for our new priest to help us continue to grow as a church so that the following values describe us and flourish among our community:

- **Jesus centred** – we want to be led and guided, inspired and taught by Jesus. Jesus is the hope for us and our community. Life will flourish in Malton as we allow Jesus to be more and more at the centre of our lives, our church and our community.
- **Prayerful** – we want to explore patterns of praying and to fuel all our activity with prayerfulness.
- **Bible Based** – we want to deepen our understanding of the Bible, its foundational importance and its relevance in our lives.
- **Communal** – we recognise a need to reinforce our fellowship, sharing growth together in small groups; for prayer, bible study and discipleship. We seek to deepen our spirituality.
- **Outward looking** – we believe the church exists to love and serve God and the community God has put us in. We are committed to serving the needs of our community. We want to further develop the way we communicate the good news of Jesus in word and deed. In addition we aspire to deepen our work with local schools.
- **Forward thinking** – we want the church community in Malton to be healthy and growing. Consequently, we are committed to always thinking about the future and to taking whatever risks are necessary to make it a fruitful future.
- **Enjoying diversity** – we want to be a church where everyone feels welcomed and is able to be themselves in the love and truth of God revealed in Jesus. We want to be a church that values different traditions and enjoys the rich diversity God gives us, growing as disciples of Jesus in our unique ways together.
- **Valuing all age groups** – we want to continue to be a church where people of all ages are respected and loved and enabled to be part of the church family and to become all that God has made them to be.
- **Pastoral** – We aspire to develop an effective pastoral care structure; an area that we know needs development and support.



## Our people:

- We have a forward thinking, pro-active and supportive PCC.
- We have an enthusiastic 'Children and Young Families' team who lead regular services, workshops linked to festivals and social events. This team are currently looking at ways to appoint a Children's Worker to further develop what can be offered.
- We have an active group of volunteers who take on a wide range of both practical and organisational roles within church.
- We have a small, successful tech team, enabling Zoom coverage and interactive options within the services.



Tech Gallery – Preparations for All Age Worship

## Our Worship:

- We offer a diverse range of services offering choice to our church members.
- We are blessed with a talented team of voluntary worship leaders who lead a range of services such as **Rise and Shine** (for young families), **Navigate** (for teenagers), **All Age worship**, **Iona services** and **House Group**.



Rise and Shine



Navigate

- We value the sacraments highly and see Eucharist and Baptism as the foundations of our life.
- We are a church with a strong choral tradition. We have a talented and enthusiastic musical director who leads both our **adult and children's choirs**. She selects and arranges a range of music to enhance worship for all. We value song as a powerful tool for unity, emotional expression and spiritual engagement.



*Junior choir with some members of the adult choir*

- In addition to our regular services, we have a wide range of occasional services which are held annually:
  - \* Advent Processional
  - \* Christingle
  - \* Malton School year 7 Carol service
  - \* Carols by Candlelight
  - \* Crib Service
  - \* Midnight Mass by candlelight
  - \* Maundy Thursday
  - \* Family Good Friday service
  - \* Ascension Day
  - \* Service of Light (All souls)
  - \* Remembrance Sunday





- **All Age Worship**

This is a non-eucharist service held on the first Sunday of each month. It is planned and led by the All-Age Team and aims to offer something for all. A range of traditional hymns, more contemporary worship songs, practical prayer activities and an interactive talk based on the Bible reading endeavours to engage all ages.

*"I enjoy the more relaxed service, love seeing all ages worshipping together and meeting the wider church family."*

*"I like the way the All-Age team lead the service and the variety as they share roles month by month."*

- **Rise and Shine**

Led by our Rise and Shine team, our monthly 'service' is aimed at young families. It acts as an introduction to Church for many. It is a mix of activities, games, songs and prayer linked to Bible stories.



*"We love coming to Rise and Shine because it is so welcoming to young families. We especially like that there is always something creative for the children to do that follows the theme of the service. We have become regular church attendees as a result of the Rise and Shine services."*

*"We love the fun and relaxed approach of Rise and Shine to learning stories from the Bible. All craft activities and games are relevant, whilst teaching little ones life skills. Everyone is always very welcoming and inclusive of all."*



- **Navigate**

Navigate is a monthly gathering focused on developing discipleship in young people aged 11+. Each session includes a testimony from a visiting speaker, creative prayer, games, food and fellowship. We thank God for the increase in numbers and look forward to our new vicar helping the group to grow in faith



- **Iona Service**

This is a thirty-minute monthly service of readings, reflections, prayers and songs using material from the Iona Community. Services are themed, reflecting the seasons of the church year. These peaceful, early evening services, attended by about 20 people, are followed by refreshments and a chance to share in conversation.

