



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

3RD APRIL 2016

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Acts 5:27-32 Reader Merryn Hughes

(Page 119 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

The apostles were put in prison by the Jewish authorities for preaching the resurrection. This is Peter's defence of their action before the Sanhedrin. God's witnesses cannot keep silent.

2ND READING

Revelation 1:4-8 *at 8.00 am only*

(Page 242 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

This Easter season we will hear each week from the often difficult Revelation of John. This opening greeting is more than a conventional letter: it extols the glory of Jesus, first-born from the dead, and the God who was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever.

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

On the first Easter evening, Jesus appears to his disciples with his habitual greeting of peace, and a gift of the Holy Spirit. Thomas must wait another week until he can see, believe and adore.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

President & Preacher

The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Reader:

Mora Rolley

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

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Hymns 197 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
199 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing
667 I danced in the morning when the world was begun
212 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain
678 In Christ alone my hope is found

4.00 pm Easter Vestry & Annual Parochial Church Meetings in the Parish Hall. *Preceded by tea and cake.*

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings:	Genesis 3:8-15	<i>(p. 3 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)</i>
	Galatians 4:1-5	<i>(p. 186 of the New Testament in the pew bible)</i>
Reader:	Jean Darby	
Office	Trevor Porteous	
Preacher	Trevor Porteous	
Hymns 201	Come, ye faithful, raise the strain	
Psalm 85	<i>(Page 454 of the small Prayer Book)</i>	
198	At the Lamb's high feast we sing	
217	The strife is o'er, the battle done	
313	For Mary, Mother of our Lord	

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 4th 12.00 pm Wedding of Arriel Grimes and Philippa Sadgrove

Wed 6th 10.15 am Holy Communion for the Feast of
the Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sun 10th 10.30 am The Joy of Spring Fair at Linden Hall.
In aid of Hospice Care, North Northumberland
3.30 pm Messy Church at St James' Centre, Pottergate

Next Sunday: 10th April The 3rd Sunday of Easter.

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]	(CW 902)
		Revelation 5:11-14	(CW 903)
		John 21:1-19	(CW 904)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
11.15 am	Holy Communion at Denwick		

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That, like Thomas, we may recognise Jesus as our Lord and our God

All preparing for marriage

The work of Mothers' Union

Those who work for justice and peace

Our Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council

The **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS** for this afternoon's Annual Church meeting are at the back of church. If you were away or didn't take a set last week, please take one this morning and bring it with you to the meeting. This is an important meeting which gives an opportunity for church members not only to hear about what has happened in the previous year but also to raise any matter of importance concerning the life and activity of St. Michael's. Elections for Churchwardens and representatives to the Parochial Church Council also take place.

On Sunday 12th June, along with the rest of the country, we will celebrate the **90TH BIRTHDAY OF OUR QUEEN**. Plans are afoot to have a joint act of worship at 10.00am followed by our usual tea and coffee and then a celebratory lunch (for which tickets will be on sale). Please make a note of the date in your diary now – and watch out for further details.



ALNWICK DISTRICT FOOD BANK is currently rather short of UHT milk, jam, puddings, vegetables, potatoes, tins of stew or similar, and cereals. Donations of food 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. Thank you so much for your continuing support, which is very much appreciated.

Thanks to our very talented Junior Church who provided a most amazing craft stall on Easter Day as their effort towards our Lenten Christian Aid project. Through your generosity they raised £218.30 – a fantastic result!

CRAFT, COFFEE AND CAKE at Michelle's on Wednesday 12th at 7:30pm. Bring whatever you are working on or our alternative activity will be bag-making; why not make one for the church stall in the market in summer? Tel:-Michelle Duff for any further details.

CHRISTIAN AID. Did you take a savings box at the beginning of Lent? If so, now is the time to return it. Many thanks to those who have already done so. The total saved will be published in the near future. It may seem a long way off at the present time, but Christian Aid Week (15th-21st May) is fast approaching. Please could you start thinking now about whether you could help by being a house-to-house collector (see Sue Wiltshire's article on page 18 of the new Gateway).



FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

- Mon 11th 3.15 pm Funeral of Edward (Eddie) Jury
- Thurs 14th 9.15 am Mini Michaels back after the Easter break
7.00 pm Baptism Preparation in church
- Sat 16th 11.00 am Alnwick Spring Show at Willowburn Sports & Leisure Centre
- Thurs 21st 7.30 pm PCC Finance Committee meeting at The Vicarage
- Sat 23rd 10.00 am Faith and Life 'Away Day' at St Michael's
Theme: Gifts of The Spirit
10.00 am Sing a New Song at Durham Cathedral
See Notice Board for details
7.30 pm Berwick Arts Choir presents Brahms German Requiem,
at Berwick Parish Church
- Thurs 12th May 1.30 pm 'The Social Whirl' Flower designs & talk by Jane Butler
in aid of Hospice Care, at Doxford Hall.
£18 including Afternoon Tea See poster on Notice Board

A Prayer by David Adam

**The Lord of the empty tomb, the conqueror of gloom,
come to you.**

**The Lord in the garden walking, the Lord to Mary talking,
come to you.**

**The Lord in the upper room, dispelling fear and doom,
come to you.**

**The Lord on the road to Emmaus, the Lord giving hope to Thomas,
come to you.**

**The Lord appearing on the shore, giving us life for evermore.
Come to you.**

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each pew. Thank you.**

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