



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK
12TH FEBRUARY 2017. THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

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 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 and Preacher The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Reader Hilary Atkin

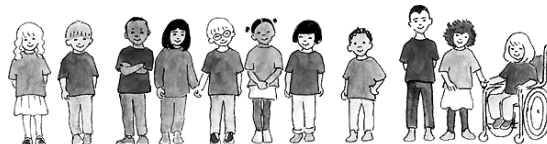
9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: Mass of St Cedd

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 445 God is here! As we his people

1ST READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Reader: Jean Sawyer
(Page 193 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

Behind all the legal systems God has led us to create, says Moses, each of you has a life or death choice to serve God, or not. We shall hear Jesus describe this as an attitude of mind: your own way for your life, or God's way.

2ND READING 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Reader: Paul Jarvis
(Page 163 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Paul's unruly converts in Corinth found it hard to throw off old habits and discover new ways of Christian living. He wants them to acquire a grown-up maturity in this new kind of life, and most of all to grow out of childish petulance and judgmentalism.

GRADUAL 816 Thy kingdom come, O God

THE GOSPEL **Matthew 5:21-37** (*Page 4 of the New Testament in the pew bible*)

Laws are necessary in every society; they and the lawyers have authority. Jesus claims an authority greater than theirs. And says anything and everything malicious violates God's way of kingdom living. You have a life-or-death choice to make: life with God or death without him.

SERMON **The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen**

PRAYERS **Intercessor The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott**

OFFERTORY HYMN **678 In Christ alone my hope is found**

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

COMMUNION HYMN **727 May the mind of Christ my Saviour**

CLOSING HYMN **476 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go**

11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP

Leader Emma Mavin
Talk The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen

11.15 am HOLY COMMUNION AT DENWICK

President: The Rev'd Colin Perkins
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott



6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings: **Amos 3:1-8 (*Page 866 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible*)**
 Ephesians 5:1-17(*Page 192 of the New Testament in the pew Bible*)

Reader: **Catherine Hughes**

Office **The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott**

Preacher **The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott**

Hymns 628 **Father of heaven, whose love profound**
 Psalm 13 (*Page 358 of the small Prayer Book*)
 608 **Christ is our corner-stone**
 653 **Happy are they, they that love God**
 602 **Blest are the pure in heart**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

That we may seek God's grace in all we do

All who have been bereaved

Thanks for our families and friends

St Michael's Primary School – it's pupils, staff and governors

Our Prime Minister and Government

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 14 th	3.00 pm	Mini Michaels team meeting in Parish Room
Wed 15 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion in St Michael's CE Primary School <i>NB No service in church</i>
Thur 16 th	9.15 am 7.00 pm	Mini Michaels in church 'The Final Five' at 2 Duke's Memorial Cottages

Next Sunday 19th February. The 2nd Sunday before Lent

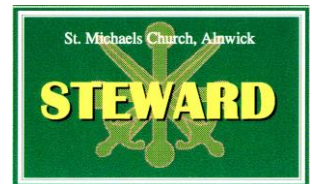
8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP	Genesis 1:1-2:3	(CW 72)
		Romans 8:18-25	(CW 75)
		Matthew 6:25-34	(CW 75)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist	<i>Readings as for 8.00 am service</i>	
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)	Proverbs 8:1 & 22-31;	Revelation 4

Lent 2017 begins with Ash Wednesday on 1st March.

Our '**LENT LEAFLET**' is available today and contains full details of all that will be happening. In the meantime, please note that **LENT LUNCHESES** will once again take place in the Costello centre in Bailiffgate each Thursday. St Michael's is responsible for providing the lunch on **Thursday 9th March** and cash donations towards the purchase of ingredients would be much appreciated alongside offers of help with serving and clearing away on the day itself. Please add your name to the list at the back of church if you are able to help.

I shall be visiting **SPITAK** from February 22nd until March 23rd. Thank you for all your support over the past year and please keep the people we support in your prayers especially now in what is proving to be an exceptionally cold winter. Jean

STEWADING will start at the beginning of April. We are pleased that already there are some volunteers but there are still vacancies for some Sundays and for Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays either weekly or fortnightly. If you feel you would like to be part of this valuable ministry please speak to Jean or Cath.



We look forward to our **PANCAKE PARTY** on Shrove Tuesday, 28th February, in the Parish Hall at 7.00 pm. Please secure your ticket as soon as possible and encourage your friends and neighbours. It is always a good evening.



The Diocese of Newcastle is about to launch a new strategy with the title **GROWING CHURCH BRINGING HOPE**. The launch will take place at an Open Synod at 10.00 am on Saturday 11th March at Dr Thomlinson CE Middle School, Rothbury. This will set the scene for our working and our priorities over the next five years and anyone interested is welcome to attend. Please let Julia or Paul know if you are interested.

Calling all **CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTORS** We need you again, and as many more people as possible. This year, there is the opportunity to sign up to the street you would feel most comfortable collecting in. The sheet of streets will be at the back of church today and next week, before moving on to the other churches. Please do consider helping Christian Aid if you possibly can. Funds are needed more than ever as the charity works to support refugees in many different countries.



THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL. The Return of the Prodigal'. Tuesdays from 2-4 pm on March 7th, 14th, 21st. 28th & April 4th in St Michael's Parish Hall. Will you be able to spare some time on those days to help set up tables and chairs beforehand, and make tea/coffee? Please let Julia know if you are willing to help. The sessions are open to all but you **MUST** register with Rev'd Julia Myles.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 20 th	10.00 am	Funeral of Bertie Wilkinson	
Mon 27 th	2.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors meet at the Vicarage	
Tues 28 th	7.00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party in Parish Hall	
1 st Mar		Ash Wednesday	
	10.15 am	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	
&	7.30 pm		
Fri 3 rd Mar		Women's World Day of Prayer	<i>See poster on Notice Board</i>
	1.45 pm	Local Service at St James' URC, Pottergate	
Sat 4 th Mar	2.00 pm	Embroiderers' Guild in Parish Hall: £4 admission	
		<i>Speaker Barry Mead – There's more to a needle than meets the eye</i>	
Sat 11 th March	10.00 am	Growing Church Bringing Hope	<i>See paragraph above</i>

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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