



**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK**  
**11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016. THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
*John the Baptist*

**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 and 11.15 am services 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           The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott  
Preacher           John Cooke  
Reader             Win Nicol

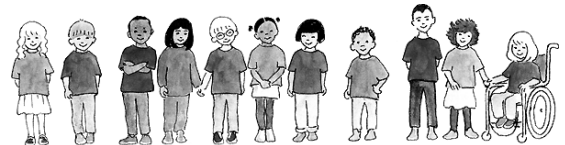
**9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST**

***Setting: Mass of St Thomas***

President        The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

**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.*



**INTROIT HYMN        38   Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING                Isaiah 35:1-10           Reader: Frances Allsop**  
*(Page 673 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

Today's Gospel refers to this prophecy. Isaiah's poetry speaks of a world transformed when prisoners are free, the sick healed, the hungry fed, and all nature bursts with life, as God in person comes to save.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING               James 5:7-10           Reader: Wilhelm Barren**  
*(Page 228 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

We know from our Old Testament how the Jews longed for the Lord's coming. And we know Christ has come, Christ will come again. James urges us never to despair or lose faith in this time of waiting.

**GRADUAL                46   On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry**

**THE GOSPEL****Matthew 11:2-11***(Page 11 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

The friends of John the Baptist had expected their Messiah to come with political power, but for them and for us the evidence of Christ's presence is found in our individual lives as he comes constantly to transform us.

**SERMON****John Cooke****PRAYERS****Intercessor The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott****OFFERTORY HYMN****45 O come, O come, Emmanuel**

**After the Offertory, the service continues with the Eucharistic Prayer which starts on page 9 of the Advent booklet**

**COMMUNION HYMN****421 All for Jesus, all for Jesus****CLOSING HYMN****610 Christ is the world's true light****11.15 am****LATE MORNING WORSHIP****Leader Rachel Robinson****Talk The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen****3.00 pm****HOLY BAPTISM *Please pray for:*****Jack Boutell****3.30 pm****CAROLS AT DENWICK****Officiant The Rev'd Colin Perkins****6.00 pm****SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)****Readings:****Isaiah 5:8-30***(Page 693 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)***Acts 13: 13-41***(Page 26 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)***Reader:****Stanley Trafford****Office****The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott****Preacher****The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott****Hymns****44****O Child of promise, come!****Psalm****12***(Page 358 of the small Prayer Book)***99****Hail to the Lord's Anointed****815****Thy kingdom come! On bended knee****18****Light of gladness, Lord of glory**

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

That, like John the Baptist, we may be messengers for Christ

St Michael's School and all its Christmas activities

All who are caught up in warfare and violence

The safety of children everywhere

A sense of expectancy as we journey through Advent

## WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 12th	10.30 am	Advent with Isaiah at Park Cottage, Hulne Park
Wed 14th	<b>10.15 am</b>	<b>Mothers' Union Deanery Advent Eucharist at St Michael's</b>
	2.00 pm	St Michael's School Carols by Candlelight in church
	7.00 pm	Mayor's Carol Service in St Michael's
Thurs 15th	9.15 am	Mini Michaels
	2.00 pm	Apple Blossom Nursery Carols in church
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Big Clean in church
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Messy Church in Parish Hall

### Next Sunday: 18th December

### The Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### *The Blessed Virgin Mary*

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 7:10-16	(CW 13)
		Romans 1:1-7	(CW 14)
		Matthew 1:18-25	(CW 14)

9.30 am Parish Eucharist *Readings as for 8.00 am service*

11.15 am Late Morning Worship: *A gentle reflective service of Holy Communion, in the style of the Iona Community*

6.00 pm **Candlelit Carol Service**

Do you prefer to have a home-made (undecorated) **CHRISTMAS CAKE**? Susan Trafford will be making these again this year. If you would like one, please contact Susan with your order. Sizes and prices are:

8" £10.50; 7" £8; 6" £5.50



Don't forget our **BIG CLEAN** this Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December –even if you can only spare half an hour, all help is welcome.

Donations towards the cost of purchasing **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** would also be appreciated over the Advent season. Many thanks.

If you haven't already done so, please do take an **ADVENT COLLECTING CANDLE** home with you today and save your change for the Children's' Society. We look forward to receiving filled candles back to church at Candlemas



Many thanks to those have kindly helped with the distribution of **CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS**. Only one bundle remaining! Please can you help?



Anyone who finds that they might be alone on **CHRISTMAS DAY** will be very welcome to have lunch at the Vicarage with Jane and Paul. Please have a word with either – there will be plenty of room!

Don't forget, folks, that Sue Wiltshire keeps a supply of some of **TRAIDCRAFT** 'staples' at her home. If anyone wishes to purchase any of the following Sue would be happy to either bring things to church or pop something around to your home. Always available are: white/brown rice, ground coffee, decaffeinated tea bags, dried fruit, brazil and walnuts, castor, demerara and dark brown sugar, cocoa and hot chocolate, kitchen rolls and loo rolls.



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

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| Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> | 12.45 pm<br>3.00 pm | Christmas Lunch in the Parish Hall ( <b>now fully booked</b> )<br>Alnwick & District Choral Society presents;<br><i>A Celebration of Christmas in Carols and Poetry</i><br>at St Paul's Church. Admission £10 at the door |
| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> | 2.00 pm             | Carol Concert at Abbeyfield House   |
| Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> | 7.30 pm             | Christmas nibbles, chat & craft at the home of Jane Brown<br><b>Please note change of venue and date</b>  |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 9.30 am             | In church we shall be prepping 150 Christingle oranges! Come for a chat and help make the production line faster!   |

**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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