



# St Michael's Church, Alnwick

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

## 29th December 2013. The First Sunday of Christmas

*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.*

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
President	The Rev'd Paul Scott
Preacher	The Rev'd Canon Dennis Winter
Reader	Mora Rolley

**9.30 am**                      **PARISH EUCHARIST**                      *Setting: Mass of St Thomas*

President                      The Rev'd Paul Scott

**HYMN**                      43      A great and mighty wonder

### 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.*

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING**                      **Isaiah 63:7-9**                      **Reader: Dee Ramsay**

*(Page 704 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

The prophet's hymn of praise emphasises that it is always God himself, no intermediary or other, who is the redeemer of his people in his love for them.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING**                      **Hebrews 2:10-18**                      **Reader: John Cooke**

*(Page 216 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

This unknown writer explains that because God in Christ shared all the experiences we humans suffer, he is able to bring us with him into the Father's glory.

**GRADUAL**                    **33**                    **Of the Father's love begotten**

**THE GOSPEL**                    **Matthew 2:13-23**

*(Page 1 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

We shall hear at Epiphanytide how important men from the East paid homage to the infant Christ. Today's Gospel tells a harsher tale, of Herod's fury at the possibility of a rival king. So the Holy Family become refugees, until the time when it will be safe to return.

**SERMON**                                    **The Rev'd Canon Dennis Winter**

**PRAYERS**                                    **Intercessor: Richard Allsop**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**    **462**                    **Glory to God! All heaven with joy is ringing**

*After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer B which starts on page 8 of the Christmastide booklet*

**COMMUNION HYMN**    **256**                    **Let all mortal flesh keep silence**

**FINAL HYMN**                    **40**                    **O little town of Bethlehem**

**11.15 am**    **LATE MORNING WORSHIP** *God in the Flesh*  
*With Quiet Holy Communion Iona style*

**Leader**                    **The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen**

**3.30 pm**                    **Christmas Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall**

**6.00 pm**                    **SUNG EVENSONG**  
*(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)*

**Readings:**                    **Isaiah 49:7-13**                    *(p. 689 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)*  
**Philippians 2:1-11**                    *(p. 194 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

**Reader:**                    **Stanley Trafford**

**Office & Preacher**    **John Cooke**

**Hymns**                    **38**                    **God from on high hath heard**  
**Psalm**                    **132**                    *(Page 519 of the small prayer book)*  
**462**                    **Glory to God! All heaven with joy is ringing**  
**354**                    **Every star shall sing a carol**  
**391**                    **Lord Jesus Christ**

*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 Christ may be at the centre of all we do

All who are homeless and dispossessed

New beginnings

Our Mayor & Town Council

The Friary at Alnmouth

**WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Jan                      **The Naming of Jesus**

10.15 am Holy Communion

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan    2.00 pm    Funeral of Gladys McFall

***Next Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> January. The Epiphany***

8.00 am                      Holy Communion                      Isaiah 60:1-6                      (CW 39)

Ephesians 3:1-12                      (CW 41)

Matthew 2:1-12                      (CW 41)

9.30 am                      Parish Eucharist

11.15 am    Late Morning Worship                      *Light for All*

6.00 pm    Sung Evensong, (BCP 1662). Isaiah 60:1-9;    John 2:1-11

***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***

Bishop Martin will be at St. Michael's to administer the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** 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.

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On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January there is to be a '**Stewards' Soup & Roll Lunch**' in the Parish Hall (at 12.15 for 12.30). This is to say 'thank you' to all who have acted as Church Stewards in 2013 and also to invite them to continue during 2014, together with anyone who would like to help with stewarding but hasn't already taken part.

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Thanks from Susan Trafford for the support of all who ordered Christmas cakes from her, and to Susan herself for making them. The sale of these raised £69 for Church funds.

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Many thanks to all those who took and delivered **Christmas cards** around Alnwick. If there were any bundles with too many or too few, or any streets missed out altogether, please could you let Margaret Onions have the details so that we can correct the list for next year.

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THANKS to all who worked so hard and so long to prepare St Michael's for the Christmas celebrations. Everything looked beautiful and we had some capacity congregations coming through the doors to welcome the Christ child. In addition to the very large congregation at our Candlelit Carol Service, over 600 people came to St Michael's over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Many thanks,  
Paul

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Did you (or did anyone you know) leave a Citroen car key in church last Sunday? If so, please speak to the vicar or a churchwarden.

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Application forms for membership of the **PARISH HALL PRIZE DRAW** are available today at the back of church. Membership costs £20 a year; the draw takes place once a month and there are three cash prizes: £20, £10 and £5. If you wish to take part, please add your name to the list and take an Application Form to complete and return to Geoff Brown, together with your payment, as soon as possible. Please note that there will be two draws at the end of January (one for January and one for February).

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