



# St Michael's Church, Alnwick

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

## 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014 The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

*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** Exodus 2:1-10 at 8.00 am only

***(Page 50 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)***

The mother of Moses worked a deception to preserve her son's life, when the Egyptians were controlling the population by killing every new-born Jewish boy.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING** Colossians 3:12-17

***(Page 198 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)***

Paul writes of the compassionate gifts, forgiveness and love. These, received and given always in the name of Jesus, are a vocation for us all.

**THE GOSPEL** John 19:25-27

***(Page 110 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)***

Mary, who gave birth to Jesus, is there to watch his ugly death. Every mother's heart can suffer with her. In his last agony, Jesus' love for his mother ensures that she is not left alone.

**8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION**

President and Preacher The Rev'd Paul Scott

Reader Holly Petrie

**9.30 am FIRST SUNDAY EUCHARIST**

***(with children and young people in church)***

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Reader Georgina Lance

Prayers Trevor Porteous

Hymns 104 For the beauty of the earth  
 J30 O the love of my Lord is the essence  
 J11 Father, I place into your hands  
 J4 As the deer pants for the water  
 422 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

**11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP**

Leaders: The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen and Rachel Robinson  
 Address: The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen

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

Readings: Micah 7 *(p. 881 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)*  
 James 5 *(p. 228 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

Reader: Susan Trafford

Office Trevor Porteous

Preacher Trevor Porteous

Hymns J7 Brother, sister let me serve you  
 Psalm 31, vv. 1-8 *(Page 380 of the small prayer book)*  
 J40 To God be the glory  
 J21 Judge eternal, throned in splendour  
 J35 The kingdom of God is justice and joy

*Morning Prayer is usually said in church at 8.30 am and Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm, from Tuesday to Saturday, except for Wednesday and Thursday mornings. You will be most welcome to join us for these times of prayer and bible reading.*

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...**

All mothers – living and departed – and for Mother Church  
 Poets & writers who have inspired our faith  
 All schools in our town  
 The hospice movement – and all who work with the terminally ill  
 Martin, our Bishop

*Please note that the Vicar's day off is Monday  
 He would be pleased to be spared all but the most urgent matters on this day.  
 The Curate's normal working days are Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday*





**FLOWERS FOR EASTER:** Donations of cash are requested to help provide flowers to make St Michael's look good for Easter . Please speak to Ann Brown (602700) or Enid Brown (604659) if you have any questions or can provide garden greenery.

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Come along to a **SPECIAL CLEANING MORNING** at St Michael's, to help get our beautiful church extra clean and sparkling for the Easter celebration! Cleaning materials, biscuits and hot drinks provided, but bring your own apron/pinny if you wear one! 10.00 am – 12 noon on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>.

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Thanks to everyone who has offered to help with making the Palm Crosses. We shall meet in the Small Hall at 4.00 pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>; this is a friendly, informal and happy occasion – see you there (complete with small scissors if possible)!



**ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION, 2014.** St Michael's Electoral Roll is on display at the back of church. Please take a few moments to check that the information we hold about you is correct. If you are new to St Michael's you may not be on the Roll – if this is so, please take and complete an Application Form before 6<sup>th</sup> April to enable you to vote and take an active part in our Annual Meeting.

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The **EASTER VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014 in the Parish Hall at 4.00 pm. Nominations are needed for the Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod members. Nomination forms are available at the back of Church. In the Deanery Synod pack there is an explanatory leaflet. Please return forms to Peter Bryan or place in the folder provided. Thank you.

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Please remember to come along to St Michael's to hear our Augmented Choir and soloists singing Maunder's **OLIVET TO CALVARY**, which is to take the place of Evensong at 6.00 pm on Palm Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> April).

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What a splendid day was had in St. Michael's last Thursday! The building resounded with children's voices and was alive with activity. With over 50 babies and little ones at **MINI MICHAELS** in the morning and 300+ at the **CHURCH SCHOOLS' EASTER HYMN-ALONG** in the afternoon, it truly was a heartening sight. Please keep in your prayers the opportunities we have to engage with children and young people in new and varying ways alongside the regular contacts we have with Junior Church and our visits to and from St. Michael's School.

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