

St Michael's Church, Alnwick

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ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

12th April 2015 The Second Sunday of Easter

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: Holly Petrie

9.30 am Parish Eucharist Setting: Mass of St Thomas

President The Rev'd 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 and young people, Junior Church takes place in the Parish Room.

INTROIT HYMN J3 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

1ST READING Acts 4:32-35 Reader: Sue Porteous

(Page 118 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

During the Easter season, instead of reading the Hebrew Scriptures, we hear the experiences of those who were witnesses to the resurrection.

Despite continuing harassment by the Jewish authorities, the believers in Jerusalem began to develop a new style of community life under the apostle's leadership, sharing everything and meeting everyone's needs.

2ND READING

1 John 1:1 to 2:2 Reader: Margaret Onions (Page 236 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

These Sundays of Eastertide we shall hear a series of passages from this letter. The eternal life from God, writes John, has been seen and touched on earth in the person of his incarnate Word. Now we know God's pure light, and in it we are cleansed and forgiven.

GRADUAL HYMN 85 Good Christian men rejoice and sing

THE GOSPEL John 20:19-31

(Page 112 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

On the first Easter evening, Jesus appears to his disciples with his habitual greeting of peace, and a gift of the Holy Spirit. Thomas must wait another week until he can see, believe, and adore.

SERMON Trevor Porteous

PRAYERS Intercessor: The Rev'd Paul Scott

OFFERTORY HYMN 81 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

After the Offertory, the service continues with the Eucharistic Prayer which starts on page 8 of the Eastertide booklet

COMMUNION HYMN 245 Jesus, these eyes have never seen

FINAL HYMN J 20 In Christ alone

11.15 am HOLY COMMUNION AT DENWICK

President & Preacher: The Rev'd Colin Perkins



11.30 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP

Leader Rachel Robinson Address Valerie Pomfret

2.00 pm HOLY BAPTISM Please pray for:

Ted Alexander Edridge



4.00 pm Easter Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Copies of the Annual Report are available at the back of Church. Nomination forms for the vacancies on the Parochial Church Council are also available and should, if possible, be completed before the meeting.

6.00 pm	SUNG EVENSONG (According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)		
Readings:	Isaiah 26:1-9, 19 (p. 663 of the Old Testament in the pew bible) Luke 24:1-12 (p. 86 of the New Testament in the pew bible)		
Reader:	Vivienne Graves		
Office	The Rev'd Colin Perkins		
Preacher	The Rev'd Paul Scott		
Hymns 85	Good Christian men, rejoice and sing		
Psalm	143, vv. 1-11 (Page 530 of the small Prayer Book)		
78	The strife is o'er, the battle done		
81	At the Lamb's high feast we sing		
83	Love's redeeming work is done		

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That we may know the peace of Easter

Those to be baptised

All children & teachers returning to school

An end to warfare & violence

The recently bereaved

Morning Prayer is usually said in church at 9.00 am (8.30 am Thursday) 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. 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

Wed 15th 10.15 am Holy Communion

Next Sunday: 19th April The Third Sunday of Easter				
8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP	Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24: 36b-48	(CW 541) (CW 542) (CW 542)	
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist			
11.15am	Late Morning Worship			
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Deuteronomy 7:7-13; Revelation 2:1-11		

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK IS 10-16 MAY. Please consider whether you can support the house-to-house collection this year. There is a sign-up sheet in church this week and the envelopes and information you need. Sue Wiltshire and Liz Holmes are organising the house-to-house for St Michael's, please have a word if you can help or have any questions. There will be a coffee morning for Christian Aid in the Parish Hall on Saturday 23 May.

Greenfingers needed! Last year St Michael's churchyard was given a Bronze award in the Alnwick in Bloom competition. This year we are aiming for Silver or, who knows, even Gold!

A small band of gardeners might enable this to happen. We envisage a few extra tubs around the churchyard which will require planting and extra maintenance. If you can help please speak to a churchwarden.



Prayer for a new Bishop of Newcastle

Gracious God,

We thank you for our diocese of Newcastle: for its thriving city, busy towns and bustling villages; for the lush countryside, flowing rivers and rugged coast; for its rich heritage and for its passionate people who are creative and resilient, often plain speaking, sometimes wayward, but always canny.

Now we ask you to raise up for us a new Bishop: one who will come among us, like Aidan, our father in the faith, as a wise and gentle leader, able to listen but also to challenge, ready to learn as well as to teach; a friend of yours who will quickly become our friend too.

Give us above all someone who will work tirelessly alongside us to proclaim afresh in our time and place the Good News of your overflowing love for everyone in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose Name we pray.

Amen.

FUTURE DIARY DATES - MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW					
Sun 26 th April	7.00 pm for 7	'.30 start Hustings at St James' URC, Pottergate			
Sat 2 nd May	2.15 pm	Royal Regiment of Fusiliers: Laying up of old colours in St Michael's			
Sun 10 th May	6.00 pm	Christian Aid week starts Christian Aid Service at Alnwick Methodist Church			
Thurs 14 th May	Ascension E 6.30 pm 7.30 pm	Day Baptism Preparation meeting in church Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day			
Sun 17 th May	6.00 pm	Bishop Frank at Evensong to license our vicar as Area Dean of Alnwick			
Sat 23 rd May	10.00 am	Christian Aid Coffee Morning in Parish Hall			
Mon 29 th June	10 am-4 pm.	Quiet Day at Shepherd's Dene. More details later			

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