



# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

## 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016

### THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

#### 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**                      **Exodus 34: 29-35**                      **Reader**    **Emma Coulson**  
*(Page 84 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

This reading prepares us for the Gospel of the Transfiguration, when Our Lord's appearance becomes glorious. Moses, we are told, was so changed by his experience of meeting God directly that his face shone with the reflected glory and he had to wear a veil.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING**                      **2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2**                      **at 8.00 am only**  
*(Page 177 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

When Moses was transformed by meeting God, he veiled his face until the glory faded. Paul argues that the minds of the Jews are still veiled from a true vision and understanding, while Christians see the unfading glory of God fully revealed to us in Christ.

**THE GOSPEL**                      **Luke 9:28-36**

The Lord's closest friends see him transfigured upon a mountain-top, in a disclosure of his true identity. In the presence of the figures of Moses and Elijah, a cloud of glory comes upon him and the voice of the holy one is heard.

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
President and Preacher	The Rev'd Paul Scott
Reader:	Win Nicol

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

**President**                      **The Rev'd Julia Myles**  
**Preacher**                      **The Rev'd Paul Scott**

**Hymns**                      **489**                      **From heav'n you came, helpless babe**  
   **281**                      **'Tis good, Lord, to be here**  
   **719**                      **Lord, the light of your love is shining**



## **Next Sunday: 14<sup>th</sup> February The First Sunday of Lent**

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	(CW 816) (CW 818) (CW 819)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
11.15 am	Holy Communion at Denwick		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Jonah, ch.3; Luke 18:9-14	

**ENCOUNTERS – meeting the risen Jesus!** this is the exciting title of our Lent Course for 2016. Here is an opportunity to use Lent in a different way – dwelling on the Resurrection rather than the Passion of Christ. Further details are in Paul's letter in the February edition of Gateway and we hope to have at least two groups running; Tuesday afternoons at the Vicarage and Wednesday evenings at the home of Patricia Kind. Another time and venue may be possible if there is great enough demand.

Please register your interest on the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

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Do you have any keys for St Michael's? We are currently revising and updating our **KEYHOLDER LIST**. There are still quite a number of keys unaccounted for – please help us by taking and completing a form – even if you only have a 'Duke's Door' key, we still need to know. Completed forms should be handed to Albert Brown or Paul Jarvis as soon as possible. Thank you

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**LENT LUNCHESES** this year will be held on Thursdays at 12 noon in the Costello Centre in Bailiffgate. Could you please note in your diary that **25<sup>th</sup> February is St Michael's turn** to act as host. Many thanks to those who have already given generous cash donations to buy the ingredients. The critical need now is for people to help on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> so please, if you can spare some time to help serve the lunch, add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

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Paul's Installation as an **HONORARY CANON OF NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL** takes place on Sunday evening 13<sup>th</sup> March. A coach is being organised to enable St Michael's folk to attend. If you wish to be there, add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church. If you haven't added your name yet and plan to go, please add your name TODAY and let Lynne Moir know before Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>.

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Calling all **MESSY CHURCH** volunteers! We are having a meeting for all volunteers (those presently volunteering and those who would like to volunteer) at 7.30 pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 45 Royal Oak Gardens. Please come and find out what is happening and how to be involved. For more details, contact Jane Scott or Caroline Friend.



At the back of church you will find a brief Lenten leaflet giving details. Please take one to act as a guide during this special time of the Church Year.

*Also, you will find*

**LENT BOXES FOR CHRISTIAN AID** in memory of Liz Holmes. This Lent we have an opportunity to show gratitude for what we have, to give to those who have not and to remember our friend Liz. Please take a Lent Box and a 'Count Your Blessings' leaflet today. The leaflet is simply a guide if you would like to follow it but if you are a taxpayer it has the important Gift Aid form for you to give back in with your box.

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Congratulations to the three winners of the February Parish Hall Draw. They are:

24 Win Nicol - £24

3 Audrey Appleby – £10;

27 Judy Jobson - £5

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Please note that our February and March '**SOUP & CAKE LUNCHES**', normally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, will NOT take place.

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Craft, coffee and cake at Michelle Duff's home on Wednesday (9th February) at 7:30pm. Bring what ever you are working on or make a needle felted brooch (cost £1.50) materials supplied. If you are going to the Ash Wednesday service just come when you can. Next month we will meet on Tuesday (to avoid the Lent Group) 8th March when we will make chocolate eggs.

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

Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	6.00 pm	In place of Evensong, A Celebration of Healing and Wholeness
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.30 am	Friends of Abbeyfield – In-house Coffee Morning at Abbeyfield. Tea/Coffee, Raffle. All welcome.
	12 noon	Lent Lunch at the Costello Centre. St Michael's hosting Helpers needed to serve the lunches – please sign up TODAY.
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00 am	Messy Church in Parish Hall
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00 pm	Within Evensong, thanksgiving for the life of the late Joe Kent
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar		Installation of The Rev'd Paul Scott as an Honorary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00 am	Big Clean morning at St Michael's

**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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