

10.45 am Sunday Schools Together: Christmas Activity Morning in the Parish Hall

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings:	1 Kings 18:17-39 (<i>Page 335 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible</i>) John 1:19-28 (<i>Page 88 of the New Testament in the pew Bible</i>)
Reader:	Catherine Hughes
Office	The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Preacher	The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig
Hymns	57 Ye servants of the Lord
Psalm	11 (<i>Page 395 of the small Prayer Book</i>)
769	Rejoice! The Lord is King
38	Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding
30	Come, thou long-expected Jesus

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 5 th	10.30 am	Advent with Isaiah, at Park Cottage
Wed 7 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion with the Stingrays (Year 3) from St Michael's School
	2.00 pm	Alnwick (St Paul's) Educational Charity at the Vicarage
Thurs 8 th	9.15 am	Mini Michaels in church
	7.00 pm	Baptism Preparation in church
Sat 10 th	10.30 am	Art and Crafts Fair at St James' URC Centre, Pottergate. Admission free

Next Sunday: 11th December

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 35:1-10	(CW 9)
		James 5:7-10	(CW 11)
		Matthew 11:2-11	(CW 11)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist	<i>Readings as for 8.00 am Communion</i>	
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
3.00 pm	Holy Baptism		
3.30 pm	Carols at Denwick		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)	Isaiah 5:8-end; Acts 13:13-41	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

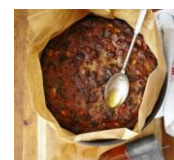
That, like John the Baptist, we might show others the way to Jesus
Mark, Bishop of Berwick, as he is inaugurated this weekend
The continuing atrocities in Syria
Eve and Paul our sacristans
All who act as carers for loved ones



Are you offering a home for the night to Mary and Joseph during Advent? If you haven't yet done so, there are still some spaces, so please add your name to one of the vacant slots on the **POSADA ROTA** which you will find at the back of church.

Do you prefer to have a home-made (undecorated) **CHRISTMAS CAKE**? Susan Trafford will be making these again this year. If you would like one, please contact Susan with your order. Sizes and prices are:

8" £10.50; 7" £8; 6" £5.50



Don't forget our **BIG CLEAN** on Friday 16th December –even if you can only spare half an hour, all help is welcome.

Donations towards the cost of purchasing **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** would also be appreciated over the Advent season. Many thanks.

Do take an **ADVENT COLLECTING CANDLE** home with you today and save your change for the Children's' Society. We look forward to receiving filled candles back to church at Candlemas



I shall be collecting **BIBLE NOTES** for next year soon. We order 'New Daylight' and 'Day by Day with God'. If you would like me to get some for you please let me know, Pat Taylor

LUNCHES WITH LIZ – the cookery book produced in memory of our dear friend Liz Holmes is on sale at the back of church. £10 per copy with proceeds going to Liz's favourite charities.

Many thanks to those have kindly helped with the distribution of **CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS**. There are still a few streets to cover. Please have a look on the table in front of the Font and see if you can help. Thank you.



Anyone who finds that they might be alone on **CHRISTMAS DAY** will be very welcome to have lunch at the Vicarage with Jane and Paul. Please have a word with either – there will be plenty of room!

A huge thank you to all who, over the years, have faithfully brought **MILK BOTTLE TOPS** to church for use by a number of charities. We now have no organisations who require these, so will be unable to collect and deliver them any more.

A big 'Thank you' to all who contributed to the **ANGEL TREE** project. The total raised, from the Coffee Morning and donations, was £450, enough to give 30 children of prisoners a smile this Christmas.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Wed 14th	10.15 am	Mothers' Union Deanery Advent Eucharist at St Michael's
	2.00 pm	St Michael's School Carol Service in church
	7.00 pm	Mayor's Carol Service in St Michael's
	7.30 pm	Christmas nibbles, chat & craft at Michelle Duff's home
Thurs 15th	2.00 pm	Apple Blossom Nursery Carol Concert in church
Fri 16 th	10.00 am	Big Clean in church
Sat 17 th	11.00 am	Messy Church in Parish Hall
	2.00 pm	'Prayer for Alnwick' at the home of Michelle Duff
Sun 18 th	12.45 pm	Christmas Lunch in the Parish Hall
	3.00 pm	Alnwick & District Choral Society presents; <i>A Celebration of Christmas in Carols and Poetry</i> at St Paul's Church. Admission £10 at the door
Mon 19 th	2.00 pm	Carol Concert at Abbeyfield House

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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