



St Michael's Church, Alnwick

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

12 January 2014. 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 and Preacher	The Rev'd Paul Scott
Reader	Holly Petrie

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

President The Rev'd Paul Scott

HYMN 142 Hail to the Lord's Anointed *Omit verses 2 & 4*

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 42:1-9 Reader: Pat Taylor
(Page 681 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

This passage links with the Gospel, where we shall hear a heavenly voice declaring God's delight in his beloved Son. Isaiah had visualised that same delight in a spirit-filled nation, or a person, whose vocation would be to serve God unstintingly.

2ND READING Acts 10:34-43 Reader: Douglas Ramsay
(Page 126 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

This reading is a small part of a story. Peter, and some others who share the new resurrection faith, tell a Roman centurion all the events of Jesus' life, and the meaning of it all. For the first time, the Gospel reaches beyond Judaism, and the climax is the surprising conversion of Gentiles.

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

THE GOSPEL **Matthew 3:13-17**
(*Page 2 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*)

Baptism is a new beginning, and the Lord himself comes to the river Jordan to be baptised by John before he begins his public mission. God delights to declare his Son, upon whom his Spirit rests.

SERMON **The Rev'd Paul Scott**

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 Eucharistic Prayer E which starts on page 15 of the Epiphanytide 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 *God First!***

Leader & Address **Philip Angier**

11.15 am MATINS AT DENWICK

Office and Preacher: **The Rev'd Paul Scott**



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

Readings: **Joshua 3:1-8, 14-17 (*p. 201 of the Old Testament in the pew bible*)**
****Hebrews 1:1-12 (*p. 215 of the New Testament in the pew bible*)****

Reader: **Anita Harvey**

Office & Preacher **The Rev'd Colin Perkins**

Hymns **27** **On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry**
****Psalm 46 (*Page 403 of the small prayer book*)****
****402 Now is eternal life****
****530 With joy we meditate the grace****
****18 Round me falls the night****

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

Thanks for our Baptism – and that we may continue to be filled with God's Holy Spirit

Those who live alone

A deepening of our prayer life

All who have suffered as a result of the recent flooding

Those who arrange flowers, polish silver and brass and maintain linen in St. Michael's

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wed 15 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion
Thurs 16 th	9.30 am	Mini-Michael's at St Michael's (for 0-5s and their grown-ups)
Sat 18 th	2.30pm	Christians Together in Alnwick: Prayer For Alnwick at The Coach House, Bondgate Within

Next Sunday: 19th January. The Second Sunday of Epiphany Start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP	Isaiah 49:1-7 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42	(CW 46) (CW 47) (CW 48)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship	<i>God First!</i>	
6.00 pm	Songs of Praise at Alnwick Baptist Church		

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

Bishop Martin will be at St. Michael's to administer the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** on Sunday 16th March, 2014 at 9.30am. If you are interested in being confirmed, please speak to one of the clergy. Preparations will begin in the near future but it would be helpful to have some idea of 'interested parties' before then. Many thanks
Paul.

We will be opening **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES** on Saturday 25th January. Please join us in St Michael's for a coffee and a chat between 10:00 and 11:30 am. If you are unable to make it on that day please leave your box in church before that date or contact Elizabeth and Philip on 605348.

Thank you.....Philip & Elizabeth Angier

Application forms for membership of the **PARISH HALL PRIZE DRAW** are still available at the back of church. Membership costs £20 a year; the draw takes place once a month and there are three cash prizes: £20, £10 and £5. If you wish to take part, please add your name to the list and take an Application Form to complete and return to Geoff Brown, together with your payment, as soon as possible. Please note that there will be two draws at the end of this month (one for January and one for February).

Good News! **£157.50** was raised in 2013 from the sale of re-cycled Christmas cards at St Michael's. Many thanks to everyone for your support. Now, so that we can start recycling again, if you have any unwanted Christmas cards please donate them by putting them in the box provided at the back of the church. Thank you.

The **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** starts next Sunday at Alnwick Baptist Church then continues from Monday with a short (half-hour) service of prayers, hymns and readings at the times and venues listed below. It is St Michael's 'turn' on Friday 24th, when it would be good to see most of you here, but please try also to go to as many as you can during the week.

Details are:

Sunday 19 th	6.00 pm	Songs of Praise at Alnwick Baptist Church
Monday 20 th	6.15 pm	Alnwick Baptist Church
Tuesday 21 st	6.15 pm	St Paul's R.C. Church
Wednesday 22 nd	6.15 pm	St James' United Reformed Church (Pottergate)
Thursday 23 rd	11.15 am	Alnwick Methodist Church
Friday 24 th	6.15 pm	St Michael's Church
Sunday 26 th	6.00 pm	St James' Church, Shilbottle

We will be having **SOUP AND CAKE LUNCHEAS** in the Parish Room on the second Wednesday of each month, starting 12th February at 12 noon. The cost per person hasn't yet been fixed but shouldn't be more than £3 per person. Does this sound like your 'cup of tea'? If so, add your name to the list at the back of church to indicate that you are interested (no obligation – we just need some idea of how many people might be there).

Starting February 5th, and on the first Tuesday of each month thereafter, there will be a **CRAFTERS GET-TOGETHER** in the Small Hall, for 2 hours from 2.00 pm. If you have any ideas, projects, materials, or are just interested - please do come along and join in.

Special event coming up! After Evensong on Sunday 26th January, at about 7 pm in St Michael's, there will be sparkling wine, fruit juice and light refreshments to celebrate the **Engagement of Jane & Paul**. All are welcome.

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