



St Michael's Church, Alnwick

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

**6th April 2014 The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Passiontide Begins**

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.

8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
President	Rev'd Paul Scott
Preacher	Rev'd Canon Alan Craig
Reader:	Mora Rolley

9.30 am SUNG EUCHARIST *Setting: Mass of St Thomas*

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 and young people, Junior Church takes place in the Parish Room.

INTROIT HYMN 138 We sing the praise of him who died

1ST READING Ezekiel 37:1-14 Reader: Patricia Kind
(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 Israel.

2ND READING Romans 8:6-11 Reader: Wilhelm Barren
(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 HYMN 471 Holy Spirit, come, confirm 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 Canon Alan Craig****PRAYERS****Intercessor: John Cooke****OFFERTORY HYMN****156****Come down, O Love divine**

After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer E which starts on page 11 of the Passiontide booklet

COMMUNION HYMN**244****Hark, my soul, it is the Lord****FINAL HYMN****251****There's a wideness in God's mercy****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP****Leader: The Revd Paul Scott****Address: Valerie Pomfret****6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG *(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)***

Readings: Lamentations 3:19-33 *(p. 778 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)*
 Matthew 20:17-end *(p. 21 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

Reader: Vivienne Graves**Office: John Cooke****Preacher: John Cooke****Hymns 66: Glory be to Jesus****Psalm 30 *(Page 379 of the small prayer book)*****63: My song is love unknown *omit verses 4 & 6*****58: The royal banners forward go****67: When I survey the wondrous Cross**

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.

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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

**That we may place our trust in Jesus who is the resurrection and the life
Christians together in Alnwick
An end to warfare and violence
Our Church Stewards – and all who visit St. Michael's
Funeral Directors**

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Mon 7th 7.30 pm Lent Group at 34 Meadow Riggs
 7.30 pm Deanery Synod at Warkworth
- Tues 8th 2.00 pm Lent Group at the Vicarage
- Wed 9th **10.15 am Holy Communion**
 11.15 am Lent Group in St Catherine's Chapel
 12 noon Soup and Cake Lunch in Parish Hall
 2.00 pm Mothers' Union in church:
 Rev'd Paul Scott – Preparation for Easter
- Thurs 10th **7.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)**
 9.00 am – 12 noon New photocopier being installed in office
 12 noon Lent Lunch at The Costello Centre, Bailiffgate
 4.00 pm Palm-Cross making in the Parish Hall, followed by shared afternoon tea
 7.00 pm Baptism Preparation meeting in church
 7.30 pm Lent Group at 35 Hillcrest Park
- Sat 12th 9.00 am Weight Watchers in church

Next Sunday: 13th April Palm Sunday

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion | Isaiah 50:4-9a | (CW 110) |
| | | Philippians 2:5-11 | (CW 112) |
| | | Matthew 27:11-54 | (CW 117) |
| 9.20 am | Blessing & Procession of Palms from the Barbican of Alnwick Castle, | | |
| | <i>followed by</i> | | |
| 9.30 am | Parish Eucharist with Dramatised Gospel | | |
| 11.15 am | Late Morning Worship with Holy Communion | | |
| 11.15 am | Holy Communion at Denwick | | |
| 6.00 pm | Our Augmented Choir and soloists sing Maunder's 'Olivet to Calvary' | | |

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION, 2014. St Michael's Electoral Roll has been removed from the back of church for updating; the revised roll will be displayed from next week for changes to be checked. Please note that from now until after the APCM on 27th, no more new names may be added to the roll, nor may any be removed.



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.

The **EASTER VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** will be held on 27th 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.

Please remember to come along to St Michael's at 6.00 pm next Sunday (13th April) to hear our Augmented Choir and soloists singing Maunder's **OLIVET TO CALVARY**.

On Wednesday (9th) there is the monthly '**SOUP AND CAKE LUNCH**' in the Parish Hall. This is proving to be a popular and friendly interlude, and has had to be moved from church to the Parish Hall because of high demand for places!. Please add your name to the list at the back of church if you plan to be there.

At the back of church, on the sidesmen's table, you will find a leaflet from our Diocese about the aims and work of the **MOTHERS' UNION**. Please take one of these and when you have read it, if you are interested in knowing more or in becoming a member, please have a word with Julia Myles or Pat Tweed.



An Easter date for your diary:

Come and join the celebration! At 3.30 pm on Easter Sunday (20th April) there is to be a special **AFTERNOON TEA** in the Parish Hall. The cost per person will be £5; there is a list at the back of church – please add your name if you hope to be there.

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