



# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

## 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2016 HARVEST THANKSGIVING

### 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

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11      *At 8.00 am only*

*(Page 188 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

When you have gathered in your harvest, says the Scripture, you are to come into the house of the Lord and offer the firstfruits in worship and thankfulness for all the good things which come from God.

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

Philippians 4:4-9

*(Page 196 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

Paul bids his friends never to be anxious, but always pray to God about what they need, and fill their minds with only good things.

#### THE GOSPEL

John 6:25-35

*(Page 94 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

Jesus had miraculously fed a great crowd from a little bread, but now he challenges them about their real need. God in his grace fed the wilderness people with manna, and Jesus gives us himself, true bread for eternal life.

### 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

President & Preacher    The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Reader                      Win Nicol

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

President            The Rev'd Julia Myles

Talk                 The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Hymns    282    Come, ye thankful people, come  
             287    Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer  
             533    All things bright and beautiful  
             650    Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
             290    We plough the fields and scatter



Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> is the Sunday nearest to St Luke's Day when, traditionally, the church concentrates on its Healing Ministry. In line with recent years we will hold a **SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS** in place of Evensong at 6.00 pm. This Act of Worship, which includes the laying-on of hands and anointing for those who wish, is appreciated by many. If you have not taken part before, please do consider coming along.

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Last week's fundraising event and collection for Community@NE66 (Alnwick Community Centre) as part of our **MISSION OUTREACH** at St Michael's raised in the region of £400! **Thank you** to all who gave so generously. Hannah Moeini, who runs the centre, is absolutely delighted and really appreciates our support. This money will allow her to run a full programme of events for the young people during half-term rather than being limited to a skeleton schedule. Frances and Richard Allsop won the afternoon tea voucher so will no doubt be heading off to the White Swan to enjoy their treat soon.

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Many thanks to all who supported the **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** at Dawn McAuley's house last Wednesday. Dawn is very pleased to say that, thanks to all the helpers and supporters, £345 was raised in aid of Macmillan.

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**ST MICHAEL'S WINTER MARKET** this year will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. Please make sure that you have the date in your diary.

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Today we are celebrating **HARVEST THANKSGIVING** and, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall, there will be a special two-course (ticketed) **Harvest Supper** of pie & peas and Autumn fruit crumble; there will also be an auction of perishable produce. All proceeds from the evening will go to Water Aid.

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We had 'Back to Basics' & now we can have '**SOMETHING MORE**', based on the book by Bishop John Pritchard. Julia is hosting a group at her home, beginning Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October (7 for 7.30 pm). Six sessions concluding with a Quiet Day at Shepherd's Dene on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. All are welcome – whether new or old in the faith– as we explore together. Please let Julia know if you are interested.



**TRADCRAFT GOODS...**Just a reminder that Sue Wiltshire keeps a constant supply of some of Traidcraft's 'staples' at her home. If anyone wishes to purchase any of the following Sue would be happy to either bring things to church or pop something around to your home. Always available are: white/brown rice, ground coffee, decaffeinated tea bags, raisins, sultanas, dates, brazil and walnuts, castor, demerara and dark brown sugar, cocoa and hot chocolate, kitchen rolls and loo rolls.

**....and magazines**

Please do pick up an autumn copy of the Traidcraft magazine on your way out this morning. It is full of lovely things!

From 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of this month, **PRISONS WEEK** is a week of Prayer for all concerned with or affected by prisons and prisoners. Please do take time to look at the leaflets that you will find at the back of church and, if you have internet access, to find out more visit their website [www.prisonsworld.org](http://www.prisonsworld.org).

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Sue Baines-MacNeill writes that the **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES** are due for emptying in October, so if you have one of these, please bring it to church as soon as possible during this month – Sue is happy to receive boxes throughout October!

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St Michael's Retreat on Holy Island. Are you interested in spending a few days next year on **HOLY ISLAND**, with others from St Michael's, staying at Marygate? If so please stay for a short meeting after the 9.30 am service to discuss possibilities. If you would be interested but can't make the meeting, please email, text or phone Jean Sawyer or Sue Allen.

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### **FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW**

Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union in church: Licensing of Val Hawker, followed by business meeting.
	7.30 pm	Coffee, chat & craft at the home of Michelle Duff
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Baptism Preparation meeting in church
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Mothers' Union Coffee Morning at the Vicarage Tickets (£1) now available from Val Hawker. All welcome.
	1.00 pm	Come and be a Chorister for a Day, here at St Michael's, but organised by Durham Cathedral. For 6-10 year-olds
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Service of Healing and Wholeness at St Michael's
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Consecration of Canon Mark Tanner as Bishop of Berwick in York Minster
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.15 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion in St Michael's Primary School</b>
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	'Something More' home group
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00 am	Angel Tree Coffee Morning in Parish Room
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00 am	St Michael's Winter Market

**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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