



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

13TH MARCH 2016

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PASSIONTIDE BEGINS

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 The Rev'd Paul Scott
Preacher The Rev'd Julia Myles
Reader Win Nicol

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: A People's Mass

President The Rev'd Julia Myles

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 young people and older children, Junior Church is in the Parish Room



INTROIT HYMN

763 Praise to the holiest in the height

1ST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Reader: Cath. McNally

(Page 696 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

The prophet speaks of hope in God: for Israel, the hope of past sorrows forgotten and restoration to a land of plenty. We Christians find in this poetry a foretaste of Jesus in his holy work of making all things new by death and triumph.

2ND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

Reader: Wilhelm Barren

(Page 682 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Isaiah urged people not to dwell on the past, but take heart in the promise of God's radical new activity. In similar vein, Paul counts all his past as trivial compared with the marvellous knowledge of the resurrection and the hope of full union with Christ hereafter.

GRADUAL

144 How deep the Father's love for us

THE GOSPEL**John 12:1-8*****(Page 102 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)***

As Jesus prepared for what would be his last Passover, he stayed with friends in Bethany. We hear the only indication in all the Gospels that Judas Iscariot, the one of the chosen Twelve who would betray him, had not always been a good and honest friend.

SERMON**The Rev'd Julia Myles****PRAYERS****Intercessor The Rev'd Paul Scott****OFFERTORY HYMN****157 When I survey the wondrous cross**

After the Offertory, the service continues with the Eucharistic Prayer which starts on page 7 of the Passiontide booklet

COMMUNION HYMN**148 O dearest Lord, thy sacred head****FINAL HYMN****477 Go forth and tell, O Church of God awake!****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP**

Leader Rachel Robinson
Address Andrew Duff

11.15 am MATINS AT DENWICK

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

**2.00 pm HOLY BAPTISM *Please pray for:*****Harry Daniel Saunders****6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)**

Readings: 2 Chronicles 35:1-6 &10-16
(p. 430 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)
 Luke 22:1-13 *(p. 82 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

Reader: Vivienne Graves

Office: The Rev'd Colin Perkins

Preacher: The Rev'd Colin Perkins

Hymns 702 **Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us**
 Psalm 35. vv.1-9 *(Page 386 of the small Prayer Book)*
 156 **We sing the praise of him who died**
 730 **My God, I love thee, not because**
 135 **Take up thy cross, the Saviour said**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That our lives may be filled with deeds of love and mercy

The work of Christian Aid

Our Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas

A right use of our God-given gifts and talents

Christians Together in Alnwick

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 14 th	7.30 pm	Alnwick Deanery Synod at Warkworth
Tues 15 th	12 noon	Steward's Lunch in Parish Hall
	2.00 pm	Lent Course: ENCOUNTERS: <i>At the Vicarage</i>
	7.00 pm	Joint Faith & Life meeting at Belford <i>(Please see Jane if you need transport)</i>
Wed 16 th	10.15am	Holy Communion with Vultures & Giraffes from St Michael's School
	3.00 pm	Thanksgiving for the life of Gillian Robson
	7.30 pm	Lent Course: ENCOUNTERS: <i>at 35 Hillcrest Park</i>
Thurs 17 th	7.30 am	Holy Communion, BCP followed by breakfast
	9.15 am	Mini Michaels in church
	12 noon	Lent Lunch in the Costello Centre
Fri 18 th	10.00 am	Big Clean morning at St Michael's
	2.00 pm	Palm Cross making in the Small Hall. Shared tea afterwards
Sat 19 th	9.00 am	Weight Watchers in church
	9.30 am	Christian Aid Big Brekkie at the Vicarage

Next Sunday: 20th March Palm Sunday

8.00 am	Blessing & Distribution of Palms and Holy Communion	
	Readings:	Isaiah 50:4-9a (CW 838)
		Philippians 2:5-11 (CW 839)
		The Passion according to Luke
9.20am (9.30am)	Blessing & Distribution of Palms at the Barbican followed by Sung Eucharist with Dramatic Reading of the Passion	
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship	
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 20:9-19

Please come and join us in St Michael's from 10.00 am on Friday (18th) for the **BIG CLEAN**. Any time you can spare will be appreciated – cleaning materials and hot drinks provided.

The P.C.C. have agreed to a much-needed upgrading and partial refurbishment of **ST PAUL'S CHAPEL**. We hope to have a new carpet and kneelers for the Altar rails, together with a new oak door for the south-east tower. We have begun with the commissioning of an icon of St Paul by our friend Arsen in Spitak. Jean Darby has brought this home from her recent trip and it is on display today alongside the font. Please do make time to have a look.

There will be a **CELEBRATORY EASTER AFTERNOON TEA**, at 4.00 pm on Easter Sunday afternoon. The cost is £7 per person for a scrumptious tea and a chance to meet and greet friends old and new. Please add your name to the sheet at the back of church if you plan to be there.

The day has arrived for you to respond to the Vicar's '**LENTEN CHALLENGE**'! Having had five weeks to pray about and reflect on the gifts and talents with which **YOU** have been blessed, we would ask you to use the **RESPONSE FORM** you have been given as you entered church this morning and place it in the basket on the Sidesmen's Table before you leave for home. Remember, you have been asked to consider how you may best use those gifts and talents to help St. Michael's be a force for good – both within the church community and more widely in our town.

We look forward to **WELCOMING CHILDREN** from the schools of Alnwick on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week as they come into St Michael's to share the experience and wonder of the Easter Story.

The revision of our **ELECTORAL ROLL** takes place before the APCM. The present roll has now been removed from the back of church, to be updated. The revised roll will be displayed from 20th March for 14 days.

The next session of **MESSY CHURCH** at St. Michael's will take place in the Parish Hall on Saturday 26th March, 10.00am – 12.30pm. All support greatly appreciated. Please speak to Jane if you can help.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Sun 27 th Mar	4.00 pm	Easter Day afternoon tea in Parish Hall.
Sun 3 rd Apr	4.00 pm	St Michael's Annual Parochial Church Meeting Parish Hall

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