



Vicar: The Rev'd Paul Scott  
Curate: The Rev'd Julia Myles

## 6<sup>th</sup> July 2014    The Third Sunday after Trinity

*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

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

*(Page 898 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

At least one prophetic voice in Israel associated the Messiah with humility and gentleness as well as with power, and Jesus alone chose to act out this vision. A king riding on a donkey, so familiar to us, speaks of a strange kind of triumphal entry to take up the kingdom.

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

Romans 7:15-25a *(At 8.00am only)*

*(Page 153 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

We have heard week by week Paul trying to explain how Christians can say they are free from sin for the service of God, yet still find themselves in a constant battle against sin. Here, he admits this even of himself: how far from perfection he is, doing what he should not and not doing what he should.

### THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

*(Page 11 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

Some people were convinced by John the Baptist's stern message; some were convinced by Jesus' more compassionate style and followed him. But many criticised both of them. Who can recognise Jesus as the world's Saviour? Often a simple, childlike heart sees truths which the clever and learned are blind to.

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

### 9.30 am

#### FIRST SUNDAY EUCHARIST

*(with children and young people in church)*

**President & Preacher**            **The Rev'd Paul Scott**

**Reader**                            **Emma Coulson**

**Prayers**                            **Clergy**

Hymns    J40    To God be the glory!

          J13    God forgave my sin in Jesus' name



7.00 pm Baptism Preparation meeting in church

Sat 12<sup>th</sup>

1.00 pm Wedding of Kyle Hollingworth & Laura Hall

**Next Sunday: 13<sup>th</sup> July Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 55:10-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	(CW 256) (CW 257) (CW 258)
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	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662.	2 Samuel 7:18-29; Luke 19:41-20:8	

**MINI-MICHAELS**

Just a reminder that on Thursday, Mini Michaels will be at St Michael's First School instead of in church. Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July will be the last Mini Michaels until after the summer holidays.

**PLANNED SEASONS PATH** at our First School – the school hopes to create a pathway that can be used all year round and planted with bulbs that flower at different times of the year (to mark the passing of the seasons). If you have any spare packs of bulbs perhaps you would like to donate them to the school. They can be brought to church and either handed to a churchwarden or left in the box provided.

**The Vicar and Jane are to be married in Newcastle Cathedral at 12.00 noon on Saturday 6th September.** They hope that parishioners, past and present, will be able to join them and their families for the celebration and there is an invitation on the notice board at the back of church. A coach will be going down from Alnwick so, if you haven't yet done so, please sign the list on the sidesmen's table if you wish to go. Any queries, please see Pat Taylor.



Many thanks for your continued support of the **ALNWICK FOOD BANK**. At the moment we are particularly short of pasta sauces, UHT milk, tinned potatoes and veg, tinned fruit and rice pudding, tea, jams, cereals and toiletries. Please put your contribution(s) into the boxes at the back of church.

As you may know, this year's International Music Festival runs from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August. **On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> St Michael's Stall will be in Alnwick Market Place.** We need goods to sell on those three days –



anything hand-crafted; e.g. knitted/stitched/painted goods, greeting cards, jams & pickles, sweets, cakes & pastries will be most welcome. A top-seller last year was savoury items; it would be a great help if these could be individually-portioned and wrapped to sell straight away.

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*I am still on a high after the wonderful day and evening last Sunday. My friends and family commented on the warmth and joy of the atmosphere in church during and after the service. It was so lovely to see so many folk from St Michael's, from Alnwick, from the deanery and further afield. I want to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you. The Home Communion set is truly beautiful and a lifelong treasure, made all the more special because it came from you. THANK YOU to all those who came and who contributed in any way to the service and the evening. I couldn't have wished for a more special celebration. If you weren't able to be there do take a left-over order of service if you would like to.*

*With grateful thanks, Julia*

Please note that **JUNIOR CHURCH** will not be operating during the **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS** as our leaders are having well earned rest.. There will be activities in the Children's Corner if parents would like to use them with their children.

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If you are new to St Michael's you may not know that, during the winter months, once a month there is a **SUNDAY LUNCH** served in the Parish Hall. This is for anyone who lives alone, and may miss the 'family atmosphere' of a proper Sunday lunch. We now need to recruit the teams and discuss menus and rotas for the 2014/2015 series of lunches. Some time in one evening during August we will be holding a planning meeting. The exact date isn't yet agreed, but in the meantime perhaps you could have a think about whether you could spare an hour or so to help, perhaps every other month. Any questions, please speak to Margaret Onions.

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

15th July	7.00 pm	Mini Michaels planning meeting in the <b>Parish Room</b>
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> July	4.00 pm	Armenian Tea in the Parish Hall, with a quiz and raffle Tickets £5
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00 pm	Alnwick Hearing Group meeting: <i>Behind the scenes at Bailiffgate Museum. Meet at Museum</i>
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug		Start of Alnwick International Music Festival

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