



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK
15TH JANUARY 2017. THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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, BCP

President and Preacher The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Reader Rob Wilson

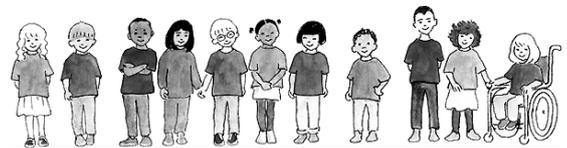
9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: Mass of St Cedd

President The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig

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, Junior Church is in the Parish Room.



INTROIT HYMN 645 God is our hope and refuge

1ST READING Isaiah 49:1-7 Reader: Dee Ramsay
(Page 689 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

Epiphany means manifestation. In this Epiphany season, our readings are showing the ways God has revealed himself. For us, Isaiah's poem has come true in a way he could scarcely have imagined, as he anticipates the appearance of God within one who is destined even before his birth to be the bearer of salvation into all the world.

2ND READING 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 Reader: John Sawyer
(Page 162 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Isaiah's vision of the Lord revealing himself is echoed in this opening greeting from Paul's letter to Corinth. He gives thanks for the spiritual gifts they have received, and shows himself confident that God will strengthen them for the new day of the Lord's appearing.

GRADUAL 324 Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult

THE GOSPEL**John 1:29-42***(Page 88 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

John the Baptist is given an epiphany of who Jesus really is, and declares his own task to be revealing Jesus. So he directs others to follow Jesus, and some men begin to recognise the Messiah.

SERMON**The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig****PRAYERS****Intercessor Annette Playle****OFFERTORY HYMN****423 And now, O Father, mindful of the love**

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

COMMUNION HYMN**650 Great is thy faithfulness****CLOSING HYMN****510 Will you come and follow me****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP**

Leader Emma Mavin
Talk Andrew Duff

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**That we will be faithful to our calling as disciples of Christ****For the powerful nations – especially the U.S.A. and their new President****For all those we know in hospital****Families in Alnwick that struggle with debt**

This is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. There are short informal acts of worship with readings, prayers and hymns at the following venues and times. Please try to attend as many as possible.

Mon 16th 6.00 pm Baptist ChurchTues 17th 6.00 pm St. James' URCWed 18th 6.00 pm St. Michael'sThurs 19th 11.00 am Methodist ChurchFri 20th 10.00 am St Paul's Church ***N.B. NOT 6 pm as listed in last week's sheet.***Sun 22nd 6.00 pm St. James', Shilbottle**WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**Tues 17th Jan 7.30 pm PCC meeting in Small HallWed 18th 10.15 am Holy Communion

Thur 19th Jan 11.00 am Open House at Sue Wiltshire's in aid of the Gallery Youth Project, as part of our mission giving. See below.
 7.00 pm The Final Five See below

Sat 21st Jan 9.30 am Coffee Morning at St James' URC in aid of The Bible Society
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Next Sunday 22nd January The Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23	(CW 49) (CW 50) (CW 51)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist	<i>Readings as for 8.00 am service</i>	
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship with Holy Communion		
12.45 pm	Sunday Lunch in the Parish Hall	<i>Please sign up for this</i>	
2.00 pm	Holy Baptism		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; 1 Peter 1:3-12	

A message of thanks from Paul.... Words cannot adequately express my gratitude to all the good folk of St. Michael's for the lovely way in which you marked my **SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY** last Sunday. Your good wishes, cards, gifts and the memorable get-together after the service helped to ensure it was my best birthday ever! The book in which many of you expressed appreciation of my ministry among you was a lovely and very moving gesture and something I will always treasure. Special thanks to Julia who, I understand, did much of the organising, to Jean and Margaret for making and icing the splendid cake and to Alan for ensuring closing music which he knew would please me!

THE FINAL FIVE! An opportunity to look at the final 5 Chapters of Bishop John Pritchard's book *Something More*. Thursday evenings on January 19th, 26th, February 2nd, 9th, 16th at the home of Annette Playle. 7.00 pm for drinks for a 7.30 pm start until 9.00 pm. All welcome – for more details of themes pick up a flyer from the back of church.



Early notice that on **TUESDAY AFTERNOONS IN LENT** 2.00-4.00 pm in the Parish Hall on March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th & April 4th David Bryan (Tutor in Biblical Studies, Lindisfarne Regional Training Partnership) will lead a group about the **RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL** - using Nouwen's book and the Rembrandt painting under five great headings. Let Julia know if you want to attend.

Would you like to help provide **FLOWERS IN CHURCH** – particularly at the High Altar? The 2017 rota is now in the 'Duty Book' at the back of church – if you would like to have an event or a loved one remembered by giving flowers or cash (for our team of florists to create an arrangement for you), please enter your name in the appropriate box or boxes. Any queries, please speak to Ann Brown or Enid Brown.



OPEN SOUP DAY FOR THE GALLERY YOUTH PROJECT on January 19th 11.00 am-4.00 pm. Please come along to enjoy hot soup and mince pies with friends. Sue Patience, who has been involved with the project for many many years will be chatting to us at 12.30 pm about her work. The Mission Group are hoping that there will be a wonderful Bring and Buy table so do bring along any unwanted Christmas gifts. Cakes and home-made produce will also be much appreciated. Any suitable raffle prizes will be gladly received by either: Jean Darby, Emma Mavin, Veronica Simpson or Sue Wiltshire.

...and on Sunday 22nd January

The project manager, Mr Ian McRae, will talk to us at the 9.30 service about this vital work. There will be a plate at the back of church for anyone who would like to make a donation. Thank you



The Elders at St James's are holding a **COFFEE MORNING** on Saturday Jan 21st in aid of the Bible Society from 9.30 am in their Church Hall on Pottergate. Cost £1 including coffee and biscuits. There will also be a cake stall and raffle.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 23 rd Jan	2.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors at the Vicarage
	3.15 pm	Funeral of Denise Freeman
Sat 28 th Jan	11.00 am	Messy Church in the Parish Hall
Wed 1 st Feb	7.00 pm	Christians Together in Alnwick: AGM at St James' UR Includes desserts! ALL WELCOME

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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