



St Michael's Church, Alnwick

Vicar: The Rev'd Paul Scott
Curate: The Rev'd Julia Myles

8th December 2013. The Second Sunday of Advent *The Prophets*

A very warm welcome to St Michael's. If you are a visitor, and receive Communion at your own church, you are invited to do so here. Large print books and a loop system are available.

This leaflet gives details of readings, services and other events in the near future – please take it home with you to read and then use as a reference for the coming days.

8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
President & Preacher	The Rev'd Paul Rennie
Reader	Mora Rolley

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST** **Setting: Mass of St Thomas**
President The Rev'd Paul Scott
HYMN 483 Lift up your heads, you mighty gates

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Parents with babies and very small children are most welcome to take them to the Children's Corner (at the back of church) at any time. For older children and young people, Junior Church takes place in the Parish Room.

1ST READING **Isaiah 11:1-10** **Reader: Hazel Shell**

(Page 650 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

Many ancient prophets foretold the day of the Lord's coming. He will be within the dynasty of Jesse's great son David, and once again there will be peace and harmony. All peoples, and all the natural world too, will be reconciled.

2ND READING **Romans 15:4-13** **Reader: Nellie Shrimpton**

(Page 159 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Paul quotes the scriptures for evidence that Jesus always considered others before himself. So let all Christians now agree in common hope, joy, and perseverance.

GRADUAL**Psalm 67**

God be merciful unto us and bless us:
 and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:
 That thy way may be known upon earth:
 thy saving health among all nations.
 Let the people praise thee O God:
 yea let all the people praise thee.
 O let the nations rejoice and be glad:
 for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
 Let the people praise thee O God : let all the people praise thee.
 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase:
 and God even our own God shall give us his blessing.
 God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear him.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
 world without end, Amen.

THE GOSPEL**Matthew 3:1-12***(Page 2 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

The last of the old prophets, the one whom Jesus called greatest in his kingdom, was John the Baptist. John, like Paul, quotes Isaiah, to explain his function of preparing the way of the Lord's coming.

SERMON**The Rev'd Paul Rennie****PRAYERS****Intercessor: The Rev'd Paul Scott****OFFERTORY HYMN****26****O come, O come, Emmanuel**

After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer E which starts on page 12 of the Advent booklet

COMMUNION HYMN**259****My God, and is thy table spread****FINAL HYMN****470****Hills of the North, rejoice**

11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP *Prepare for a Surprise*

Leaders The Rev'd Paul Scott and The Rev'd Julia Myles

Address The Rev'd Julia Myles

11.15 am HOLY COMMUNION AT DENWICK

President The Rev'd Colin Perkins

Preacher: Trevor Porteous



6.00 pm	SUNG EVENSONG <i>(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)</i>	
Readings:	1 Kings 18:17-39	<i>(p. 335 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)</i>
	John 1:19-28	<i>(p. 88 of the New Testament in the pew bible)</i>
Reader:	Susan Trafford	
Office & Preacher	Trevor Porteous	
Hymns	24	Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding
	Psalm 11	<i>(Page 357 of the small prayer book)</i>
	139	Rejoice! the Lord is King
	470	Hills of the North, rejoice
	31	Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Morning Prayer is usually said in church at 8.30 am and Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm, from Tuesday to Saturday, except for Wednesday morning. You will be most welcome to join us for these times of prayer and bible reading.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That we may do all we can to 'Prepare the way of the Lord'
 The work of the Mothers' Union and the Deanery Eucharist
 in St Michael's on Wednesday
 Our 'Posada' project
 Those considering their call to ordained ministry
 St. Michael's Bowls Club
 All who are suffering as a result of natural disaster

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wed 11th 10.15 am Mothers' Union Advent Eucharist. *All Welcome*

Next Sunday: 15th December		The Third Sunday of Advent	
8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP	Isaiah 35:1-10	<i>(CW 9)</i>
		James 5:7-10	<i>(CW 11)</i>
		Matthew 11:2-11	<i>(CW 11)</i>
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
4.00 pm	Carols at Denwick		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)	Isaiah 5:8-30; Acts 13:13-41	

Please note that the Vicar's day off is Monday

He would be pleased to be spared all but the most urgent matters on this day.

The Curate's normal working days are Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be administered in St. Michael's on Sunday 16th March, 2014 at 9.30am. If you are interested in being confirmed, please speak to one of the clergy. Preparations will begin in the New Year but it would be helpful to have some idea of 'interested parties' before then.

Many thanks, Paul.

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR CAKE YET?

Susan Trafford is making Christmas cakes again this year. Prices are 6" diameter £6, 7" £8.50, 8" £11, half of which goes to Church funds. To order, please telephone Susan on 01665 606180.

In this busy time leading up to Christmas, please try to find some time to help St Michael's with some important tasks?.....

We need as many volunteers as we can get, to take bundles of **CHRISTMAS CARDS** (TODAY if possible) to make sure that EVERY house in the town gets a card. The 'street' bundles are ready at the back of church – please take and deliver as many as you can. Thank you.

There will be a **BIG CLEAN MORNING** in St Michael's on Saturday 21st December, 10 am-12 noon. Please come along to lend a hand and get the church looking good for the Christmas celebrations. Cleaning materials, hot drinks and mince pies will be provided.

Get Christmassy with our Junior Church families! Helpers are needed to put together Christingles on **Monday 23rd, 11.00-12.30** in the Parish Hall.

Also needed are several people at the '**Family Carols and Christingle Service**' **4.30 on 24th** to light & give them out or to help steward the many people who come .

Please let Julia Myles know if you can help Thank you.

As you may know, there is to be a **CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA** in the Parish Hall at 3.30 pm on 29th December. If you are hoping to be there, please add your name to the list at the back of church. The cost will be £5, payable, in advance, to Margaret Onions.



WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS GONE? During Advent we add to our air of waiting and expectancy by removing all flowers from church but we look forward to a splendid array when we celebrate Christ's birth. Contributions towards the cost of Christmas flowers would be gratefully received. Please see Ann Brown or Enid Brown.

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