

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2017. THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**PASSIONTIDE BEGINS**

**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 & Preacher** The Rev'd Julia Myles  
**Reader** Holly Petrie

**9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST**

**President** The Rev'd Julia Myles

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

*Parents with babies and very small children are most welcome to take them to the Children's Corner (at the back of church) at any time. For older children, Junior Church is in the Parish Room.*



**N.B. Straight after this service there is a very short meeting of the PCC in St Paul's Chapel to approve the 2016 accounts.**

**INTROIT HYMN** 157 When I survey the wondrous cross

**1ST READING** Ezekiel 37:1-14 **Reader:** Pauline Buckham-Bonnett  
*(Page 820 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

The thought of God-given new life pervades today's readings. At the time of Ezekiel's vision, Jerusalem was derelict and the land laid waste. He sees nothing but dried-up bones, until the breath of God – the Spirit of God – fills the valley with life. It is a sign that God will give new life to his people in Israel.

**2ND READING** Romans 8:6-11 **Reader:** Paul Jarvis  
*(Page 153 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Paul says that if the Spirit of God is in you, if the breath of God inspires you, then your whole body contains real life and you can go like the wind instead of wasting away into death and decay.

**GRADUAL**                      **144 How deep the Father's love for us**

**THE GOSPEL**                      **John 11:1-45**  
*(Page 101 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

This is a longer Gospel reading than usual, so that we miss nothing of the extraordinary event at Bethany. God in Jesus does indeed bring new life, even to the dead, for he raises his friend Lazarus from the tomb.

**SERMON**                      **The Rev'd Julia Myles**

**PRAYERS**                      **Intercessor      Jean Darby**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**              **238 Come down, O Love divine**

**COMMUNION HYMN**              **O my Saviour, lifted** See inside cover of service booklet

**CLOSING HYMN**              **806 There's a wideness in God's mercy**

**BRIEF PCC MEETING IN ST PAUL'S CHAPEL**

**BAPTISM 2pm**                      **Alfie Jackson Gardner**

**6.00 pm      SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)**

**Readings:**                      **Lamentations 3:19-33**  
*(Page 881 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*  
**Matthew 20:17-34**  
*(Page 21 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

**Reader:**                      **Jean Darby**

**Office**                      **The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott**

**Preacher**                      **The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott**

**Hymns**    **809 Thou art the way**  
**Psalm    30**    *(Page 380 of the small Prayer Book)*  
**608 Christ is our cornerstone**  
**135 Take up thy cross**  
**152 They, in God's garden**

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**That we may be aware of the presence of Christ in our lives.**

**St Michael's School - its pupils and staff.**

**An end to violence and extremism.**

**All who are preapring for marriage.**

**The Church Mission Society.**

## WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	Return of the Prodigal: FINAL SESSION in the Parish Hall
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.15 am</b> 2.00 pm	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>St Michael's Primary School Easter Service</b> in church.
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7.30 am</b> 9.15 am 12 noon	<b>Holy Communion</b> , BCP, followed by a light breakfast Mini Michaels in church LAST BEFORE EASTER Last Lent Lunch at the Costello Centre. All Welcome. £3.50 Soup, bread, cheese and tea or coffee. In aid of CTIA charities.
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am 2.00 pm	<b>Big Clean in church with refreshments....ALL WELCOME!</b> Funeral of Peter Halliday
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Alnwick Spring Show at Willowburn Sports & Leisure Centre
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Alnwick & District Choral Society Spring Concert in St Paul's Church

### Next Sunday

### 9<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Isaiah 50:4-9a</b>	<b>CW 105</b>
		<b>Philippians 2:5-11</b>	<b>CW 106</b>
		<b>Matthew 27:11-54</b>	
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<i>First two Readings as for 8.00 am service</i> <b>Dramatised Passion according to Matthew</b>	
<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Late Morning Worship</b>		
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)</b>	<b>Isaiah 5:1-7;</b>	<b>Matthew 21:33-46</b>

**EASTER FLOWERS-** In order to help our church look splendid for Easter we would welcome donations towards Easter flowers. ALSO spare greenery would be most welcome early in Holy Week. Please see Ann or Enid Brown.

**VISIT TO HEXHAM ABBEY.** As part of our preparation for the heritage activities based around the historic graffiti on the Tower Roof our PCC is visiting the Abbey **on Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup>**. We will have two short talks about their education work and their heritage preservation and presentation, midday Eucharist, lunch in the Wilfrid room and time to look around their heritage exhibitions & even a bit of shopping! We will travel in cars at 8.30 am and leave Hexham at 2.30pm approx. Cost £10 to include lunch and drinks and travel. There will be some extra spaces so if you are interested in getting involved with such activities at St Michael's please do speak to/email Julia and come along.

Thanks to all who helped with yesterday's concert by the Northumbria Sinfonietta, and many thanks to Bryan and the artistes who gave an exceptional performance, all in aid of St Michael's Church. The amount raised was not known at the time of printing, but will be announced soon.



Come and enjoy an **EASTER DAY AFTERNOON TEA** in the Parish Hall at 4.00 pm on 16<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets will be available next Sunday. Please see Pat Taylor to secure yours.

At the back of church you will find a copy of our **ELECTORAL ROLL**, which must be revised before the APCM. Please take time to check the details for yourself, and tell Anne Cooke (Our Electoral Roll Officer) of any changes or discrepancies. There is also a supply of Application Forms – if you are not on the Roll, please do take a form, complete and return it to Anne as soon as possible and by 9<sup>th</sup> April at the latest. Membership is essential if you wish to take a full part in the Annual Meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**DO YOU LIKE BAKING?** Contagious ecumenical youth charity need cakes for their Easter Showcase on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April at Alnwick Community Centre 11.00-1 pm. ALSO Rock Solid on Thursday evenings in St James' URC Church urgently needs helpers to Register and sell tuck. If you could help with cake supply or occasional help at Rock Solid please call Claire Mead.

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

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> April	1.00 pm	Funeral of Frank Williams
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> April	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union in church: <i>Canon Paul Scott – Holy Week</i>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> April	12 noon	Christians Together in Alnwick – Service in the Market Place led by our Vicar.
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> April	4.00 pm	Easter Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	4.00 pm	Easter Vestry & Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Parish Hall
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30 am	PCC (and others) visit to Hexham Abbey. DO JOIN US!

**If you are a UK taxpayer, St Michael's can benefit to the tune of 25p for each £1.00 donated by Gift Aid. Please use the brown envelopes which you will find at the end of each pew. Thank you.**

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