



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

1ST MAY 2016

THE FEAST OF SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

**WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE
'ALLELUIA!' IS OUR SONG**

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 30: 15-21 (At 8.00 am only)

(Page 668 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

However much the people may panic at the foreign threat, Isaiah promises God's calm and peace. This passage ends with the same idea that Philip questioned Jesus about – whether we can see God.

2ND READING

Ephesians 1:3-10

Reader

Honey Hughes

This letter begins with a great hymn of praise to God for what he has done for us in Christ. In Christ, we are adopted as children of God, with the divinely-given wisdom and insight to understand God's purposes for us.

(Page 189 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

Philip is the disciple who asks Jesus to be able to see God. The answer is that to know Jesus is to know God the Father, because they dwell deeply in each other, and Jesus is our way to all the truth of God.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

President and 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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Hymns

- 545 Morning has broken, like the first morning
27 Colours of day dawn into the mind
308 Rejoice in God's saints
604 Brother, sister, let me serve you
264 The Spirit lives to set us free

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings:	Job 23:1-12	<i>(p. 482 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)</i>
	John 1:43-end	<i>(p. 89 of the New Testament in the pew bible)</i>
Reader:	Susan Trafford	
Office	The Rev'd Colin Perkins	
Preacher	The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott	
Hymns	649	God of mercy, God of grace
	Psalm	25, vv1-10 <i>(Page 374 of the small Prayer Book)</i>
	826	Ye holy angels bright
	613	City of God, how broad and far
	307	Palms of glory, raiment bright

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wed 4th 10.15 am Holy Communion, with the Penguins (year 1)
from St Michael's 1st School

Thurs 5th Ascension Day
9.15 am Mini Michaels
7.30 pm Sung Eucharist

Fri 6th -14th May 9 days of prayer between Ascension & Pentecost
Details are in the May edition of Gateway, and there are Prayer leaflets at the back of church - see page 4.

Fri 6th 1.00 pm Funeral of Willie Wilson

Next Sunday: 8th May The Seventh Sunday of Easter.

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Acts 16: 16-34	(CW 919)
		Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-end	(CW 921)
		John 17:20-26	(CW 921)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
11.15 am	Matins at Denwick		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Isaiah 44:1-8; Ephesians 4:7-16	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That we may know Christ's peace in our hearts

Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Thanks for the Ascension and the promise of the Holy Spirit

Alan, our Organist, and the Choir

Christians Together in Alnwick

This Thursday (5th May) is **ASCENSION DAY** – a Red Letter Day in the church calendar. All confirmed members of the Church should receive Holy Communion on this day. Here at St Michaels' there is a **Sung Eucharist at 7.30 pm**.



90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR OUR QUEEN

We look forward to Sunday 12th June when we will celebrate our Queen's 90th birthday. There will be a joint act of Worship at 10.00 am, followed by a celebration lunch in the Parish Hall at 12 noon. Tickets are now available (£10), or £25 for a family ticket. Do come along and bring your friends.

ALNWICK DEANERY EVENSONG takes place at Holy Trinity, Embleton at **6.00pm on Sunday 22nd**. The preacher will be the Bishop of Newcastle. If you would like to go, please sign the list so that we can organise transport (please indicate if you can provide seats in your car). **N.B.** There will be no Evensong at St Michael's that day.

ALNWICK DISTRICT FOOD BANK Please keep up the good work by continuing to donate non-perishable items to **THE FOOD BANK**. These can be left here in the Food Bank box at the back of church or in the Food Bank bins in Costa, the Co-op and Iceland, which are emptied every week by our wonderful volunteers.

Please make a note in your diary that there is to be a fund-raising **COFFEE MORNING** in the Parish Hall on Saturday 21st May, 10.00 am -12 noon. There will be a raffle, tombola, cake stall and craft stall. Donations of items for the tombola and the craft stall are invited – please place these in the box at the back of church. Home-made cakes, etc are requested on the day itself.

There is a new supply of Prayer Cards and gifts on the Craft Table at the back of church, please do take time to browse (and buy!).

Do look out for some interesting developments in the north aisle in the near future. Following discussions in the P.C.C. the Archdeacon has given permission for the removal of a number of pews for an experimental period. During that time we will be able to consider some imaginative options for the use of the space which will be generated.



THIS Friday we begin nine days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. There will be artwork on display each day and Prayer Stations in St Catherine's Chapel. A nine-day colour prayer booklet with artworks, bible passage and prayer is available today £1. Monday 9th – Friday 13th there will be Midday Prayer at Noon and Compline at 9.00 pm. Please take a leaflet on your way out for details.

CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you very much indeed to all those people who have taken Christian Aid envelopes to deliver, **we are more than half-way there but there are still a few still to go.** If you think you might be able to help with any part of this process please do have a word with either Susan Trafford or Sue Wiltshire. Thank you



The May edition of **GATEWAY** is now on sale at the back of church. Please note that Julia's telephone number is correct on page 23, but wrong on the PCC members list on page 7.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 9 th	2.00 pm	Mission Group meeting at 2 Prudhoe Street
Tues 10 th	7.30 pm	P.C.C. in church
Thurs 12 th	7.00 pm	Baptism Preparation meeting in church
Thurs 19 th	8.00 am	Big Brekkie at St Michael's 1 st School in aid of Christian Aid. All welcome!
Sat 21 st	10.00 am	Coffee Morning in Parish Hall
Sun 22 nd	6.00 pm	Alnwick Deanery Evensong at Embleton
Mon 23 rd	2.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors Group at the Vicarage
Sat 28 th May	11.00 am	Messy Church in the Parish Hall
Wed 15 th June	2.00 pm	Alnwick (St Paul's) Educational Charity at the Vicarage
Fri 15 th July	time tba	Northumbrian Evening in the Parish Hall

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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