



**St Michael's Church, Alnwick**  
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Curate: The Rev'd Julia Myles  
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**15<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Mothering Sunday**

*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, BCP**

President & Preacher The Rev'd Paul Scott  
Reader Mora Rolley

**9.30 am SUNG EUCHARIST**

President The Rev'd Julia Myles

**HYMN** 394 Lord of all hopefulness

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE** are invited to stay in the service today.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING** 1 Samuel 1:20-28 (*at 8.00 am only*)  
(*Page 252 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible*)

Samuel, that great Old Testament figure, was born to a mother who for years had been unable to bear a son. In thankfulness for God's gift, his mother took him to the Lord's house to give him back to God.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING** Colossians 3:12-17 Reader: Juliette Lance  
(*Page 199 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*)

Paul writes of the compassionate gifts, forgiveness and love. Those, received and given always in the name of Jesus, are a vocation for us all.

**GRADUAL** J4 As the deer pants for the water

**THE GOSPEL** John 19:25-27  
(*Page 111 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*)

Mary, who gave birth to Jesus, is there to watch his ugly death. Every mother's heart can suffer with her. In his last agony, Jesus' love for his mother ensures that she is not left alone.

**SERMON** The Rev'd Julia Myles

**OFFERTORY HYMN** J16 How deep the Father's love for us

**COMMUNION HYMN** J30 O the love of my Lord is the essence

**11.30 am SHORTENED LATE MORNING WORSHIP**

Leader Claire Mead  
Address Anthony O'Neill

**6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG** *(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)*

Readings: Exodus 6:2-13 *(p. 54 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)*  
Romans 5:1-11 *(p. 151 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

Reader: Anita Harvey

Office & Preacher The Rev'd Paul Scott

Hymns 202 Let all the world in every corner sing  
Psalm 13 *(page 358 of the small prayer book)*  
104 For the beauty of the earth  
176 Happy are they, they that love God  
494 Lord of the home

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...**

For mothers everywhere – living and departed

The church schools' Easter Hymn-along

Respect for the environment

Funeral Directors

Our Spitak Project - & Jean Darby visiting at this time

*Morning Prayer is usually said in church at 9.00 am (8.30 am Thursday)  
and Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm Monday to Friday except for Wednesday morning.*

*You will be most welcome to join us for these times of prayer and bible reading.*

*Please note that the Vicar's day off is Friday and the Curate's is Monday*

*They would be pleased to be spared all but the most urgent matters on these days.*

**WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> 1.30 pm Alnwick Federation of Church Schools:  
Hymnalong in St Michael's  
3.15 pm Visit to church by the Koinonia class from St Michael's 1<sup>st</sup> School  
2.30 & 7.15 pm Lent Study groups in Parish Hall.  
This week: Session 4 –Jesus: His challenge  
7.30 pm P.C.C. in church  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> 10.15 am **Holy Communion**  
6.00 pm Easter Bingo in St Michael's 1<sup>st</sup> School. *All welcome*  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30 am **Lenten Holy Communion**

12 noon Ecumenical Lent Lunch in the Costello Centre, Bailiffgate.

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00 am **BIG CLEAN** morning. Your help is needed to make St Michael's look extra bright and sparkling for Easter. Even if you can only spare an hour, just come along to lend a hand. Free tea/coffee and maybe even a biscuit or two, cleaning materials provided.



Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.45 am Sunday Schools Together: Crafts for Easter at **St James' URC**.

### **Next Sunday: 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

#### *The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)*

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Jeremiah 31:31-34</b>	<b>(CW 474)</b>
		<b>Hebrews 5:5-10</b>	<b>(CW 476)</b>
		<b>John 12:20-33</b>	<b>(CW 476)</b>
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>		
<b>11.30 am</b>	<b>Late Morning Worship</b>		
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Sung Evensong, BCP 1662</b>	<b>Exodus 7:8-24; Romans 5: 12-21</b>	

### **Prayer for a new Bishop of Newcastle**

Gracious God,

We thank you for our diocese of Newcastle: for its thriving city, busy towns and bustling villages; for the lush countryside, flowing rivers and rugged coast; for its rich heritage and for its passionate people who are creative and resilient, often plain speaking, sometimes wayward, but always canny.

Now we ask you to raise up for us a new Bishop: one who will come among us, like Aidan, our father in the faith, as a wise and gentle leader, able to listen but also to challenge, ready to learn as well as to teach; a friend of yours who will quickly become our friend too.

Give us above all someone who will work tirelessly alongside us to proclaim afresh in our time and place the Good News of your overflowing love for everyone in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose Name we pray.

Amen.

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The **ELECTORAL ROLL** is undergoing its annual revision. Please check the lists and make a note of any corrections on the separate sheet. The Roll will remain in place until Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, at which time it will be removed for updating. The newly revised roll will be displayed from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>, for a period of fifteen days.

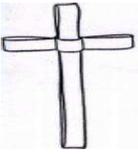
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On the board at the back of church today you will find a Spatak progress report from Jean Darby, whose work there we are remembering in our prayers this week

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A very big thank you to all who supported the **VICARAGE 'AT HOME'** last Saturday. A splendid time was had by all and £425 raised for church funds.

Please will **YOU** come and help to make **PALM CROSSES ON WED 25TH MARCH AT 3 PM** in the Small Hall. All are welcome – this is always a friendly get-together and if you don't know (or are not sure) how to make these, don't worry – help and advice is available; hint – it's a good idea to bring a pair of small sharp scissors if you can, to trim the palm leaves! It would be nice if you could stay for a little while afterwards for a shared afternoon tea.



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**LENT LUNCHESES** (with an optional meditation at 12 noon) continue each Thursday at noon in the Costello Centre. If you are unsure as to where that is – the iron gateway is just to the left of the High School annexe and to the right of the Convent in Bailiffgate – please do come along.

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**HOLY WEEK** Palm Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> March) sees the beginning of Holy Week – the most important week in the church's year. As Christians we try to put secular things aside as much as possible to spend time with our Lord. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings there will be a Eucharist with address at 7.30 pm. On Maundy Thursday we re-enact Christ's washing of the disciples' feet and institution of the Holy Communion at 7.30 pm; this is followed by a Watch in the Garden of Gethsemane until 10.00 pm. We remember the events of Good Friday at 2.00 pm and on Easter Eve (again at 7.30 pm) prepare to greet the risen Christ and renew our Baptismal vows.

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We need YOUR help. Will you give cash donations towards providing flowers for St Michael's, particularly for the Easter celebrations. Please consider this and hand what you can to one of the team. Garden greenery is need as well – for the Easter arrangements and for the Watch on Maundy Thursday evening in the Garden of Gethsemane.



There are many gaps in the 'Flower' rota, which is for anyone who wishes, to sponsor a floral arrangement for the High Altar. Sponsorship can be in the form of cash donations, bought or home-grown flowers. Perhaps you would like a loved one or an occasion remembered on a particular Sunday; have a word with one of the flower arrangers if you would like to know more.

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### **FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW**

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| Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> | 2.00 pm  | St Michael's 1 <sup>st</sup> School Easter Service in church   |
|                      | 3.00 pm  | Palm Cross making in the Parish Hall,<br>followed by a shared afternoon tea  |
| Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00 am | 'Special To Me' art competition, Northumberland Hall (School Years 5-8)<br><i>See fliers at the back of church</i> |
| Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> |          | Start of St Michael's 'Open to Visitors' 2015 season   |
|                      | 7.30 pm  | Alnwick & District Choral Society presents Handel's Messiah in St Paul's   |

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