## Mission and Outreach

- We are proud to keep the church building open throughout the week for visitors and the community.
- We have a welcoming children's area and cosy 'book corner' which are in regular use throughout the week.



- We offer a range of social events for our church community for example: Beetle Drives, Pancake Party, Pentecost and Pizza, Light and Sparkle Party, Summer Picnic.
- We are committed to charitable giving and raise funds for local charities through weekly Saturday 'Coffee Stops'.



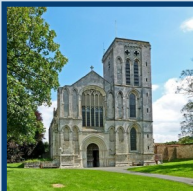
*Light and Sparkle Party*

## Our Building

- Visitors consistently comment they find the building beautiful and peaceful.
- The church has discreet toilet facilities and a compact servery which make it a community asset and concert venue.



- We are currently dealing with a major repair to a row of clerestory windows. As part of this project the PCC is pushing forward its plans for improved access and the removal of the pews. We are very excited about the opportunities that these changes will give us to try new ways of engaging with young people and the local community so we can better spread the Good News of Jesus in this place.



# St. Mary's Priory Church, Old Malton

We are a warm and welcoming Church that embraces the opportunities to build relationships with people moving to the village or enquiring about our baptism and wedding ministries

We are a sociable Church that looks outwards and inwards to provide opportunities for fellowship alongside our strong tradition of worshiping God through BCP liturgy. Our community views St Mary's as 'their church' giving us rich, strong, generational links with the parish we serve. This is lived out through our buoyant occasional offices ministry. Our community tells 'stories' about St Mary's and the role it has played in their lives and that of their families. Our PCC has strong links in the community that go back many decades

## Who we are:

- We are a church that expresses the love and hospitality of God within our community
- We are building upon our Gilbertine tradition of hospitality and caring for our community including our visitors
- We are a Church that takes pride in our musical traditions. We have a robed choir and an experienced musical director and enjoy praising the Lord with song
- The acoustics in our Church make us a popular venue for visiting choirs and musical groups



St Mary's Priory Church  
robed choir



## Our people

- We have a supportive PCC who are looking forward to working with our new priest to build upon our vision for the future for St Mary's
- We have strong links with the Multiply Ministers, supporting their OMG work (please see later)
- We are keen to continue exploring and increasing our work with our local school and have been rekindling the visits to church and annual services.
- We have a small but dedicated team of volunteers who are developing the ministry to families around Baptism and other activities

## Our worship

- We follow the Book of Common Prayer for all our core services on Sundays, but follow Common Worship provision for our seasonal additional worship
- We hold a Northumbrian Community Morning Prayer once each week
- We value the sacraments highly but have also developed a good following for our Mattins services on a Sunday morning. The congregation have expressed a wish to continue with these services each month
- We have midweek BCP Holy Communion which attracts a different congregation to our Sunday Worship
- Our Sunday worship is led by our choir and we have a strong choral tradition



*Crib Service*

## Mission and outreach

- St Mary's is open seven days a week for visitors, and whilst we might be in the village we have significant footfall passing our doors and 'dropping in.' People visiting the area notice 'the beautiful building' and come in
- Regular coffee mornings that we invite our baptism families to. This helps us to build up relationships and prepare the families for the baptism service. We are also beginning to explore resources to share with families to support them to raise their children within the faith
- St Mary's is involved in the OMG Parent Space where parents find a safe place to meet whilst their children play and we wish to further develop our involvement with OMG for our mutual support and benefit and to engage more effectively with our wider community.
- We also hold:
  - \* A Monthly Lunch held in a local pub which attracts members from across the Benefice



*Benefice Christmas meal*

*"I enjoy attending the monthly lunch at the Wentworth Arms"*





*2024 Medieval Day*



- \* An annual Medieval Day
- \* An annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday in partnership with the OMG team.
- \* Bi-annual Scarecrow Trail and Open Gardens
- \* The annual Rogation Service is held in the Church and surrounding grounds
- \* St Mary's Fellowship meet monthly. The meetings involve a guest speaker followed by refreshments. The Fellowship also arrange the twice-yearly Bingo event

In addition we also have the St Mary's Church Parish Community Centre which is very popular with the local community and groups, such as parties, OMG Sunday @ 4pm, Pilates, Bridge Club, Yoga, baby massage to name a few. The Centre has frequently hosted Deanery and Chapter meetings. We see this as a superb asset for our community outreach and mission





