



St Michael's Church, Alnwick

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

9th February 2014. The Fourth Sunday before Lent

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: The Rev'd Paul Scott
Preacher: Trevor Porteous
Reader: Hilary Atkin

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

President The Rev'd Paul Scott

HYMN **J2** **All for Jesus! All for Jesus!**

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.

1ST READING **Isaiah 58:1-9** **Reader: Merryn Hughes**
(Page 699 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

People ask why God does not reward their faithful attention to religious duties. The prophet's reply is that God's will can only be done in and through people who care about social justice too – obedient people who, in Jesus' words, shed light among their neighbours.

2ND READING **1 Corinthians 2: 1-12** **Reader: Margaret Onions**
(Page 163 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

To his Christian friends, finding it hard to live with happy pagan neighbours, Paul explains how the joy of God revealed in Jesus Christ does not come from human wisdom or worldly ways, but by Holy Spirit speaking to human spirit. Spiritual perception discloses hidden truths of God's wisdom.

GRADUAL **J21** **Judge eternal, throned in splendour**

THE GOSPEL**Matthew 5:13-20***(Page 4 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

Just as Isaiah urged a deep concern for other people, Jesus requires us to go beyond our necessary worship and prayer. God cannot bring in his kingdom except in and through people who shed light to their neighbours, whose motives and intentions are deeper than their obedience to religious rules.

SERMON Trevor Porteous**PRAYERS** Intercessor: The Rev'd Paul Scott**OFFERTORY HYMN** 353 Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round

After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer A which starts on page 12 of the Ordinary Time booklet

COMMUNION HYMN J28 O God, you search me and you know me**FINAL HYMN** 235 O Jesus, I have promised**11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP *Salt & Light*****Leader** The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen**Address** Trevor Porteous**11.15 am HOLY COMMUNION AT DENWICK****President** The Rev'd Paul Scott**Preacher** The Rev'd Colin Perkins

3.00 pm **HOLY BAPTISM** *Please pray for:*
Charlotte Jessica Dawn Brabben



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

Readings: Amos 2:4-16 *(p. 865 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)*
Ephesians 4:17-32 *(p. 191 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

Reader: Vivienne Graves**Office & Preacher** The Rev'd Colin Perkins

Hymns J33 Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast
Psalm 4 *(Page 349 of the small prayer book)*
J23 Lord, for the years

J20 In Christ alone my hope is found
J14 Great is thy faithfulness

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That we might seek to bring about the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven
The work of the Mothers' Union
The Gallery Youth Project
Those preparing for Confirmation
Christian Aid

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

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 morning. You will be most welcome to join us for these times of prayer and bible reading.

Monday 10th – Wednesday 12th – General Synod. See page 4

Tues 11th 6.00 pm Confirmation Group at the Vicarage
7.30 pm P.C.C. meeting in Small Hall

Wed 12th 10.15 am **Holy Communion**
12.30 pm Soup & Cake lunch in the Parish Room
2.00 pm Mothers' Union AGM in church
5.30 pm Beavers visit to St Michaels
7.30 pm. Leading Prayers Workshop in church. If you would like to attend, please speak to Sue Allen on 01665 605361

Thurs 13th 9.30 am Mini-Michaels at St Michael's (for 0-5s and their grown-ups)
12.30 pm Women's World Day of Prayer:
(1.30 pm) Preparatory Bible Study at Alnwick Methodist Church. See page 4
7.00 pm Baptism preparation meeting in church

Next Sunday: 16th February The Third Sunday before Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (CW 66) 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (CW 67) Matthew 5:21-37 (CW 68)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist	
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship	
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)	Amos 3:1-8; Ephesians 5:1-17

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***

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S GENERAL SYNOD meets this week in London for three days. Please pray for the life and work of the Synod as they meet to debate and discuss some weighty topics. There are some fliers at the back of church giving brief details of the 3-day agenda – please take one if it will help with your prayers.

SOUP AND CAKE LUNCHES start on Wednesday in the Parish Room and will continue on the second Wednesday of each month. The cost is £3 per person. There is just time to add your name to the list at the back of church if you haven't yet done so.

HELP ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL PTA: Have you read in the February Gateway about the 100 Club that is being started by the Friends of St Michael's School? For what remains of the current Academic Year, the joining fee is £7. Please think about this and, if you would like to join and help raise funds for the school's PTA, add your name to the list at the back of church.

Many thanks to those who have offered to help with **CHURCH STEWARDING**. We still, however, need 2 or 4 people to cover Fridays and 1 or 2 people for some Sundays which are difficult to cover – although one person is prepared do them all a 2nd person is needed to work with him. If no-one comes forward the church will remain closed on those days.

A PREPARATORY BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held on Thursday 13th February 2014 at Alnwick Methodist Church, Chapel Lane at 1.30 pm with Pam Straughan leading it. The Methodist Church have suggested meeting at 12.30pm to bring a packed lunch and have fellowship together beforehand so you can either join in with that, or just come along at 1.30 for the Bible Study..

Please note that next Sunday (16th February) is the absolute deadline for contributions to the March edition of The Gateway – whether handwritten, word-processed or by interview with one of the team.

Have you ordered a **REAL EASTER EGG** yet? If not, you have only until **16th February** to add your name to the list at the back of church. Hilary Atkin will then be placing the order. If you prefer to order your own, there is information about this on page 7 of the February Gateway.

Thank you to all who have supported the work of the **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** through their collecting boxes. The total banked already exceeds £550 - beating last year's figure. Great work! Elizabeth Angier.

On Shrove Tuesday, (4th March) there is to be a **PANCAKE PARTY** in aid of Christian Aid at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall with a quiz and a raffle. The cost, which includes a two-course meal, will be £6 per person. There will be a 'sign-up' list at the back of church next week but, in the meantime, please make a note of the date in your diary and if you can help in any way contact Liz Holmes on 01665 510802.

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