



**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**  
**(REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)**

**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 The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott  
Preacher The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen  
Reader Rob Wilson

**9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST**

**Setting: Mass of St Thomas**

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.*



**INTROIT HYMN 715 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided**

**1ST READING Amos 5:18-24 Reader: Pat Taylor**  
*(Page 869 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

In Israel in the 8<sup>th</sup> Century BC, Amos sees more attention being given to religious ritual than to social justice. So, says this fierce prophet, if you expect the Lord's coming, beware that it may not be as delightful as you think. When God comes to this world he comes in righteous judgement.

**2ND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Reader: Richard Allsop**  
*(Page 202 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

This letter is the earliest we have from Paul. The church at that time expected Jesus to return very soon. Paul has encouraging words for those who might die before that second Advent, because every one of us can look forward to life with Christ for ever.

**GRADUAL 592 As the deer pants for the water**

**THE GOSPEL****Matthew 25:1-13***(Page 27 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

Jesus tells a parable about the coming Day of the Son of Man. None of us can know the time of his coming, but we must live as though it might be at any moment, and be prepared to face him.

**SERMON****The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen****PRAYERS****Intercessor The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott****OFFERTORY HYMN****577 Eternal God, before whose face we stand**

**After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer E which starts on page 8 of the Kingdom Season booklet**

**COMMUNION HYMN****451 Just as I am, without one plea****CLOSING HYMN****579 I vow to thee, my country****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP**

Leader  
Talk

Emma Mavin  
The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen

**11.15 am MATINS AT DENWICK**

Office: The Rev'd Colin Perkins  
Preacher: The Rev'd Colin Perkins

**2.30 pm REMEMBRANCE DAY service in St Paul's Church****6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)**

Readings: Judges 7:2-22 *(Page 231 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*  
John 15:9-17 *(Page 106 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Reader: Cath McNally

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Hymns  
702 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
Psalm 82 *(Page 452 of the small Prayer Book)*  
635 For the healing of the nations  
128 Jesu, lover of my soul  
116 Be thou my guardian and my guide

## 7.30 pm REMEMBRANCE DAY CONCERT in St Paul's Church

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Thanks for those who gave their all in the cause of justice and peace
- That we may be alert to signs of the Kingdom in our midst
- Mini Michaels and Messy Church
- All affected by acts of violence – especially the recent Texas shooting
- Elizabeth our Queen

### WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 13th	2.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors at the Vicarage
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Funeral of Leigh Robinson
	1.30 pm	Visit to church of Jaguars class from St Michael's C of E Primary School
	7.00 pm	St Michael's Bowls Club in Parish Hall
	7.30 pm	PCC in the Small Hall
<b>Wed 15th</b>	<b>10.15 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Thurs 16th	9.30 am	Mini Michaels in church
Saturday 18th	10.00 am	St James' URC Annual Autumn Coffee Morning
	to 11.30 am	in St James Church Hall, Pottergate
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Messy Church in the Parish Hall</b>

### Next Sunday

**19<sup>th</sup> November**

### The Second Sunday before Advent

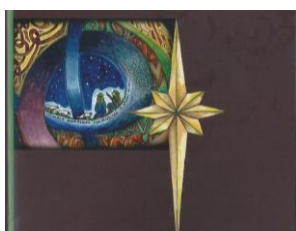
8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP	Zephaniah 1: 7 & 12-18	CW 356
		1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	CW 358
		Matthew 25:14-30	CW 359

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

11.15 am Late Morning Worship with Holy Communion

6.00 pm Sung Evensong, BCP 1662 1 Kings 1:15-40; Revelation 1:4-18

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch in the Parish Hall



**OUR ADVENT REFLECTIONS** commence on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and continue for 3 weeks after (28<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> December) in the Parish Room, 2.30 – 4.00 pm (including refreshments). The themes will be Hope, Prepare, Joy, Love. If you haven't yet signed up for these – please do so today.

Many thanks to all who helped and/or supported yesterday's **WINTER MARKET**. Obviously this notice has gone to print before the event but we hope and pray that all the hard work and preparation will have resulted in a successful event.

The concert by **NORTHUMBRIA SINFONIETTA** on 4<sup>th</sup> November was a lovely evening and raised £700 for church funds. We are most grateful to Bryan Jackson and all the musicians for giving of their talents so freely. We have been promised another concert on **14<sup>th</sup> April next year**. Do make a note in your diary and keep the evening free.



Christmas may seem a long way off, but the time will soon go by. To make our lovely church look festive for the season, you are invited to give cash donations to help provide **FLOWERS** and, nearer the time, provide garden greenery. Please contact Ann Brown or Enid Brown. Thanks.

### **FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW**

Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	2.30 pm	First in the series of four 'Advent Reflections' in the Parish Room. Also on 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov and 5 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am – 4.00pm	Parish Day on Holy Island
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod at Longframlington
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30 pm	An Evening of Light Music "The Fiddling Three" in St Michael's
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00 pm	Alnwick (St Paul's) Educational Charity at Vicarage
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30 pm	Royal Northern Sinfonia: Christmas by Candlelight Baroque Concert in St Michael's
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00 am	Big Clean in St Michael's

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