



St Michael's Church, Alnwick

Vicar: The Rev'd Paul Scott

Curate: The Rev'd Julia Myles

Parish website: www.alnwickanglican.com

14th September 2014 Holy Cross Day

A very warm welcome to St Michael's. If you are a visitor, and receive Communion at your own church, you are invited to do so here.

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 Colin Perkins
Reader	Hilary Atkin

9.30 am SUNG EUCHARIST *Setting: Mass of St Thomas*

President The Rev'd Colin Perkins

HYMN 72 Lift high the cross! *Omit verses 3-7*

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Parents with babies and children are most welcome to take them to the Children's Corner (at the back of church). For older children and young people, Junior Church takes place in the Parish Room



1ST READING Numbers 21:4-9 **Reader: Richard Dale**
(Page 145 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

For the third time in the Bible, the Israelites on the pilgrimage to the Promised Land run out of food and water. This time there is no miraculous supply, only some relief from snake-bites when Moses made a serpent of bronze for healing. As Jesus reminded his hearers, whenever people raised their eyes to this sign, their illness was lifted from them.

2ND READING Philippians 2:6-11 **Reader: Nellie Shrimpton**
(Page 194 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Paul emphasises the humility of Christ, who although he was God, was obedient even to death on a cross. Therefore, he became our way to God and the focus of our worship, because Jesus Christ is indeed the Lord.

GRADUAL 234 Thine for ever, God of love

THE GOSPEL

John 3:13-17

(Page 90 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Three times John's Gospel has Jesus speaking of being 'lifted up', with the double meaning of being raised for execution on a cross and raised to infinite glory. Faith in him means life for us.

SERMON

The Rev'd Colin Perkins

PRAYERS

Intercessor: The Rev'd Julia Myles

OFFERTORY HYMN 138 We sing the praise of him who died

After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer B which starts on page 9 of the red Saints Days booklet

COMMUNION HYMN 248 O my Saviour, lifted

FINAL HYMN 67 When I survey the wondrous cross

11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP
God's Generosity Over The Past

Leader & Address The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen

11.15 am MATINS AT DENWICK

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



2.00 & 3.00 pm HOLY BAPTISM *Please pray for:*

Jack Samuel Bryce Brown
Brooke Elizabeth Fairless



2.30 pm BATTLE OF BRITAIN SERVICE at St Paul's RC Church

A Reception will be held afterwards in the Bailiffgate Museum, by kind permission of Northumberland County Council

Morning Prayer is usually said in church at 8.30 am and Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm on most weekdays. You will be most welcome to join us for these times of prayer and bible reading.

Please note that the Vicar is not available during September
The Curate's day off is Monday. She would be pleased to be spared all but the most urgent matters on this day.

6.00 pm	SUNG EVENSONG	<i>(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)</i>
Readings:	Isaiah 63:1-16	<i>(p. 703 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)</i>
	1 Corinthians 1: 18-25	<i>(p. 162 of the New Testament in the pew bible)</i>
Reader:	Anita Harvey	
Office	The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig	
Preacher	The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig	
Hymns	201	Stand up, and bless the Lord
	Psalm 110	<i>(Page 492 of the small prayer book)</i>
	161	Christ is our cornerstone
	184	Jerusalem the golden
	7	O strength and stay, upholding all creation

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That the hearts of people who plot violence will turn towards peace
 For the people of Scotland as they vote regarding independence
 For Claire Mead the new Contagious Youth and Schools worker
 Those mourning the loss of loved ones

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Wed 17th 10.15 am Holy Communion
- Thurs 18th 9.15 am Mini Michaels in church
- Sat 20th 12.30 pm Marriage of Louise Aplin and Angus Hutton
- Sun 21st 4.00pm A service of thanksgiving and an opportunity to say 'farewell' to **Bishop Martin and Marlene Wharton** in St. Nicholas' Cathedral.
 All are warmly invited

Next Sunday: 21st September The Feast of St Matthew

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion, BCP | Proverbs 3:13-18 | <i>(CW 1184)</i> |
| | | 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 | <i>(CW 1185)</i> |
| | | Matthew 9:9-13 | <i>(CW 1185)</i> |
| 9.30 am | Parish Eucharist | | |
| 10.30 am | Sunday Schools Together at St James' URC, Pottergate | | |
| 11.15 am | Late Morning Worship with Holy Communion | | |
| 6.00 pm | Sung Evensong, BCP 1662. | Ecclesiastes 5:4-12; Matthew 19:16-end | |

Whether you are new to church or part of the furniture you are invited to get **BACK TO BASICS** in six sessions which discuss the basic tenets of our faith. You will be warmly welcomed at Julia's new home on Thursday evenings starting **16th October** and subsequently on 23rd Oct, (not 30th), 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th Nov to lead us up to Advent. Do note these dates and think about coming along.

Today is cut-off day for contributions to the October edition of Gateway. If you haven't already done so, please send or give any material to one of the Gateway team.



Come along to be part of the **WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING**, at Hillside, Howling Lane (the home of Dawn McAuley) on Friday 26th September, 10am – 12 noon. There will be a raffle and cakes for sale, etc. Cost is £1.50 to include coffee/tea & cake.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the wedding gift for Paul and Jane. A cheque will be presented to them at a **WEDDING AFTERNOON TEA** on Sunday 5th October at 4.00 pm in the Parish Hall. If there is anyone who has not yet given but would like to, there is still time to do so. Please give any donation to Trevor Porteous or Jean Darby. By the way – wasn't it a wonderful service at the Cathedral!



FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

- Tues 23rd Sept 7.00 pm **Alnwick Aglow** meets in the 'B' lounge of The Plough
Speaker: The Rev'd Julia Myles. See Notice Board for details.
- Fri 26th Sept 10.00 am – 12 noon
Macmillan Coffee Morning at the home of Dawn McAuley
- Sat 27 Sept 10.00 am 'till 1pm
Newcastle Diocesan Synod Forum Open Meeting
at Northumberland C of E Academy, Ashington
If anyone would like to go, Julia has spare seats in her car.
- Mon 29th 7.30 pm Deanery Synod at Hipsburn School. **Please note rescheduled date**
- Fri 3rd Oct 7.30 pm The Gideons Friends Evening at St James' URC Centre, Pottergate
- Sun 5th Oct 4.00 pm Wedding afternoon tea in the Parish Hall

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