



# St Michael's Church, Alnwick

Vicar: The Rev'd Paul Scott  
Curate: The Rev'd Julia Myles

**16<sup>th</sup> February 2014. The Third Sunday before Lent**

*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:                      The Rev'd Colin Perkins  
Preacher:                      The Rev'd Paul Scott  
Reader:                         Hilary Atkin

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

President                         The Rev'd Paul Scott

**HYMN**                         **96**                      **Bright the vision that delighted**

## **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 and young people, Junior Church takes place in the Parish Room.*

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING**                      **Deuteronomy 30:15-20**                      **Reader: Paul Jarvis**  
**(Page 193 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)**

Behind all the legal systems God has led us to create, says Moses, each of you has a life-or-death choice: to serve God, or not. We shall hear Jesus describe this as an attitude of mind: your own way for your life, or God's way.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING**                      **1 Corinthians 3:1-9**                      **Reader: Andrew Duff**  
**(Page 163 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)**

Paul's unruly converts in Corinth found it hard to throw off old habits and discover new ways of Christian living. He wants them to acquire a grown-up maturity in this new kind of life, and most of all to grow out of childish petulance and judgementalism.

**GRADUAL**                         **483**                      **Lift up your heads you mighty gates**

**THE GOSPEL****Matthew 5:21-37*****(Page 4 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)***

Laws are necessary in every society; they and the lawyers have authority. Jesus claims an authority greater than theirs, and says anything and everything malicious violates God's way of kingdom living. You have a life-or-death choice to make: life with God or death without him.

**SERMON****The Rev'd Paul Scott****PRAYERS****Intercessor: Patricia Kind****OFFERTORY HYMN****250****Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown**

**After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer A which starts on page 12 of the Ordinary Time booklet**

**COMMUNION HYMN****279****My God, accept my heart this day****FINAL HYMN****207****Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation**

<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>LATE MORNING WORSHIP</b>	<b>Choices!</b>
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<b>Leader</b>	<b>The Rev'd Julia Myles</b>
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**12 noon****for 12.30****Sunday Lunch Club in the Parish Hall****6.00 pm****SUNG EVENSONG*****(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)***

<b>Readings:</b>	<b>Amos 3:1-8</b>	<b><i>(p. 866 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)</i></b>
	<b>Ephesians 5:1-17</b>	<b><i>(p. 191 of the New Testament in the pew bible)</i></b>

<b>Reader:</b>	<b>Jean Darby</b>
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<b>Office</b>	<b>The Rev'd Julia Myles</b>
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<b>Preacher</b>	<b>The Rev'd Paul Scott</b>
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<b>Hymns</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>Ye servants of the Lord</b>
	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>13</b>
		<b><i>(Page 358 of the small prayer book)</i></b>
	<b>198</b>	<b>Ye holy angels bright</b>
	<b>160</b>	<b>We love the place, O God</b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>This is the day the Lord hath made</b>

***Morning Prayer is usually said in church at 8.30 am and Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm, from Tuesday to Saturday, except for Wednesday morning. You will be most welcome to join us for these times of prayer and bible reading.***

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

That we may consider seriously and prayerfully the choices we make

All children on half-term holiday

Judges & Magistrates

Martin, our Bishop

Those who receive Holy Communion at home

**WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> 6.00 pm Confirmation Group at the Vicarage

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> 10.15 am Holy Communion

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> *Please note: Mini Michaels will be back next week after half-term*

***Next Sunday: 23rd February The Second Sunday before Lent***

8.00 am	Holy Communion,	Genesis 1:1-2:3 Romans 8L:18-25 Matthew 6:25-34	(CW 72) (CW 75) (CW 76)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
2.00 pm	Holy Baptism		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)	Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31; Rev.ch 4	

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

*He would be pleased to be spared all but the most urgent matters on this day.*

*The Curate's normal working days are Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday*

**JULIA'S NEW (LANDLINE) TELEPHONE NUMBER.** You will be pleased to know that the Rev'd Julia Myles now has a landline telephone number so, if you aren't a mobile phone user, you can contact her via the new number which is Alnwick (01665) 479323

**HELP ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL PTA:** Have you read in the February Gateway about the 100 Club that is being started by the Friends of St Michael's School? For what remains of the current Academic Year, the joining fee is £7. Please think about this and, if you would like to join and help raise funds for the school's PTA, add your name to the list at the back of church.

Today is the last day for ordering one or more **REAL EASTER EGGS** through Hilary Atkin. If you prefer to order your own, there is information about this on page 7 of the February Gateway.

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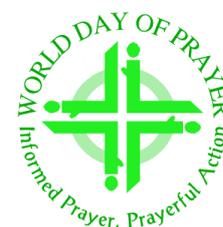


On Shrove Tuesday, (4<sup>th</sup> March) there is to be a **PANCAKE PARTY** in aid of Christian Aid at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall with a quiz and a raffle. The cost, which includes a two-course meal, will be £6 per person. There is a 'sign-up' list at the back of church; please make a note of the date in your diary and if you can help in any way contact Liz Holmes on 01665 510802.

Donations of items suitable as raffle prizes may be placed in the box at the back of church.

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The **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** is at 1.45 pm on Friday 7th March at Alnwick Methodist Church. This year, the service has been written by the Committee in Egypt, and the theme is 'Streams in the Desert'. It would be great to see as many people as possible from St Michael's so please try to find the time to be there.



**ASH WEDNESDAY** is on 5<sup>th</sup> March. There will be the usual Holy Communion at 10.15am and a Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm – both with the Imposition of Ashes. In preparation for this, please **RETURN YOUR PALM CROSSES** to church over the next two weeks in order that they may be used to produce ash.

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We hope to hold a series of **HOME GROUPS IN LENT** – this year looking at the new Church of England course '**PILGRIM**' which comes highly recommended: *"It approaches the great issues of faith not through persuasion, but participation in a pattern of contemplation and discussion with a group of fellow travellers. It starts at the very beginning - It focuses on Jesus Christ - It flows from the Scriptures - It draws deeply from the Christian tradition - It honours the Anglican way and its many streams."* Days and venues are still being finalised but if you are interested please 'sign up' on the list at the back of church.

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Hilary Atkin thought that you might like to know that in 2013 there were over 280,000 Real Advent Calendars sold; this raised **£18,000 for the Children's Society!** Many thanks to all at St Michael's who helped by buying one or more of these.

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