



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

6TH MARCH 2016

MOTHERING SUNDAY

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

1 Samuel 1:20-28

at 8.00 am only

(Page 252 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

Samuel, that great Old Testament figure, was born to a mother who for years had been unable to bear a son. In thankfulness for God's gift, his mother took him to the Lord's house to give him back to God.

2ND READING

Colossians 3:12-17

Reader Honey Hughes

(Page 199 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Paul writes of the compassionate gifts, forgiveness and love. These, received and given always in the name of Jesus, are a vocation for us all.

THE GOSPEL

John 19:25b-27

Mary, who gave birth to Jesus, is there to watch his awful death. Every mother's heart can suffer with her. As he breathes his last, Jesus' love for his mother ensures that she is not left alone.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

President	The Rev'd Julia Myles
Preacher	The Rev'd Jane Scott
Reader:	Hilary Atkin

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

President	The Rev'd Paul Scott
Preacher	The Rev'd Jane Scott

Hymns	136	Father and mothers, sisters and brothers
	656	He's got the whole world in his hands
	537	For the beauty of the earth
	592	As the deer pants for the water

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings:	Isaiah 40:27-41:13	<i>(p. 679 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)</i>
	2 Timothy 4:1-18	<i>(p. 210 of the New Testament in the pew bible)</i>
Reader:	Cath. McNally	
Office	The Rev'd Julia Myles	
Preacher	The Rev'd Paul Scott	
Hymns	138	Our Father God in heaven
	Psalm	34, vv 1-12 <i>(Page 385 of the small Prayer Book)</i>
	715	Lord, for the years
	650	Great is thy faithfulness
	119	Forgive our sins as we forgive

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 7 th	7.00 pm	Faith and Life at the Vicarage
Tues 8 th	10.00 am	Funeral of Derek Charlton
	2.00 pm	Lent Course 'ENCOUNTERS' at the Vicarage
	7.30 pm	PCC meeting in the Small Hall
	7.30 pm	Coffee, Cake and Crafts at the home of Michelle Duff
Wed 9 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion with Mothers' Union followed by Lenten Reflection
	7.30pm	Lent Course 'ENCOUNTERS' at 35, Hillcrest Park
Thurs 10 th	7.30 am	Holy Communion, BCP, followed by breakfast
	9.15 am	Mini Michaels
	11.45 am	Funeral of Dennis Robson
	12. noon	Lent Lunch in the Costello Centre, Bailiffgate
Sat 12 th	9.30am	Open Diocesan Synod at C of E Academy, Ashington
Sun 13 th	6.00 pm	Installation of The Rev'd Paul Scott as an Honorary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral

Next Sunday: 13th March The Fifth Sunday of Lent.***Passiontide begins***

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 43:16-21	(CW 834)
		Philippians 3:4b-14	(CW 835)
		John 12:1-8	(CW 835)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
11.15 am	Matins at Denwick		
2.00 pm	Holy Baptism		

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

Thanks to God for all mothers – living and departed

All who are forced to flee from their homeland

The work of the Mothers' Union

That we may discern our God-given gifts and talents

Alnwick Infirmary

Paul's Installation as an **HONORARY CANON OF NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL** takes place next Sunday evening 13th March. If you are part of the group travelling by coach, please note that this will leave from behind Alnwick Playhouse at **4 pm prompt**.

Please continue to consider the Vicar's '**LENTEN CHALLENGE**'! We have **ALL** been blessed with gifts and talents from God and so you are asked to spend some 'quality time' recognising and giving thanks for these and considering how you may best use them to help St. Michael's be a force for good – both within the church community and more widely in our town. We will be seeking responses from you towards the end of Lent.

The lucky punters for the **MARCH PARISH HALL DRAW** are.....

£20 no.1 Albert Brown £10 no.20 Jane Haddon £5 no.16 John Onions.

CRAFT, COFFEE AND CAKE at Michelle's on Tuesday 8th Mar at 7:30pm. Bring whatever you are working on or make a chocolate, painted or dyed egg, (materials supplied). Next month we will meet on Wednesday 12th April at 7:30 (back to normal) and our alternative activity will be bag making; why not make one for the church stall in the market in summer?

SPRING INTO ACTION with the new Spring catalogue from Traidcraft. Full of lots of lovely things, it's one of the few opportunities to spend money and feel good about it. Sue Wiltshire is happy to take orders: sue.wiltshire@talktalk.net. Collect one on your way out today. (Please pass the mag. on to friends when you have finished and double it's life changing potential, thank you)

Claire Mead reports - 'Contagious' is hosting an **EASTER YOUTH WORSHIP EVENT** on 17 March, 7.00-8.30 pm at St James' URC. This event is for School Years 5+ so Middle School age; all young people in this age bracket are most welcome to come along.

There will be Easter-themed games, a Passion Play acted out by the Rock Solid group, Prayer Stations designed by the Mettle group & delicious cakes and drinks at a café-style worship event. The youth worship band will be leading us in our sung praise.

There will be a **CELEBRATORY EASTER AFTERNOON TEA**, at 4.00 pm on Easter Sunday afternoon. . The cost is £7 per person for a scrumptious tea and a chance to meet and greet friends old and new. Please add your name to the sheet at the back of church if you plan to be there.

There will be a meeting about the Forthcoming E.U. Referendum, in Alnwick Methodist Chapel on Thursday 10th March at 6.30 for 7.00pm. The speaker is Fiona Hall (Ex. MEP). The cost is £5 per person which includes some pizza. If you would like to attend could you kindly contact Susan Bell who is coordinating the event.

PREPARING FOR EASTER Please come and join us from 10.00 am on the morning of Friday 18th March for the **BIG CLEAN**. Any time you can spare will be appreciated – cleaning materials and hot drinks are provided (and maybe even a hot-crossed bun).

Don't forget that your help is needed to make **PALM CROSSES** for Palm Sunday – please come and join in at 2.00 pm, Friday 18th March in the Small Hall. Instruction available if needed so all you will need is a small pair of sharp scissors. Please bring some food for a shared afternoon tea afterwards.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH. In 3 more weeks our flower arrangers will be hard at work preparing the church for Easter. Your cash donations would be most welcome, as would garden greenery nearer the time. Please give cash to Enid Brown or Ann Brown. Thanks.



Thanks to those who came along to the first one, now you are invited to our second **BIG BREKKIE AT 9 am**. Save lives with a Sausage! Please make a note of the date: 19th March at the Vicarage, and come along to help raise funds for **CHRISTIAN AID**.

The revision of our **ELECTORAL ROLL** takes place before the APCM. The present roll is on display at the back of church. Please check your details and record any alterations or corrections on the sheet provided; if you are not on the Roll and wish to be, please take and complete an Application Form from the supply provided.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 14 th	7.30pm	Alnwick Deanery Synod at Warkworth
Tues 15 th	12 noon	Steward's Lunch in Parish Hall
Fri 18 th	10.00 am	Big Clean morning at St Michael's
	2.00 pm	Palm Cross making in Small Hall
Sat 19 th	9.00 am	Weight Watchers in church

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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