



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

14TH FEBRUARY 2016

THE FIRST 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 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 Julia Myles

Preacher

The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen

Reader

Rob Wilson

9.30 am

PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: A People's Mass

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



INTROIT HYMN

768 Put thou thy trust in God

1ST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Reader: Patricia Kind

(Page 188 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

The people of God are to have constantly in mind God's powerful wonders in history. In worship, they are to recite his great deeds and bring him offerings.

2ND READING

Romans 10:8b-13

Reader: Hazel Shell

(Page 216 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

This short passage acts as a bridge between the Old Testament and Gospel readings. Paul has been contrasting the historic Jewish faith with our faith in Christ. They looked to God for miraculous works, and mistakenly relied on doing good deeds to win salvation, whereas we know we are saved simply by our faith.

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 15 th	9.00am	Standing Committee at the Vicarage	
	7.00 pm	Faith and Life at the Vicarage	
Tues 16 th	2.00 pm	ENCOUNTERS: Meeting the Risen Jesus	<i>At the Vicarage</i>
Wed 18th	10.15am	Holy Communion	
	7.30 pm	ENCOUNTERS: Meeting the Risen Jesus	<i>at 35 Hillcrest Park</i>
Thurs 19th	7.30 am	Holy Communion, BCP	

Next Sunday: 21st February

The Second Sunday of Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP	Genesis 15: 1-12 & 17-18	(CW 820)
		Philippians 3:17-4:1	(CW 822)
		Luke 13:31-35	(CW 822)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	A Celebration of Healing and Wholeness		

Thanks to all who supported our **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY**. £230.00 was raised and is a splendid start to our Lenten giving for Christian Aid.

Can you make a cup of tea or coffee? We urgently need several more volunteers to help with refreshments after the 9.30 Service on Sundays. This entails coming to church a little earlier and staying behind for about 30 mins, 2 or 3 times a quarter. If you think could you help, please have a word with Paul, Julia or Sue Porteous. Thank you.

Did you hear the Vicar's '**LENTEN CHALLENGE**' last Sunday? Please spend some time over the next few weeks recognising and giving thanks for the gifts and talents you have been given by God and consider how you may best use them to help St Michael's be a force for good – both within the church community and more widely in our town.

ENCOUNTERS – meeting the risen Jesus! this is the exciting title of our Lent Course for 2016. Here is an opportunity to use Lent in a different way – dwelling on the Resurrection rather than the Passion of Christ. Further details are in Paul's letter in the February edition of Gateway and we have two groups; Tuesday afternoons at the Vicarage and Wednesday evenings at the home of Patricia Kind. Please register your interest on the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

LENT LUNCHESES. 25th February is St Michael's turn to act as host. We really need more help on that day (only 2 volunteers so far), so if you can spare some time to help serve the lunch, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church.



Paul's Installation as an **HONORARY CANON OF NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL** takes place on Sunday evening 13th March. Lynne Moir has booked a coach, which will leave Alnwick at 4.00 pm. If you would like to travel by coach, and haven't yet done so, add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church TODAY.

LENT BOXES FOR CHRISTIAN AID (in memory of Liz Holmes) are at the back of church. This Lent we have an opportunity to show gratitude for what we have, to give to those who have not and to remember our friend Liz. Please take a Lent Box and a 'Count Your Blessings' leaflet today. The leaflet is simply a guide if you would like to follow it but if you are a taxpayer it has the important Gift Aid form for you to give back in with your box.

SUE AND ROB WILTSHIRE would like to thank everyone for all the kind enquiries, cards and flowers received following Rob's recent heart attack. He received truly amazing care at the Freeman hospital (even though it was 3am on a Sunday morning!) and is making a very good recovery. He will soon be back on his bike! Thank you all.

The revision of our **ELECTORAL ROLL** takes place before the APCM. The present roll is now on display at the back of church. Please check your details and record any alterations or corrections on the sheet provided; if you are not on the Roll and wish to be, please take and complete an Application Form from the supply provided.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Monday 22 nd	11.30am	Funeral of Carnegie Brown
Thurs 25 th	12 noon	Lent Lunch at the Costello Centre. St Michael's hosting
Sun 28 th	6.00 pm	Within Evensong, thanksgiving for the life of the late Joe Kent
Fri 4 th Mar	1.45 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer at St Paul's Church
Sun 13 th Mar		Installation of The Rev'd Paul Scott as an Honorary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral
Fri 18 th Mar	10.00 am	Big Clean morning at St Michael's
Sun 3 rd Apr	time tba	St Michael's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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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