



**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2017. HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

**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 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.*

**8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION**

President and Preacher The Rev'd Colin Perkins  
Reader Hilary Atkin

**READINGS at 8.00 am only**

**FIRST READING Deuteronomy 28:1-14** *(Page 189 of the Old Testament in the Bible)*

When the Israelites settled in Canaan, they were promised God's blessings on town and country, people and animals, work and harvests; they must never forget that all things come from God.

**SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 9:6-15** *(Page 180 of the New Testament in the Bible)*

Paul uses the metaphor of seedtime and harvest, as he asks Christian people to be as generous with their gifts as God himself is the bounteous giver of all.

**THE GOSPEL Luke 12:16-30** *(Page 71 of the New Testament in the Bible)*

Jesus' parable illustrates the folly of spending energy piling up wealth, and his teaching should stop us worrying unduly about worldly needs. God knows what we need

**9.30 am FIRST SUNDAY EUCHARIST** *(with children and young people in church)*

President The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen

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**THE GOSPEL John 7:37-39** *(Page 97 of the New Testament in the Bible)*

The Holy Spirit is compared by Jesus to the life-giving water he said could be found in him. When he has been glorified, his Spirit will be freely given to all believers.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** (adapted from Leviticus 22:33-43)

## Hymns

- 290 We plough the fields and scatter  
Glory to God – *in Harvest booklet*  
592 As the deer pants for the water  
Come people of the risen King *in Harvest booklet*  
650 Great is thy faithfulness!  
546 How great thou art

## 6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings:	Ezekiel 37:15-28 ( <i>Page 820 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible</i> ) 1 John 2:22-29 ( <i>Page 237 of the New Testament in the pew Bible</i> )
Reader:	Stanley Trafford
Office	The Rev'd Colin Perkins
Preacher	The Rev'd Colin Perkins
Hymns	282 Come, ye thankful people, come Psalm 65 ( <i>Page 423 of the small Prayer Book</i> ) 289 To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise 822 Who can measure heaven and earth 283 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those who help with, and are helped by, the West End Refugee Service  
Our church stewards who have given their time throughout the summer season  
At this time of harvest – all in the farming community  
Local industry that is dependent on the harvest  
Shortage of staff and resources in the National Health Service

## WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors at the Vicarage	
	3.00 pm	Thanksgiving for the life of Peter France	
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 am	St Francis of Assisi <b>Holy Communion</b>	
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.30 pm	Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall	<i>See next page</i>
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Mini Michaels	
	2.00 pm	St Michael's Primary School Harvest Festival	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Funeral of Bette Riddell	
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	Nativity and Crib-making in St Paul's Church	<i>See next page</i>

<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	
<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Isaiah 5:1-7</b>	<b>CW 323</b>
		<b>Philippians 3:4b-14</b>	<b>CW 325</b>
		<b>Matthew 21:33-46</b>	<b>CW 325</b>
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<i>Readings as for 8.00 am service</i>	
<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Late Morning Worship</b>		
<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Harvest Festival at Denwick</b>		
<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Baptism</b>		
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong, sung by Colla Voce</b>		
	<b>Proverbs 2:1-11; 1 John 2:1-17</b>		

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> **ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL** will be celebrating **Harvest** here in church at 2.00 pm and all members of St Michael's congregation are warmly invited to attend.



Next Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> October) we will hold our **HARVEST SUPPER and AUCTION OF GOODS** in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. **Tickets for this are on sale now,** cost £10 – please see Pat Taylor or Jean Darby to get yours and come along for an enjoyable evening!

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**Planning for Presents.** Rev'd Gabby Llewelyn and Jane Skelton would love to repeat their successful coffee morning, of two years ago, in aid of **ANGEL TREE**. Angel Tree provides Christmas presents for the children of men and women currently in prison serving their sentences. Please support by joining us at Jane and Neal's house on Saturday 21st October 10.30 am-12.30. (Contact details and their address can be accessed by contacting the Office.) Cake stall, raffle and live music. Help serving would be much appreciated. *Please note that there will not be a separate Angel Tree Coffee morning at St Michael's this year.*

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**AWAY DAYS ON HOLY ISLAND** We have been offered TWO dates at the St Cuthbert's Centre, Saturday 25th November 2017 and Saturday 10th March 2018. These should follow on from the very much appreciated Weekend last March, providing time to relax together; the tides on both days fit. Depending on what people offer, we can expect sharing, worship, craft, food and exploring the island. The cost is likely to be around £6-10 for the day, depending on what food we arrange. Please let Sue Allen know THIS WEEK if you are interested in going for one or both of these days.

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There are some fliers at the back of church today, for an evening concert at 7.30 pm, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at Alnwick Salvation Army Hall, Hotspur Street. **A CANDLELIGHT CONCERT OF FOLK, BALLADS AND POETRY**, with local singer songwriter, Philip Stuckey & friends, is being presented by the Salvation Army. Admission £5 concessions £3

On Saturday (7<sup>th</sup> October), 2.00-4.30 pm in St Paul's Church, we are getting together, all ages young and older, to make a set of **NATIVITY FIGURES** for display in the Oxfam Shop over the Christmas period. These figures, and crib, will also feature on this year's Christmas Card, distributed to homes in Alnwick. We plan to have the crib and figures completed in time for them to go on display in Oxfam's shop window to coincide with the switching on of Alnwick Christmas Lights - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

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Newcastle Council of Faiths is holding an Annual **WALK FOR PEACE** on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October. There are fliers at the back of church, giving details of the programme. This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to see and hear about other faiths during a brief visit to places of worship, and to show how we can co-exist in peace. The walk starts at 12.30 pm prompt and finishes at 3.15 pm

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Congratulations to the winners of the latest **PARISH HALL DRAW**. They are:  
£20 – No.41 Anne Blades;      £10 – No.2 Audrey Appleby;      £5 – No 27 Betty Taylor



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

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union meeting at Summerhill Care Home, The Dunterns
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	12.30 pm	Monthly Sunday Lunches begin
	12.30 pm	Walk for Peace in Newcastle <i>See above</i>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	11.00 am	Messy Church in Parish Hall
	10.30 am	Angel Tree Coffee Morning at West Thirston
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Candlelight Evening at Salvation Army Hall, Hotspur Street
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Bryan Jackson concert in church
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Special Advent stall of wooden goods in church
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Winter Market in Parish Hall



**For enquiries about The Parish Hall,  
please telephone Martin Downey on either 01665 603271 or mobile 07375800702**

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