

Next Sunday: 12th March

The 2nd Sunday of Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Genesis 12:1-4a	(CW 90)
		Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17	(CW 91)
		John 3:1-17	(CW 91)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist	<i>Readings as for 8.00 am Communion</i>	
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
11.15 am	Matins at Denwick		
6.00 pm	A Celebration of Wholeness and Healing		

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK
That each of us may walk with Christ this Lent
All in hospital at this time
Thanks for longer days and signs of spring
Christine and Mark, our Bishops
Rev'd David Bryan as he leads our Lent course

What a splendid time we had at our **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY**. The Parish Hall was looking resplendent with its new tables and chairs and the kitchen team provided a wonderful supper including savoury and sweet pancakes. A marvellous added bonus was that £411.00 was raised for church funds.

Fifteen members of our congregation are enjoying an away-weekend on **HOLY ISLAND**, Friday – Sunday. We hope they have a wonderful time and return to us renewed and refreshed.



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.

NEWS FROM ARMENIA. A very short e-mail arrived last week from Jean Darby to say she had arrived safely in a snowy Yerevan and was heading to Spitak. Please keep her and the people there in your prayers.

If you haven't already done so, please do take a **LENT BOX** home with you and save for the work of the **CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY** which aims, in all sorts of ways, to bring hope and freedom to our world.

LENT LUNCHES continue this week and take place in the Costello Centre in Bailiffgate at 12 noon each Thursday. For those who are interested there is a short meditation in the Memorabilia Room at the Costello Centre, 12 -12.30 pm



Please could anyone using a new-ish version of MS Word save your file(s) for the **PEWSHEET OR GATEWAY** as a **doc** filetype instead of **docx** if you are sending to the church email address. (The church software is a bit old and doesn't correctly interpret the newer filetype). Any difficulty –please just ask – I am more than happy to help in any way I can. Joan Dunn

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Tues 14 th March	7.30 pm	P.C.C. meeting in church
Sat 1 st April	7.30 pm	Northumbria Sinfonietta Concert in Church. All proceeds to St Michael's Church
Fri 7 th April	10.00 am	Big Clean in church.

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.

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