

Message to Marton Friends

for Sunday 13th September 2026

This week's Update

Please find attached this week's vacancy update, compiled for us by Richard Haste. It includes all the services in our Benefice this week and next, along with this week's Bible readings and the collect.



Harvest at St Mary's Sunday 20 September at 6pm

There is no service at Marton Church this weekend. Our next service will be our Harvest Service at St Mary's on Sunday 20 September.

We will be collecting items for the I Am Reusable foodbank in York, so tins and packets with a reasonable shelf life will be especially welcome. We will also take a collection for RABI – the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

Harvest gifts can be left in church any time and there are 'mouse-proof' containers near the pulpit. We will decorate the church on Saturday 19th September.



Good News – Creationtide at Marton

A short article about our churchyard management has been included in this week's Easingwold Deanery Newsletter (see attached). It's a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helps keep our churchyard looking so wild and wonderful.

A New Display about Frosterley Marble Saturday 19 September, 2–4pm

Our own Oonah Mahaffey has been investigating the history of the remarkable Frosterley Marble slab in our church floor.

This limestone is packed with fossils, and it's quite a mystery why such an expensive and highly prized material ended up here in Marton!

On Saturday 19 September, Oonah and I will be in church to present her findings with tea, coffee and cake. Oonagh's display will remain in church for the rest of autumn.

We're also very happy to hear ideas for a possible Marton History event in 2027. If you know someone who might be willing to speak, do let me know.



Do You Remember?



A Music Quiz with Clive
Sunday 11 October, 3–5pm
in Marton Church

Clive is organising a musical quiz, mainly (but not exclusively) on popular music from the 1960s and 1970s. There will be a refreshment break at half-time. You are invited to bring an item you keep but no longer use.

The event is free. Please put the date in your diary — we'll ask for an idea of numbers nearer the time.

This week's Celtic Blessing

I've been struck by the beautiful clouds recently. Perhaps, after so many hot days and cloudless blue skies, I'm just appreciating them more! I'm also beginning to notice how quickly the evenings are drawing in: a mixed blessing!

This prayer is adapted from J. Philip Newell's *Celtic Treasure*.

*You speak to us in all things, O God,
in the rising of the sun and its setting,
in dreams of the night and encounters in the day.
Let us know you in the whole of life,
in both the blessings and the struggles of our lives.
Heal our hurts and open our hearts...*

*May the blessings of heaven,
the blessings of earth,
the blessings of sea and sky
be on all those we love and pray for this day.*

Amen.

Every blessing
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