

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

3RD JANUARY 2016. THE FEAST OF 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 am 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

Isaiah 60:1-6

Reader Merryn Hughes

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

(Page 190 of the New 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 Bethlehem stable are foreshadowed.

2ND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

at 8.00 am only

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

Only Matthew tells us how representatives of other 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 & Preacher The Rev'd Julia Myles

Reader: Win Nicol

9.30 am FIRST SUNDAY EUCHARIST

(with children and young people in church)

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Hymns 94 As with gladness men of old

Brother, sister, let me serve you

105 We three kings of Orient are

88 What child is this

86 The first Nowell

The Vicar is carrying out Deanery duties at Craster and Rennington this morning

6.00 pm S	SUNG EVENSONG (According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)			
Readings:	Isaiah 60:1-9 (p. 700 of the Old Testament in the pew bible) John 2:1-11 (p. 89 of the New Testament in the pew bible)			
Reader:	Vivienne Graves			
Office	The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig			
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Hymns 96 Psalm	Brightest and best of the sons of the morning 98 (Page 471 of the small Prayer Book)			
103	O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness			
98	From the Eastern mountains Omit verses 4 & 5			
95	Bethlehem, what greater city			

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wed 6th 10.15 am Holy Communion with the Giraffes class of St Michael's CE First School

Thurs 7th 9.15 am Mini Michaels starts again after the holidays.

Next Sunday: 10th January The Baptism of Christ					
8.00 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22	(CW 775 (CW 776) (CW 776		
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist				
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship				
11.15 am	Matins at Denwick				
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP	, 1662)	mans 6:1-11		

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That we may offer the gifts God has given us back in his service

New beginnings

All children & teachers returning to school for a new term

The housebound & lonely

Our friends in Spitak

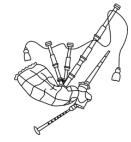
MINCE PIES AND MORE. Just a gentle reminder about the fund raising event for Spitak in January at Sue Wiltshire's house. All details are on a flyer for you to pick up from the back of church today. Please pop the afternoon of Wednesday 20th on your calendar. Thank you.

The **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** takes place 17-24th January. The weekday services at each of the churches are short and are a blend of hymns, prayers and readings. Please try to attend as many of these as possible. **Times and venues are:**

Sunday 17 th	St Paul's Songs of Praise	6.00 pm
Monday 18th	Baptist Church	6.15 pm
Tuesday 19th	St James's U.R.C.	6.15 pm
Wednesday 20th	St Michael's	6.15 pm
Thursday 21st	Methodist Chapel	11.15 am
Friday 22 nd Jan	St Paul's	6.15 pm
Sunday 24th Jan	St James's, Shilbottle	6.00 pm

Many thanks to all who have helped to make the **ALTAR FLOWERS** look so beautiful over the past year. The 2016 rota for this is now available in the Black Folder at the back of church. If you would like to help provide Altar Flowers for the coming year, perhaps in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, please sign up against the date you wish. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak to Ann Brown or Enid Brown.





We look forward to our **BURNS NIGHT SUPPER** in the Parish Hall on Saturday 23rd January at 7.00pm. All the usual events, including traditional food, entertainment and the Address to the Chieftain O' the Pudding Race. The cost will be £10; please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church as soon as possible.

What a splendid occasion our **FAMILY CAROLS AND CHRISTINGLE** was on Christmas Eve. We had a capacity crowd with lots of children. Special thanks to Sainsbury's for kindly donating the oranges once again.



The next series of **FAITH AND LIFE** begins at the Vicarage a week on Monday (11th January). We look forward to another few weeks of fun and learning together. New faces always welcome.

FUTURE DIARY DATES - MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 11th 7.00 pm Faith and Life at the Vicarage

Tues 12th Jan 7.30 pm PCC meeting in Small Hall

Sun 17th Jan 12.40 pm Sunday Lunch in the Parish Hall

6.00 pm	Songs of Praise at S	St Paul's, to	mark the start of the
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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Mon 18th Jan 10.00 am Standing Committee at the Vicarage

2.30 pm Pastoral Visitors Group at the Vicarage

Wed 20th afternoon Spitak fundraising event at Sue Wiltshire's home

6.15 pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St Michael's

Sat 23rd Jan 7.00 pm Burns Night supper in the Parish Hall

Save the date – should be a good evening!

Sun 24th Jan The Conversion of Paul

Thurs 28th Jan 7.30 pm PCC Finance Committee at the Vicarage

Tues 9th Feb 7.30 pm Pancake Party in Parish Hall.

Wed 10th Feb ASH WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

at 10.15 am and 7.30 pm

May 2016 bring you much joy and happiness and may you know God's blessing in your lives.

said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

Minnie I ouise Haskins



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