



St Michael's Church, Alnwick

Vicar: The Rev'd Paul Scott

Curate: The Rev'd Julia Myles

Parish website: www.alnwickanglican.com

1st February 2015 Candlemas

A very warm welcome to St Michael's. If you are a visitor, and receive Communion at your own church, you are invited to do so here.

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 (at 8 am only)

1ST READING

Malachi 3:1-5

(Page 904 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

In today's Gospel, Simeon will greet the infant Jesus in the Temple. Malachi speaks of the Lord coming suddenly; he knows, like Simeon, that to encounter the Lord is a mixed blessing because we have to face his testing and purifying.

2ND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

(Page 216 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Christ became flesh and blood like us, says this writer, and we shall hear how his parents did the same as for every first-born child in Israel. Jesus fully shared our human condition, so that he could unite us all to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

(Page 56 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

As the Law requires, Jesus the first-born is brought to the Temple with a thank-offering. Two old and holy people, Simeon and Anna, perceive that this child is the fulfilment of ancient prophecies of redemption, but the glory will not be without pain and suffering.

8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
President	The Rev'd Paul Scott
Preacher:	The Rev'd Julia Myles
Reader:	Hilary Atkin

9.30 am

FIRST SUNDAY EUCHARIST

(with children and young people in church)

President & Preacher:	The Rev'd Julia Myles
Prayers	The Rev'd Paul Scott
Reading:	Psalm 24:7-10
Dramatised Gospel:	Luke 2:22-35 & 39 & 40

Please note:

The hymns for this morning are printed in the special Candlemas Order of Service

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)

Readings:	Haggai 2:1-9	(p. 893 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)
	John 2:18-22	(p. 90 of the New Testament in the pew bible)
Reader:	Susan Trafford	
Office:	The Rev'd Colin Perkins	
Preacher:	The Rev'd Colin Perkins	
Hymns	179	God of mercy, God of grace
Psalm	132	(Page 519 of the small prayer book)
	215	Lead, kindly Light
	314	Hail to the Lord who comes Omit verse 4
	8	Hail, gladdening Light

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That we may be lights in the world for Jesus' sake

Christians Together in Alnwick

Respect for the environment

Alnwick Infirmary

Elizabeth, our Queen on the 63rd anniversary of her accession

***Morning Prayer is usually said in church at 9.00 am (8.30 am Thursdays)
and Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm Monday to Friday except for Wednesday morning.***

You will be most welcome to join us for these times of prayer and bible reading.

Please note that the Vicar's day off is Friday and the Curate's is Monday

They would be pleased to be spared all but the most urgent matters on these days.

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wed 4th 10.15 am Holy Communion at St Michael's First School

Thurs 5th 12 noon Women's World Day of Prayer Bible Study at Methodist Church
7.00 pm Christians Together in Alnwick in St Michael's Parish Hall:
Short AGM followed by an Evening of Desserts and Coffee
with David Bryan.

Fri 6th Feb 10.00 am Quiet Day at Shepherd's Dene
1.30 pm Funeral of Sally Robinson

Next Sunday: 8th February The Second Sunday before Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Proverbs 8:1 & 22-31	(CW 446)
		Colossians 1:15-20	(CW 447)
		John 1:1-14	(CW 448)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
11.15 am	Holy Communion at Denwick		
2.00 pm	Holy Baptism		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Genesis 2:4b-25	Luke 8:22-35

Prayer for a new Bishop of Newcastle

Gracious God,

We thank you for our Diocese of Newcastle:

for its thriving city, busy towns and bustling villages;

for the lush countryside, flowing rivers and rugged coast;

for its rich heritage and for its passionate people

who are creative and resilient, often plain speaking, sometimes wayward
but always canny.

Now we ask you to raise up for us a new Bishop: one who will come among us,
like Aidan, our father in the faith, as a wise and gentle leader,
able to listen but also to challenge, ready to learn as well as to teach;
a friend of yours who will quickly become our friend too.

Give us above all someone who will work tirelessly alongside us
to proclaim afresh in our time and place the Good News
of your overflowing love for everyone in Jesus Christ our Lord,
in whose name we pray.

Amen.

DEANERY SYNOD IS ON 14TH FEBRUARY HERE AT ST MICHAEL'S. 10.00 AM- 12.30 PM.

This is an important open event, to which all are welcome. Please come along and find out how your deanery is working, and join in the discussion about what the next steps should be. **Coffee available from 9.30 am and soup-and-roll lunch at 12 noon.** Please let Frances Allsop know if you can be there (just for catering purposes).

Phone 01665 510095, email francesk@btopenworld.com

Thanks very much to all who helped and/or supported the recent **BURNS NIGHT**. £220 was raised for church funds; it was a splendid evening and a good time was had by all!

SHROVE TUESDAY is just over two weeks away. If you haven't added your name yet, to reserve a place at the **PANCAKE PARTY**, it's best to add your name to the sign-up list TODAY! The cost (which includes a selection of pancakes) is £7 per person. Any questions please speak to Margaret Onions.



The January and February **PARISH HALL PRIZE DRAWS** have been made.
The lucky winners are:

January no.18 £20 Rosie Buxton; no.38 £10 Rachel Robinson;
no.12 £5 Charlie & Sue Baines-MacNeill

February no.19 £20 Marion Cocks; no.13 £10 Judy Jobson; no.5 £5 Betty Taylor

Thank you to everyone who returned their **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES**. Last year's total was just under £500. If you would like a box, or are interested in contributing directly to the Children's Society, please contact Sue Baines-MacNeill (01665 479365). Our boxes are next due for emptying in October.



Wanted! Last year's **PALM CROSSES**. If you took one of these last year, please bring it to church in the next week or so. We need some to burn to make the ash for Ash Wednesday, which is on 18th February.

Just a reminder for the young people – don't forget that there is Monopoly and Pizza at Julia's, 2.00 -5.00 pm this (Sunday) afternoon; Paul the Vicar is the Banker! and Paul the husband is the chef!

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Wed 11 th Feb	12 noon	Soup & Cake Lunch in Parish Hall
	1.30 pm	Mothers' Union AGM in church
Thurs 12 th Feb	7.15 pm	Back to Basics: The Sequel (2)
Sat 14 th Feb	10.00 am	Alnwick Deanery Synod open meeting in St Michael's Church.
Tues 17 th Feb	7.00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party – Parish Hall Sign-up list at the back of church.
Wed 18 th Feb		Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at 10.15 am & 7.30 pm
Thurs 19 th Feb	7.30 am	Lenten Early Communion Services begin
	12 noon	Christians Together in Alnwick: Lent Lunches begin in the Costello Centre, Bailiffgate.

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