



St Michael's Church, Alnwick

Vicar: The Rev'd Paul Scott

Curate: The Rev'd Julia Myles

Parish website: www.alnwickanglican.com

11th January 2015 The Baptism of Christ

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	Valerie Pomfret
Reader	Win Nicol

9.30 am SUNG EUCHARIST *Setting: Mass of St Cedd* *Today the Eucharist begins on page 15 of the Epiphanytide booklet*

President The Rev'd Julia Myles

HYMN J5 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

*Junior Church meets in the Parish Room- all children welcome.
Under 5s with a parent please or you may like to use the
Children's Corner (at the back of church).*



1ST READING Genesis 1:1-5 Reader: Cath McNally
(Page 1 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

Today's readings all speak of new beginnings. We begin with the first words of the first book of the Bible and their poetic account of the origin of all things in the will of the Creator.

2ND READING Acts 19:1-7 Reader: Wilhelm Barren
(Page 135 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

At Ephesus, Paul found people who had already heard and believed the Gospel, but not been baptised in the name of Jesus. There and then they made this new beginning, and received the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

GRADUAL J34 Spirit of the living God *(Sung twice)*

THE GOSPEL**Mark 1:4-11*****(Page 33 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)***

Baptism is a new beginning for Our Lord himself, as he comes to the river Jordan to be baptised by John before his public mission begins. Mark, like all the Gospels, tells us how God's Holy Spirit came to rest upon his Son, for he came to renew the whole creation.

SERMON**Valerie Pomfret****PRAYERS****Intercessor: The Rev'd Paul Scott****OFFERTORY HYMN 343 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart**

After the Offertory, the service continues with the Eucharistic Prayer which starts on page 22 of the Epiphany booklet

COMMUNION HYMN J9 Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you**FINAL HYMN J37 There is a Redeemer****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP****Leader****Claire Mead****Address****The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen****11.15 am MATINS AT DENWICK****Office & Preacher: The Rev'd Colin Perkins****6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG *(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)*****Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9 *(p. 680 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)*****Ephesians 2:1-10 *(p. 189 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*****Reader:****Anita Harvey****Office****The Rev'd Paul Scott****Preacher****The Rev'd Colin Perkins****Hymns****442 Christ, when for us you were baptised****Psalm 46 *(page 403 of the small prayer book)*****402 Now is eternal life****394 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy****421 Strengthen for service Lord, the hands**

***Morning Prayer is usually said in church at 8.30 am and Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm
Monday to Friday except for Wednesday morning.***

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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

Thanks for our baptism

This week's important meetings about our next Bishop

Advancement in the cure of Ebola

Those who live alone

The National Health Service

*Please note that the Vicar's day off is Friday and the Curate's is Monday
They would be pleased to be spared all but the most urgent matters on these days.*

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 20th 7.30pm PCC meeting in Small Hall

Wed 14th 10.15 am **Holy Communion**

12 noon Soup and Cake lunch in the Parish Hall. *Please sign up today*

1.30 pm Mothers' Union in church. *Journeying*

Minibus leaves Greenwell Lane car park at 5.45 pm for the Public Meeting at The Falcons Rugby Club, Kingston Park; with the Appointments Secretaries of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Prime Minister. An opportunity for questions and discussion about our next bishop

Thurs 15th 9.15 am Mini Michaels

Next Sunday: 18th January The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP	1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]	(CW 421)
		Revelation 5:1-10	(CW 423)
		John 1:43-51	(CW 424)

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

11.15 am Late Morning Worship

6.00 pm **Ecumenical Songs of Praise at St Michael's
to mark the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

The **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** begins next Sunday (18th) with an Ecumenical Songs of Praise, 6.00 pm here at St Michael's. The week continues with a short service of prayers, readings and hymns at the following venues:

Mon. 19th 6.15 Baptist Church; Tues. 20th 6.15 St James' URC; Wed. 21st 6.15 St Michaels

Thurs. 22nd 11.15 am Methodist Church Fri. 23rd 6.15 pm St Pauls

Sun 25th 6.00 pm St James, Shilbottle

BACK TO BASICS: THE SEQUEL! The first six sessions had us discussing topics such as the creed, suffering, the deity of Christ, the Holy Spirit and being a Christian. We were able to be honest about our questions and take further steps in our understanding and faith. By request two more evenings have been arranged to continue similar discussion and dips into scripture. Others are most welcome to join us. The evenings are **Thurs 29th Jan & Thurs 12th Feb 7.15 - 9.00 pm**. Do let Julia know if you are interested.

A QUIET DAY has been planned at Shepherd's Dene. on **Friday Feb 6th 10.00 am-4.00 pm**, Cost £16 to include light lunch, Participants can spend the time as they wish; alone or together, walking or reading, drawing or knitting. There will be some optional led devotional times. Lifts can probably be arranged, leaving at 9.00am. Anyone is welcome to come along. Do let Julia know if you are interested.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN ALNWICK invite you to an **evening of dessert with David Bryan** (Biblical Studies Tutor at Lindisfarne Regional Training Partnership) as part of their AGM on **Thurs Feb 5th at 7pm at St Michael's Parish Hall**. David will speak on the topic of his book "**Jesus, his Home, his Journey, his Challenge**" and the formal business of the AGM will be kept to a minimum. People should email or call Julia to secure a place on juliamyles@btinternet.com 01665 479439 .It is hoped that after listening to David you will be inspired to join the study groups at the Parish Hall every Tuesday afternoon in Lent, with repeat sessions each Tuesday evening. See flyers at the back of church.

PARISH HALL PRIZE DRAW 2015 – A 'sign-up' list and Membership Application forms are at the back of church. Please add your name as soon as possible (**today preferably**) to join and be in with the chance to win one of the monthly cash prizes. (£20, £10, £5)

Do come along and enjoy an evening at our **BURNS NIGHT SUPPER**, with Addressing of the Haggis by a local celebrity, in the Parish Hall on **Saturday 24th January at 7.00 pm**. There is a sign-up list at the back of church –please add your name today – this is an occasion not to be missed!



FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Sun 18th Jan 12 noon Sunday Lunch in Parish Hall
Sat 24th Jan 7.00 pm Burns Night supper in the Parish Hall
Thurs 5th Feb 7.00 pm Christians Together in Alnwick AGM in the Parish Hall
Fri 6th Feb 10.00 am Quiet Day at Shepherd's Dene
Tues 17th Feb 7.00 pm Pancake Party in the Parish Hall

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