



# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017      THE EPIPHANY

## 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

Isaiah 60:1-6

*(Page 700 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

In Isaiah's vision of God's light shining into the world's darkness, symbolic gifts are brought to God from East and West as tribute and praise. So our Gospel's Magi visitors to the stable are foreshadowed.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

Ephesians 3: 1-12    *At 8.00 am only*

*(Page 190 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

Riches beyond imagining, says Paul, are found in Christ. Though he is in prison for his faith, His gospel cannot be confined – the good news that God's purposes, once so obscure, are now made clear for Jew and Gentile alike.

### THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

*(Page 1 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

Only Matthew tells us how representatives of other strange religions came from the East to offer their homage to the one and only true God, the child who is king for ever over all earthly powers.

### 8.00 am    HOLY COMMUNION

President    The Rev'd Julia Myles

Preacher    The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Reader    Hilary Atkin

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

President    The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Talk    The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Hymns    94    As with gladness men of old

105    We three kings of Orient are

In service book    Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord

775    Seek ye first the kingdom of God

96    Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

**11.15 am MATINS AT DENWICK**

Office & Preacher: The Rev'd Colin Perkins



**6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)**

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-9 (Page 700 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)  
John 2:1-11 (Page 89 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Reader: Jean Darby

Office John Cooke

Preacher John Cooke

Hymns 691 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Psalm 98 (Page 471 of the small Prayer Book)  
103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness  
102 Jesus, come! For we invite you  
58 A great and mighty wonder

**WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> 10.15 am Holy Communion  
2.00 pm Mothers' Union in church: The Rev'd Julia Myles  
See page 3 for details  
7.30 pm Coffee, cake and craft at Michelle's: Come for fun and fellowship  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> 9.15 am Mini Michaels in church  
7.00 pm Baptism Preparation in church  
Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 2.00 pm Prayer for Alnwick at the home of Andrew & Michelle Duff

**Next Sunday: 15<sup>th</sup> January The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

8.00 am Holy Communion, BCP Isaiah 49:1-7 (CW 46)  
1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 (CW 47)  
John 1:29-42 (CW 48)  
9.30 am Parish Eucharist Readings as for 8.00 am Communion  
11.15 am Late Morning Worship  
6.00 pm Ecumenical Songs of Praise at St James' URC

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**That we may use our gifts in the service of Christ**

**Thanks for Mini Michaels and Messy Church**

**Peace and understanding in our world**

**All who live alone**

**The National Health Service**

**MOTHERS' UNION**, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Julia writes "I will be showing a 30 min film which Paul and I made in Rome 2013. It features the New English Orchestra, (professional players and singers from across the world, all of whom are Christians), performing in the Pantheon as well as insights from Nigel Swinford, the Musical Director and Conductor who often features on BBC Radio". All are welcome to come along.

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**THE FINAL FIVE!** An opportunity to look at the final 5 Chapters of Bishop John Pritchard's book *Something More*. Thursday evenings on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>. Venue T.B.A. 7.00 pm for drinks for a 7.30 pm start until 9.00 pm. All welcome. Contact Julia for details

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Early notice that on **TUESDAY AFTERNOONS IN LENT** 2.00-4.00 pm in the Parish Hall on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & April 4<sup>th</sup> David Bryan (Tutor in Biblical Studies, Lindisfarne Regional Training Partnership) will lead a group about the **RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL** - using Nouwen's book and the Rembrandt painting under five great headings. Let Julia know if you want to attend.

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**OPEN SOUP DAY FOR THE GALLERY YOUTH PROJECT** on January 19<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am-4.00 pm. Please come along to enjoy hot soup and mince pies with friends while helping to raise money for young people in Alwick and beyond. Sue Patience, who has been involved with the project for many many years will be chatting to us about her work. The Mission Group are hoping that there will be a wonderful Bring and Buy table so do bring along any unwanted Christmas gifts and anything else you may have. Cakes and home-made produce will also be much appreciated. Any suitable raffle prizes will be gladly received by either: Jean Darby, Emma Mavin, Veronica Simpson or Sue Wiltshire. Thank you.

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Would you like to help provide **FLOWERS IN CHURCH** – particularly at the High Altar? The new rota is now in the 'Duty Book' at the back of church – if you would like to have an event or a loved one remembered by giving flowers or cash (for our team of florists to create an arrangement for you), please enter your name in the appropriate box or boxes. Any queries, please speak to Ann Brown or Enid Brown.



Next week sees the start of the **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**. Venues are shown below. Please note that all start at 6.00 pm, except for Thursday, which is at 11.00 am. These are short, informal acts of worship with readings, prayers and hymns. Please do try to attend as many as possible.

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Baptist Church
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	St James' United Reformed Church
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	St Michael's CE Church
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Methodist Church
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	St Paul's RC Church
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St James', Shilbottle

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

Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	PCC meeting in Small Hall
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Open House at Sue Wiltshire's in aid of the Gallery Youth Project, as part of our mission giving
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	'Easter Comes Early' A day at Church House for those working with children in churches and schools. <i>For details, contact Judith Sadler – 0191 2704100</i>
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors at the Vicarage
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Messy Church 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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