



St Michael's Church, Alnwick

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1st March 2015 The Second Sunday of Lent

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

1ST READING

Genesis 17: 1-7 & 15-16

(Page 13 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

This Lent our Old Testament readings pick out those moments in Israel's history when God seemed to have made new promises to his people, which the Bible calls 'covenants'. Here, the faithful Abraham and Sarah are promised descendants who will become a great nation, and the Lord will be their God for ever.

2ND READING

Romans 4:13-25 (8.00 am only)

(Page 150 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Paul reminds his readers of God's covenant promise to Abraham and Sarah. It was their faithfulness that was blessed by God. So, too, we receive blessing by our faith in Christ raised from the dead.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8: 31-38

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

As Jesus began to reveal his destiny, Peter could not bear it. But Jesus teaches that just as his way was one of suffering for others, so for us all selfishness must be renounced as we take up our own cross.

8.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION

President

The Rev'd Julia Myles

Preacher:

The Rev'd Paul Scott

Reader:

Hilary Atkin

9.30 am

FIRST SUNDAY EUCHARIST

(with children and young people in church)

President & Preacher:

The Rev'd Paul Scott

Prayers

Members of Junior Church

6.00 pm

A CELEBRATION OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Next Sunday: 8th March The Third Sunday of Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	(CW 464) (CW 465) (CW 466)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
11.15 am	Matins at Denwick		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Exodus 5:1-6:1;	Philippians 3:4b-14

The **ELECTORAL ROLL** is now undergoing its annual revision. If you are new to St Michael's or were too young to be on the Roll last year, Application Forms are available at the back of church. Please take one and, when completed, return it to Anne Cooke, our Electoral Roll Officer.

The March **PARISH HALL PRIZE DRAW** has been made. Congratulations to the lucky winners! They are: £20 no.14 Rev'd Paul Scott: £10 no.6 Hazel Shell £5 no.42 Lorna Gilroy.



There are **LENT BOXES** at the back of church. If you haven't already done so, please take one of these as an aid to your Lenten discipline. All proceeds to the missionary society 'US' for Christian missions worldwide.

LENT LEAFLETS are available at the back of church – please take one as a reminder of the extra opportunities there are to take part in Lenten activities and/or disciplines in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

Tuesday **LENT STUDY GROUPS** continue – 2.30 or 7.15 pm, in the Parish Hall.

Ecumenical Lent Lunches take place every Thursday in the Costello Centre (just along the road from the church). **NEXT WEEK (12TH MARCH) IS ST MICHAEL'S** turn to act as host. We would appreciate donations of cash to purchase the ingredients for the lunch (please see Margaret Onions); also please support the event by going along to the lunch. Thanks.

There is to be a Vicarage **AT HOME** day on Saturday (7th March) in aid of church funds. There will be Morning Coffee 10 am-12 noon, Soup Lunch 12-2 pm and Afternoon Tea 2 – 4 pm

Would you like to help our team of flower arrangers by donating **CASH FOR FLOWERS** to make St Michael's look her best for the Eastertide celebrations? As always, garden greenery will also be much appreciated. If you have any queries please speak to Ann Brown, Pat Taylor or Enid Brown.



A message from Jean Darby, who is currently in Spitak.....

Hello All. I arrived safely after an uneventful journey. There is snow up here and coming down the Spitak pass was a bit hairy but in Yerevan it is Spring already. I was in the Sisters' house this morning, It was good to see every one and see that they are all seemingly well.

The rest of the day I have been settling into Hamest's family home, being entertained by young Julie, her 3 year-old niece and recovering from 2 nights of very little sleep.

Tomorrow the work will begin. I will go to the young people again and deliver their 'mail' then go with Hovhannes to look at the improvements to the building and see what has to be done.

Thank you for all your good wishes. Everyone here sends their greetings.

I will be in touch again soon. Jean.

There are two important events with a Lenten theme happening in the near future:

The first is on Monday 9th March here in Alnwick at St James' URC in Pottergate and will be led by the Ven. Geoff Miller, Archdeacon of Northumberland. Geoff will take as his focus **JESUS' 'SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS'** as found in John's Gospel. Do come along and spend a little time mid-Lent focusing on this central aspect of the Christian story.



The evening, for which there will be no charge, will run from 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. It would be helpful if you could let Jenny Burton, Lindisfarne RTP's Administrator, know that you intend to be present:

jennyburton@lindisfarnertp.org, 0191 270 4144.

The second event is an **OPEN SYNOD FORUM** - a little further afield, but should still be well worth attending. It is on 14th March, (10am-1.00 pm), at Holy Nativity Church, Hillhead Parkway, Chapel House, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE5 1DR.

Bishop Frank as President of the Diocesan Synod invites the diocese to a morning of **REFLECTION AND LEARNING FOR LENT**. All are welcome ~ please advise the Diocesan Office if you plan to come, on 0191 270 4100 or in-fo@newcastle.anglican.org.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 9 th	7.00 pm	The Way of The Cross: A Lent quiet evening at St James' URC
Wed 11 th	12 noon	Soup & Cake Lunch in Parish Hall
	1.30 pm	Mothers' Union in St Michael's: <i>The Rev'd Colin Perkins – Lent Reflections</i>
Thurs 12 th	7.30 am	Lenten Early Communion Service
	12 noon	Lent Lunch in the Costello Centre, Bailiffgate. <i>St Michael's turn to host</i>
	7.00 pm	Baptism Preparation meeting in St Michael's
Sat 14 th	9.30 am	Diocesan Synod Open Forum at Holy Nativity Church.
Sat 20 th	10.00 am	Big Clean at St Michael's. Come along and help for an hour if you can.
Wed 25 th	2.00 pm	St Michael's 1 st School Easter Service in church
	3.00 pm	Palm Cross-making in the Parish Hall

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