



St Michael's Church, Alnwick

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ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

3rd May 2015 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Acts 8:26-40

Reader: Emma Coulson

(Page 123 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

The church soon began to reach beyond Jerusalem. Before this event, Philip, a deacon, had made converts in Samaria. Now, by way of a roadside encounter with an Ethiopian official, he spreads the good news even further.

2ND READING

1 John 4:7-21

at 8.00 am only

(Page 238 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

John, the great apostle of love, implores us to recognise how great is God's love shown in Jesus, and to live as those who are united by that love both to God and to one another.

THE GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

(Page 106 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

In his letter John wrote of how we dwell in God and he in us. In this Gospel reading Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine to describe the way his life works in us, and how this bears fruit in loving action.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

President & Preacher

The Rev'd Julia Myles

Reader:

Mora Rolley

9.30 am

FIRST SUNDAY EUCHARIST

(with children and young people in church)

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Hymns	J3	Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
	J1	A new commandment I give unto you (Sung twice)
	375	I danced in the morning when the world was begun
	391	Lord, Jesus Christ, you have come to us
	J37	There is a Redeemer

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

Readings:	Isaiah 60:1-14	<i>(p. 700 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)</i>
	Revelation 3:1-13	<i>(p. 244 of the New Testament in the pew bible)</i>
Reader:	Anita Harvey	
Office	The Rev'd Colin Perkins	
Preacher	The Rev'd Colin Perkins	
Hymns	162	Jesus, where'er thy people meet
	Psalm 96	<i>(Page 469 of the small Prayer Book)</i>
	164	Great Shepherd of thy people
	372	Have faith in God, my heart
	15	Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That we may be branches of Christ, the true vine
 All who are suffering as a result of the earthquake in Nepal
 St. Michael's School – especially Gavin the Headteacher
 Those who are undergoing or recovering from surgery or medical treatment
 Colin, Alan, Dennis, Sue & Peter, our retired clergy

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 5th	10.00 am	Alnwick Citizen's Advice Bureau. Official opening of new premises in Lloyds Bank Chambers <i>Details on Notice Board</i>
Wed 6th	10.15 am	Holy Communion with the Meerkats Class from St Michael's 1 st School

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY. Please consider how you can help Christian Aid to raise funds for the world's poorest communities, through the house-to-house, the coffee morning on 23 May or other efforts. Christian Aid has produced a daily prayer guide for the week, there are copies at the back of church. **There are still a number of bundles left – please try to help by taking one of these to deliver – perhaps with a friend to share the load.**



Next Sunday: 10th May The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Acts 10:44-48 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	(CW 549) (CW 550) (CW 551)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
11.15 am	Matins at Denwick		
2.00 pm	Holy Baptism		
6.00 pm	Ecumenical Christian Aid Week launch at Alnwick Methodist Church		

Please note: no Evensong at St Michael's on this day

The annual **FLOWER FESTIVAL** will be in St Michael's this year, from 6th to 9th August. The theme will be "**Come with singing.....a favourite hymn**". Full details will be published in the June edition of Gateway but to 'start the ball rolling' there will be a series of fund-raising events, starting with a Coffee Afternoon at Michelle Duff's house on Thursday 21st May at 2.00 pm. Please make a note of these dates in your diary.

This weekend sees the continuation of the **CRASTER ART CLUB'S SPRING EXHIBITION**. If you have the time, why not take a pleasant drive to Howick Village Hall. Parking and admission are free and there will be greetings cards, prints and original art works to buy. Details are: **Sunday 3rd - Monday 4th, 10.00 am – 4.30 pm**

ENHANCING ST MICHAEL'S WELCOME.

Thank you to those who responded so magnificently to the appeal for planters for the churchyard. We eagerly look forward to a colourful display of flowers over the summer



COLLECTION FOR NEPAL DISASTER. Last Sunday's impromptu collection following the terrible disaster in Nepal raised £175 which has already been sent off to Christian Aid. There is another opportunity this Sunday for anyone else who would like to contribute,

Spare **BIBLE NOTES** for May-August 2015. Due to an oversight on my part I have 2 copies of New Daylight and 1 copy of DaybyDay with God. If anyone would like a copy please phone me on 603811.

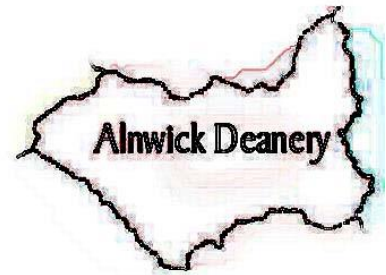
Pat Taylor

There is to be a **CRAFT EVENING** at Michelle Duff's on May 13th. Bring what ever you are working on or nothing at all as the chat is important! Tea, coffee and (of course) cake will be provided. The time is 7:30 to 9:30pm.
 Want to know more? call Michelle on 01665 605 663.

On **ASCENSION DAY** (14th May) there will be a Sung Eucharist at 7.30 pm. Please remember that this is a major Feast Day in the calendar of the church which, because it always falls on a weekday, is often forgotten about. Please do make an effort to be in church if you possibly can.



We look forward to welcoming Bishop Frank to Evensong on Sunday 17th May at 6.00 pm, together with friends from across the Deanery as he licenses Paul as Area Dean of Alnwick. This will be followed by refreshments; please do try to be there to welcome our guests and let Bishop Frank see that St Michael's is in good heart.



FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

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| Mon 11 th | 12 noon | Thanksgiving for the life of Ivy Jacques |
| Wed 13 th | 10.15 am | Holy Communion |
| | 12 noon | Soup and cake lunch in Parish Hall |
| | 7.30 pm | Craft evening at Michelle Duff's home |
| Thurs 14 th | Ascension Day | |
| | 6.30 pm | Baptism Preparation meeting in church |
| | 7.30 pm | Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day |
| Sun 17 th | 6.00 pm | Bishop Frank at Evensong to license our vicar as Area Dean of Alnwick |
| Thurs 21 st | 2.00 pm | Coffee afternoon at The Coach House, Bondgate Within to raise funds for St Michael's Flower Festival |
| Sat 23 rd | 10.00 am | Christian Aid Coffee Morning in Parish Hall |
| Mon 29 th June | 10 am-4 pm. | Quiet Day at Shepherd's Dene. More details later |

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