



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

5TH FEBRUARY 2017 THE 4TH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT (PROPER 1)

WELCOME!

A very warm welcome to St Michael's – especially if you are with us for the first time. Please do stay behind after the 9.30 service for tea/coffee and a chat. If you receive Communion at your own church, you are invited to do so here or, if you would prefer, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a *At 8.00 am only*

(Page 698 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

People ask why God does not reward their faithful attention to religious duties. The prophet's reply is that God's will can only be done in and through people who care about social justice too – obedient people who, in Jesus' words, shed light among their neighbours.

2ND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

(Page 163 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

To his Christian friends, finding it hard to live with happy pagan neighbours, Paul explains how the joy of God revealed in Jesus Christ does not come from human wisdom or worldly ways, but by Holy Spirit speaking to human spirit. Spiritual perception discloses the hidden truth of God's wisdom.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

(Page 4 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Just as Isaiah urged a deep concern for other people, Jesus requires us to go beyond our necessary worship and prayer. God cannot bring in his kingdom except in and through people who shed light to their neighbours, whose motives and intentions are deeper than obedience to religious rules.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

President & Preacher The Rev'd Julia Myles

Reader Win Nicol

9.30 am FIRST SUNDAY EUCHARIST *(with children and young people in church)*

President The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Talk The Rev'd Julia Myles

- Hymns 264 The Spirit lives to set us free
 725 Make me a channel of your peace
 563 Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets
 389 Spirit of God, unseen as the wind
 818 To God be the glory, great things he has done

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings: Amos 2:4-16 *(Page 865 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*
 Ephesians 4:17-32 *(Page 191 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Reader: Stanley Trafford

Office The Rev'd Colin Perkins

Preacher The Rev'd Colin Perkins

Hymns 783 Stand up, and bless the Lord
 Psalm 4 *(Page 349 of the small Prayer Book)*
 632 Fill thou my life, O Lord my God
 335 My God, accept my heart this day
 21 O strength and stay upholding all creation

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Wed 8th 10.15 am Holy Communion
 2.00 pm Mothers' Union Annual General Meeting in church. All welcome
 7.30 pm Coffee, chat and craft at the home of Michelle Duff
- Thurs 9th 9.15 am Mini Michaels in church
 7.00 pm 'The Final Five' at 2 Duke's Memorial Cottages

Next Sunday: 12th February

The 3rd Sunday before Lent

- | | | | |
|----------|---------------------------|--|------------------|
| 8.00 am | Holy Communion | Deuteronomy 30:15-20 | (CW 66) |
| | | 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 | (CW 67) |
| | | Matthew 5:21-37 | (CW 68) |
| 9.30 am | Parish Eucharist | <i>Readings as for 8.00 am Communion</i> | |
| 11.15 am | Late Morning Worship | | |
| 11.15 am | Holy Communion at Denwick | | |
| 6.00 pm | Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662) | Amos 3:1-8; | Ephesians 5:1-17 |

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

That we may be salt and light in God's world today

Thanks for all the blessings we have received

All who tend the sick

Jean and Cath our Churchwardens

A sense of peace and stability – at home and abroad

Have you got your tickets yet for **OUR PANCAKE PARTY** on **SHROVE TUESDAY**? These are still available today. Do purchase yours and encourage friends and neighbours to come along to this social occasion which is always a pleasant evening.

Lent 2017

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 1st March.

Copies of our '**LENT LEAFLET**' will be available from next Sunday which will contain full details of all that will be happening.

In the meantime, please note that **LENT LUNCHESES** will once again take place in the Costello centre in Bailiffgate each Thursday.

St Michael's is responsible for providing the lunch on **Thursday 9th March** and cash donations towards the purchase of ingredients would be much appreciated alongside offers of help with serving and clearing away on the day itself. Please add your name to the list at the back of church if you are able to help.

At **SHEPHERD'S DENE**, Riding Mill :

Quiet Fridays in Lent. £20 incl lunch 9.30-4pm. Julia can drive three people on 24th & 31st Mar, 7th April.

Quiet Overnight. from 10.00 a.m. Tues 25th until 11.30 a.m. Wed 26th April. Including lunch approx £75 full board. £7.50 deposit required as soon as possible please.

JULIA NEEDS TO BOOK THESE STRAIGHT AWAY SO DO TELL HER QUICKLY.



David Bryan will help us explore our faith using Henri Nouwen's renowned reflection '**THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL**'. Tuesdays from 2-4pm on Mar 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th & April 4th in St Michael's Parish Hall.

Will you be able to spare some time on those days to help set up tables and chairs beforehand, and make tea/coffee? Please let Julia know if you are willing to help. The sessions are open to all but you **MUST** register with Rev'd Julia Myles.

Calling all **CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTORS** Thank you for all you have done in past years. Across Britain every step, every door knocked on has brought about wonderful lasting change. We need you again, and as many more people as possible. This year, rather than each church being allocated certain streets there is the opportunity to sign up to the street you would feel most comfortable collecting in. This approach requires an early start so that the list can go around all of the churches. It will be at the back of church next Sunday and the following Sunday before moving on to the next church. Christian Aid week is May 14- 20th. Please do consider collecting in the street where you live, either alone or with a friend. Thank you



The Diocese of Newcastle is about to launch a new strategy with the title **GROWING CHURCH BRINGING HOPE.**

The launch will take place at an Open Synod at 10.00 am on Saturday 11th March at Dr Thomlinson CE Middle School, Rothbury. This will set the scene for our working and our priorities over the next five years and anyone interested is welcome to attend. Please let Julia or Paul know if you are interested.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Tues 14 th Feb	3.00 pm	Mini Michaels team meeting in Parish Room	
Wed 15 th Feb	10.15 am	Holy Communion at St Michael's School	
Mon 27 th Feb	2.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors meet at the Vicarage	
Tues 28 th Feb	7.00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party in Parish Hall	
1 st Mar		Ash Wednesday	
	10.15 am	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	
	&	7.30 pm	
Sat 11 th March	10.00 am	Growing Church Bringing Hope	<i>See paragraph above</i>

If you are a UK taxpayer, St Michael's can benefit to the tune of 25p for each £1.00 donated by Gift Aid. Please use the brown envelopes which you will find at the end of each pew. Thank you.

Vicar: The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott paulscott1957@btinternet.com
 Curate: The Rev'd Julia Myles juliamyles@btinternet.com
 Parish website: www.alnwickanglican.com

The Parish of St Michael & St Paul is a Registered Charity, No. 1131297