## Looking to the future

- We are keen to redevelop the monastic spirituality that this Gilbertine Priory was built upon
- It is our vision for the future that we explore how we can build up this Church by developing and offering a place of prayer, spirituality and community. We are looking for somebody who can share in this vision and help us to develop our plan for this. This Church is not a museum, and we want to celebrate its history and tradition. Significant work has already taken place in partnership with York University and, we have the Archdeacon's permission to fit a free standing servery, and we hope to use this to further build our ministry of hospitality
- There has been a huge amount of development work within the village, and within the parish we also have an area of significant deprivation. We believe that there are many more opportunities for mission and outreach. We would like to explore, with our new priest, how we can reach out further and build up the teams to make this work sustainable

## About our Church

The Grade 1 listed 12th Century Church building is part of the original Gilbertine Priory and it attracts visitors from all over the world and of different faiths. The Church was founded by St Gilbert of Sempringham and the Gilbertine Order was the only English Monastic Community for both men and women. Despite being renovated in the Victorian era by Temple Moore the Church still retains many original features including Misericords and a Coffin Rest. We are not aware of any immediate items of major structural repair.



Walking the Labyrinth

## About our Parish

- St Mary's Priory Church sits in a former agricultural village. To the west is a large residential area which extends to the boundary of Malton whilst to the north the area is agricultural land with approximately ten farms/smallholdings - two of which are still to be found in the village.
- Within the village boundary we have an Equine Vets and an Equine Fertility Clinic in what was once a farm and the renowned Eden Camp Modern History Theme Museum situated in a former Prisoner of War Camp. An Industrial Estate has been built on land near to the Museum. "The Croft", formerly the home of Olive Countess Fitzwilliam, now belongs to The Camphill Trust which cares for people with special needs and some are members of our congregation. The Headquarters of Ryedale Special Families, a local charity, is based in the village.
- On the road to Malton there are the Football and Cricket Fields of the Old Malton teams and next to those is Jack Berry House, a rehabilitation and fitness centre for northern jockeys and the Malton & Norton RFU Club, Malton & Norton Cricket Club has its premises adjacent to the Rehabilitation Unit. The Football and Cricket clubs were originally founded by St Mary's, Church. They continue to wear an emblem of the church on their kit.
- Amenities within the parish include two public houses with restaurants and some accommodation, a WW1 Memorial Hall and St Mary's Priory Church Community Centre – the former Primitive Methodist Church - both of which hold various classes open to the public. A fish and chip shop and a small supermarket are also in the parish.
- St Mary's is a Fair-Trade Church and the toilets within both the Church and Community Centre are twinned under the Toilet Twinning Scheme.



## Musical Tradition

- The Church has currently a very small but highly competent and dedicated sight-reading robed Choir whilst our Musical Director plays for services and also for Occasional Offices. We wish to re-establish our choral tradition with the new priest proactively supporting the Director of Music.
- Since 2023 we have established monthly Coffee Concerts
- The Church is a popular venue for large choral and orchestral concerts throughout the year. We annually host at least two Ryedale Festival Concerts and the Chanticleer Singers' Christmas Carols by Candlelight Concerts.



Swinton Brass Band Concert

"Lovely Evensong at St Mary's and Fellowship after "

"It may be a small congregation but everyone is very friendly and welcoming."





# OMG Malton

OMG Malton - a Fresh Expression of Church - is a new worshipping community of families and young adults where every one is welcome, bringing people together to celebrate life, exploring what it means to follow Jesus and where we learn and discover together how we can practically make a difference where we are by serving each other and actively love Malton.



Mavis and Hendrik Klaver have been members of the Multiply Team, establishing and leading OMG Malton since the autumn of 2019. This new Christian community is still emerging alongside and in connection with the established Church communities in Malton and as part of the overall vision for the benefice as a whole.

The Multiply Project in the diocese comes to an end in December 2025. However, Mavis and Hendrik have developed a team of volunteers around their activities and there will be continuing opportunities for the new incumbent to build on and nurture the outreach initiatives and relationships that they have established.

This team is diverse and represents the people it seeks to engage. There are people who were unchurched, de-churched, as well as those who were in Church where OMG has encouraged them in their discipleship and vocation / leadership.

“OMG is a Christian community that brings people together and where we are not frowned upon”.

(someone involved with OMG)

We have a significant social impact in the wider community and help people discover faith who don't naturally connect with inherited expressions of Church.

