



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK
7TH MAY 2017. THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Acts 2:42-47

(Page 116 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

We have heard Peter's first recorded sermon, and its dramatic effect. Now we discover how these new Christians came to develop a new pattern of life and worship together.

2ND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25 At 8.00 am only

(Page 231 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

We continue on these Easter Sundays to read a letter directed to Gentile Christians. For all those who are humiliated or persecuted for their faith, Jesus is the supreme example and pattern to be honoured and followed.

THE GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

(Page 100 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Jesus uses a familiar image from the Hebrew Scriptures of shepherds and sheep. He himself is the good shepherd; he calls us to follow him, and teaches that he himself is the only way the sheep may be safely gathered.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

President The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Preacher The Rev'd Julia Myles

Reader Holly Petrie

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

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Talk The Rev'd Julia Myles

Hymns

197	Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
800	The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
667	I danced in the morning when the world was begun
724	Loving Shepherd of thy sheep
712	Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings:	Ezra 3:1-13 <i>(Page 434 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)</i> Ephesians 2:11-22 <i>(Page 190 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)</i>
Reader:	Vivienne Graves
Office	The Rev'd Colin Perkins
Preacher	The Rev'd Colin Perkins
Hymns	809 Thou art the way Psalm 29 <i>(Page 378 of the small Prayer Book)</i> 763 Praise to the holiest 820 When all thy mercies 675 Immortal love omit vv 4 & 5

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Give thanks for Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh stepping down from Royal duties.
For all students and staff preparing for exams.
For those elected in last Thursdays local elections.
For Britain's negotiations for leaving the EU & the worldwide political scene.
That the presence of the risen Christ might be known & shown in our lives.

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 9th	7.30 pm	Coffee and craft at Michelle Duffs. Come with your own project or make a beeswax candle.
Wed 10 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion
	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union in church: The Rev'd Julia Myles
Thurs 11 th	9.15 am	Mini Michaels in church
	7.00 pm	Baptism Preparation meeting in church
Sat 13th	9.30-11.30 am	Mettle youth group Big Brekkie in the Northumberland Hall. Have a delicious breakfast and give to Christian Aid.

Next Sunday

**14th May The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Christian Aid Week starts**

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Acts 7: 55-60 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	CW 179 CW 179 CW 180
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist	<i>Readings as for 8.00 am service</i>	
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
11.15 am	Matins at Denwick		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)	Zechariah 4:1-10 Revelation 21:1-14	

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2017 -14th to 20th May.



Will volunteers PLEASE TAKE envelope bundles from the back of church. **We still need a few more envelope collectors** please speak to Susan Trafford.

Tues 16th 10.00 am-12 noon, Green Batt

St Michael's Coffee Morning at the home of the Rev'd Natasha Schemanoff & the Rev'd Martin Turner. If you are able to help on the day or provide cakes or biscuits please speak to them in church.

Thurs 18th 8.00 am

All welcome at St Michael's C of E Primary School for a **Big Brekkie**



Please note that the Coffee Morning for the flower festival, as advertised in the Gateway magazine, has been **cancelled** so we can all attend the Contagious "Big Brekkie" in the Northumberland Hall on Sat 13th May. Our **Flower Festival** takes place in St Michael's at the beginning of August. Please stay behind after our First Sunday Eucharist on 4th June when we will have a **COFFEE MORNING & CAKE STALL** towards covering some of the costs of the Festival.

VISIT TO HEXHAM ABBEY. Due to circumstances beyond our control this visit has been postponed.

There are two months-worth of **PARISH HALL DRAW** results. Congratulations to the winners:
February £20 Geoff Atkinson; £10 Anne Blades; £5 Dawn MacAuley
March £20 Audrey Bell; £10 Geoff Brown; £5 Paul Scott

Belated and most grateful thanks for all the donations received towards the **MOTHERS' UNION BACKPACK APPEAL**. We reached the magnificent total of £200.50. We have the new backpacks and filling with the required items is in hand. Val Hawker, Mothers' Union Branch Leader.

Julia's Licensing as Priest-in-Charge of the Arle Valley Benefice is taking place on Mon 31st July in the evening at St John the Baptist, New Alresford. The Wardens of St John's are offering to arrange overnight B&B if any St Michael's friends are planning to come. DO let Julia know by the end of May if you would like a bed.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Tues 16 th May	7.30 pm	PCC meeting in church
Fri 19 th May	7.30 pm	Alnwick Community Choir at St Bartholomew's Church A Concert for a May Evening. £5 on the door. Children Free.
Wed 24 th May	10.15 am	Holy Communion at St Michael's Primary School
Thurs 25 th May	7.30 pm	Ascension Day – Sung Eucharist in church
Sat 27 th May	11.00 am	Messy Church in the Parish Hall



Praying from Ascension to Pentecost 25th May -4th June:

Nine days of prayer for our parish, our city, our nation and our world.
Look out for prayer resources in church soon.

'Thy Kingdom Come' event in Newcastle Cathedral on **Saturday 3rd June at 7.00 pm with Lou Fellingham**. The Archbishops have asked that we hold this key event for the region as we pray for our neighbours, streets, and parishes.

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