



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK
12TH MARCH 2017. THE 2ND SUNDAY OF 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 Julia Myles
Reader Win Nicol

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: Gregory Murray. A People's Mass

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 4 New every morning is the love

1ST READING Genesis 12:1-4a Reader: Nellie Shrimpton
(Page 10 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

Last Sunday we heard the sad tale of mankind's first disobedience. This reading is a happier circumstance, with consequences just as far-reaching. God's demand to Abraham is to start anew – to be 'new-born' as Jesus later told Nicodemus. Because Abraham is totally obedient, God's purpose can begin in his chosen people.

2ND READING Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Reader: Rosie Buxton
(Page 150 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Paul uses Abraham as an example of complete faith. It is not through obedience to law that God accepted and used him, and it is not our good deeds which justify us. By the sheer grace of God we too are inheritors of God's promises.

GRADUAL 641 Glorious things of thee are spoken

THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

(Page 90 of the New Testament in the pew bible)

Jesus seems to demand the impossible – that we be born again, but he means that faith in his redeeming love brings us spiritual re-birth, into a wholly new kind of living

SERMON

The Rev'd Julia Myles

PRAYERS

Intercessor Trevor Porteous

OFFERTORY HYMN

721 Love divine all loves excelling

After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer E which starts on page 20 of the Lent booklet

COMMUNION HYMN

145 It is a thing most wonderful

CLOSING HYMN

818 To God be the glory, great things he hath done

11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP

Leader Michelle Duff

Talk Emma Mavin

11.15 am MATINS AT DENWICK

Office: The Rev'd Colin Perkins

Preacher: The Rev'd Colin Perkins



6.00 pm A CELEBRATION OF WHOLENESS AND HEALING

Preacher & Celebrant The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Reader Rosie Buxton

Hymns

742 O for a thousand tongues to sing

644 God is love: let heaven adore him

740 O changeless Christ, for ever new

752 O love that will not let me go

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

That we may recognise God's love for us in sending his Son

The Church's Ministry of Healing

H.M. Prison Northumberland

Thanks for signs of Spring and new life

All preparing for marriage at this time

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 14 th	2.00 pm	<i>Return of the Prodigal:</i> with Rev'd David Bryan in the Parish Hall
	7.30 pm	P.C.C. meeting in the Parish Hall
Wed 15 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion
Thurs 16 th	7.30 am	Holy Communion, BCP, followed by a light breakfast
	9.15 am	Mini Michaels in church
	12 noon	Lent Lunch at the Costello Centre

Next Sunday 19th March. The Third Sunday of Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP	Exodus 17:1-7 (CW 93) Romans 5:1-11 (CW 94) John 4:5-42 (CW 95)
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)	Joshua 1:1-9 Ephesians 6:10-20



THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL continues on Tuesdays from 2-4 pm in the 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

LENT LUNCHESES continue this week and take place in the Costello Centre in Bailiffgate at 12 noon each Thursday. For those who are interested there is a short meditation in the Memorabilia Room at the Costello Centre, 12 -12.30 pm



Please could anyone using a new-ish version of MS Word save your file(s) for the **PEWSHEET OR GATEWAY** as a **doc** filetype instead of **docx** if you are sending to the church email address. (The church software is a bit old and doesn't correctly interpret the newer filetype). Any difficulty –please just ask – I am more than happy to help in any way I can. Joan Dunn

An update has been received from Jean Darby who is with our friends in **SPITAK** in Armenia. A copy of the message has been laminated and placed on the welcome table at the back of church for all who want to hear the latest situation. Please continue to keep Jean and all the people there in your prayers.



Members of the **MOTHERS' UNION** have been asked to help with a project providing some basic goods in backpacks for prisoners as they leave **HMP Northumberland**. Alnwick branch has quite a small membership at the moment so we are making an appeal to all St Michael's folk to see if you might be prepared to make a small donation of £2.00 to help with this worthy appeal. We would, if possible, like to provide 10 such backpacks, suitably filled. If you feel able to help, please hand your contribution to Val Hawker, Pat Tweed or Anne Cooke. Many thanks.

NEW TRADCRAFT CATALOGUE There is a pile of lovely Spring magazines at the back of church this morning. Among other things inside there are alternative Easter gifts (eggs to eat, light and hang!), beautiful cards that are priced at no more than well-known retailers and many other things that are lovely to give as special presents.

While trading between nations is arranged so that there are winners and losers, instead of being fair, poverty among people who we know to be suffering will not be eradicated. Sue Wiltshire will be delighted to take any orders, large or small.



A COFFEE MORNING at Michelle Duff's on Saturday 25th March, 10am - 12noon. £1 entrance to include first cup of tea or coffee; cake will be available. All proceeds to go towards the cost of oases for this year's Flower Festival. Tickets available from Michelle Duff or on the door.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

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| Mon. 20 th | 7.00pm | Alnwick Deanery Synod meets in St. Michael's |
| Wed. 22 nd | 10.15am | Holy Communion (transferred) for Lady Day |
| Sat 1 st April | 7.30 pm | Northumbria Sinfonietta Concert in Church.
All proceeds to St Michael's Church |
| Fri 7 th April | 10.00 am | Big Clean in church. |
| Sat 8 th April | 11.00 am | Alnwick Spring Show at Willowburn Sports & Leisure Centre |

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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