“OMG helped me to know and connect with people in the local community I otherwise wouldn’t have known. 3 out of 4 people there I didn’t know before”.

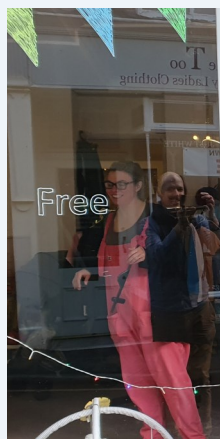
(someone involved with OMG)

OMG has good relationships with the local primary schools. School House has become the base for OMG Parents’ Space and other OMG activities. OMG Malton is agile and continues to meet in different venues around the town including St Mary’s Priory Community Centre in Old Malton, the Parish Hall of St Leonard’s Roman Catholic Church and St Michael’s Church.



## Activities / Meetups

- Parents Space - Weekly term-time meetups for parents, babies and pre-schoolers
- Family Bible Adventures - Monthly activity sessions for young families based on the Bible
- Sunday@4 - Monthly discussion/fun sessions for all, exploring faith and the Bible together and sharing a meal



- Stay and Pray / Firepit Meetups - Monthly meet up for adults to share life and pray together
- Free 'Pop-up Shop' for families - Twice-yearly, week-long shop offering donated babies/children's clothing, toys and other items. All completely free. We generally reach ± 1000 visitors in just one week.



*Pop Up Cafe*



OMG Pop Up Shop

- OMG Cargo Bike Pop-up Cafe - Offering free teas and coffees to those on the 'school run' and other community occasions.
- Easter Egg Hunt & Story time - Annual fun session for families in conjunction with St Mary's.
- Christmas Events - a relaxed alternative Christmas celebration, Angels' trail around Malton and more.
- Faith Exploration Sessions / Courses, including baptism / confirmation preparation, Start!, Alpha, etc.

The Multiply Ministers , licensed by the Diocese of York, offer support to the benefice and deanery as it seeks to grow in discipleship and mission.





# Malton & Old Malton

## The Surrounding Area

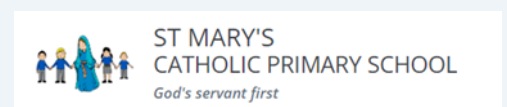
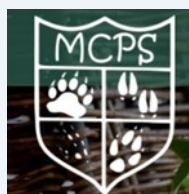
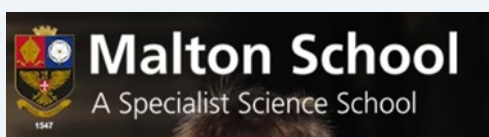
New Malton, is a busy Market Town in Ryedale, sandwiched between the North York Moors and the Yorkshire Wolds. It is known locally as the Yorkshire's Food Capital and has monthly Food Markets and three Food Festivals every year. It is close to a number of tourist attractions and so has quite a high visitor footfall. As well as tourism, Horse Racing and Food processing industries are major employers in this area.

Both Malton and Old Malton are popular with retirees and have dedicated housing for the over 50s as well as Care and Nursing homes. Over the past decade there has been a major building programme which has significantly increased the number of young families in the area.

## Local Schools

The two primary schools, Malton Primary Academy and St Mary's Catholic school lie within the boundaries of Old Malton and Malton School, with it's Sixth Form College is located in neighbouring Malton.

As a benefice we have worked closely with Malton Primary Academy in the past (pre-Covid). This has included Tot's sessions and Sweaty Church. This is an area of work we are keen to develop. Currently OMG, with help from St Mary's, hold a weekly Parent Space in the house attached to Malton Primary Academy. St Mary's also hosts a Carol Service in collaboration with Malton Primary Academy and St Michael's hosts a Carol Service for Year 7s from Malton School. The local nursery regularly uses St Michael's book area for bible story readings. The nursery also brings the children to the annual Farmers Market Carol Service.



<https://www.maltonschool.org/>

<https://www.maltonprimary.org/>

<https://smm.npcat.org.uk>

## **Other Useful Links:**

**Malton** <https://www.visitmalton.com/>

## **Socio-economic indicators:**

See [Malton 2021 Census Data](#) (Includes Malton and Old Malton as one population)

## **Church Information:**

- Benefice website : <http://maltonbenefice.org.uk/>

*(we have plans to change this to make it more flexible and easier to post on)*

- Facebook : [https://www.facebook.com/www.maltonbenefice.org.uk/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/www.maltonbenefice.org.uk/?locale=en_GB)
- A Church Near You : both churches can be found on this website