



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

13TH DECEMBER 2015. THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 am 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 & Preacher The Rev'd Julia Myles
Reader: Rob Wilson

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 36 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes

1ST READING Zephaniah 3:14-20 Reader: Dee Ramsay
(Page 891 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

This prophet of the 7th century BC is mostly a voice of doom, but this passage ends his work on a note of hope. God will always preserve a remnant of the faithful through the worst of times, and come in his own person as king and saviour.

2ND READING Philippians 4:4-7 Reader: Pat Taylor
(Page 196 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

'The Lord is near', wrote Paul. He means that the coming in glory of the resurrected Jesus will happen soon. During the time of waiting, be joyful, be peaceable, be prayerful, be thankful.

GRADUAL Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord ' God of ' Israel: for he hath ' visited, and re' deemed his ' people;

And hath raised up a mighty sal' vation ' for us: in the ' house of his ' servant ' David;

As he spake by the mouth of his ' holy ' prophets:
which have been ' since the ' world be' gan;

That we should be saved ' from our ' enemies: and from the ' hands of ' all that ' hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers:
and to remember his holy Covenant;

To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham:
that he would give us:

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies:
might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.

And thou child shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God:
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

(Page 57 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

As we heard last Sunday, Christians understand John the Baptist as the one to whom ancient Scriptures had pointed as God's messenger preparing the way for Jesus. John's teaching provoked controversy, but his proclamation of repentance and baptism gained him many disciples.

SERMON

The Rev'd Julia Myles

PRAYERS

Intercessor The Rev'd Paul Scott

OFFERTORY HYMN

595 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

After the Offertory, the service continues with the Eucharistic Prayer which starts on page 9 of the Advent booklet

COMMUNION HYMN

441 Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord

FINAL HYMN

45 O come, O come, Emmanuel

11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP

Leader

Emma Mavin

Address

The Rev'd Canon Dennis Winter

11.15 am HOLY COMMUNION AT DENWICK

President:

The Rev'd Paul Scott

Preacher:

Trevor Porteous



6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings:	Isaiah 35	(p. 673 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)
	Luke 1:57-66	(p. 55 of the New Testament in the pew bible)
Reader:	Patricia Kind	
Office & Preacher	Trevor Porteous	
Hymns	816	Thy kingdom come, O god
	Psalm	50, vv 1-6 (Page 407 of the small Prayer Book)
	650	Great is thy faithfulness
	37	Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing
	127	Lord Jesus, think on me

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That our hearts may be filled with expectation

Alnwick Town Council and our Mayor

All refugees & asylum seekers

Our Church School – and especially their Christmas preparations

All affected by the recent flooding

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 15 th	2.30 pm	Pastoral Visitors meeting at the Vicarage
	6.30 pm	Mayor's Carol Service in St Michael's
Wed 16 th Dec	10.15am	Holy Communion
	2.00 pm	St Michael's CE First School Carol Service in church
	6.00 pm	Skateboard Group Fundraising Bingo at Community Centre
Sat 19 th Dec	7.30 pm	Alnwick & District Choral Society: Music for Christmas at Alnwick Playhouse

Next Sunday: 20th December **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Micah 5:2-5a	(CW 744)
		Hebrews 10:5-10	(CW 746)
		Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]	(CW 746)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Candlelit Carols		

MINI MICHAELS needs a few more people to help with REFRESHMENTS from 9.00 to 11.00 on Thursday morning every 3 weeks or so. If you feel that this is a ministry you can offer, please speak to Anne Harrison. Every week we get between 30 and 50 children with their Mums/Grans/Carers and there is a lively, friendly feel to the sessions.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS_ Contributions towards the cost of decorating the church for Christmas would be gratefully received. Please hand your donations to Ann Brown, Enid Brown or Pat Taylor. In addition, garden winter greenery would be much appreciated – please bring to church in time for Christmas Eve.

Many thanks to all who have given chocolates and/or toiletries to the **WEST END REFUGEE SERVICE**. If, amongst all the other demands at this time of year, you could find it in your heart to donate toiletries or chocolate(s) please keep these special seasonal goods coming in.

It's the time of year again when you are invited to sign up for membership of the monthly **PARISH HALL PRIZE DRAW**. There are 3 cash prizes each month - £20, £10 and £5. Annual Membership is £20, payable in advance. That's a bargain, and it helps the Parish Hall funds as well. Application forms are available now at the back of church – please take one to complete and return to Geoff Brown.



COMING TO ST MICHAEL'S SOON!!

**WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS...
MIGHT YOU BE ABLE TO HELP?**

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Wed 23rd Dec 11.30 am Christingle-making in church. Join the production line and... bring a wooden spoon (to make the hole for the candle!)

Details of Christmas Worship are on page 24 of the Gateway and on the Notice Boards

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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