



St Michael's Church, Alnwick

Vicar: The Rev'd Paul Scott

Curate: The Rev'd Julia Myles

Parish website: www.alnwickanglican.com

17th August 2014 The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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 *Setting: Mass of St Thomas*

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HYMN 49 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

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) where there are activities if parents would like to use them with their children. Please note that **JUNIOR CHURCH** will not be operating during the **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS** as our leaders are having well-earned rest..*

1ST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Reader: Hazel Shell

(Page 696 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

As early as 500BC, some religious leaders in Israel had begun to see that the God of their people must in fact be the only God, with the whole world in his hands. So the hope for a time of restoration and peace embraces every nation and race. The Gospel will tell of Jesus reaching out to a woman of another race.

2ND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Reader: Cath. McNally

(Page 156 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

If God's salvation is now offered to everyone in Jesus Christ, says Paul, does it mean that the Jews who were once God's chosen people are now rejected? Of course not. They too remain within God's mercy, if they will receive it.

GRADUAL

(Psalm 67)

God be merciful unto 'us and 'bless us:

and shew us the light of his countenance, and be 'merciful 'unto 'us:

That thy way may be 'known upon 'earth:

thy saving 'health a'mong all 'nations.

Let the people 'praise thee O 'God:

yea let 'all the 'people 'praise thee.

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.

*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*

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That our thoughts and actions may reflect the compassion of Christ

All who have received, or are waiting for, examination results

That the peace of Christ may rule in our world

Those preparing for marriage

Fire, Police & Ambulance services

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wed 20th 10.15 am **Holy Communion, including prayers for peace in Israel and Palestine**

Sat 23rd 11.00 am Baptism of Everly Gregson. *See below*

23rd, 24th, 25th August *(Bank Holiday weekend)*
10 am – 4.30 pm Craster Art Club: Art Exhibition at Howick Village Hall.
See poster for details



Many of you will have been aware of the presence of baby Everly Gregson in church on Sunday mornings. Her baptism takes place this coming Saturday at 11 o'clock and her parents invite any who can to witness this special occasion.

Next Sunday: 24th August *The Feast of St Bartholomew*

8.00 am Holy Communion Isaiah 43:8-13 (CW 1175)

Acts 5:12-16 (CW 1176)

Luke 22:24-30 (CW 1176)

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

11.15 am Late Morning Worship with Holy Communion

2 & 3 pm Holy Baptism

6.00 pm Sung Evensong, BCP 1662. Deut. 18:15-10; Matthew 10:1-22

There will be a service of thanksgiving and an opportunity to say 'farewell' to **Bishop Martin and Marlene Wharton** in St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle on Sunday 21st September at 4.00pm. All are warmly invited – and no tickets are necessary.

As the horrendous situation in the Holy Land continues, you are urged to pray daily for an end to the fighting and the securing of a lasting peace.

**Lord God of compassion, whose will is for peace built on righteousness, we pray for peace in Gaza and Israel: for an end to hostilities, for comfort and help for all who suffer, and for reconciliation between Palestine and Israel, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.**

At Wednesday's celebration of Holy Communion there will be special **PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE** and all are urged to attend. Even if it is not your habit to come to church midweek, please think seriously about being there on Wednesday.

We will again make a plate available by the Font for donations (by Christian Aid) to help the ongoing situation there. Please use the special Gift-Aid envelopes if you pay income tax. If you contributed last week it is still possible to complete one in retrospect.

BACK TO BASICS. What do Christians believe? We come to church week by week, but rarely have an opportunity to consider the basic tenets of our faith. Beginning on Thursday evenings in mid-October and through November, Julia hopes to host a series of sessions in her new home which will look at some of these basic questions. Why not consider coming along. More details to follow – but put the dates in your diary now.

St Michael's congregations will be giving Jane and Paul a wedding gift. If you would like to contribute to this, please give your donation to Trevor Porteous or to one of the Churchwardens.



FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

- Tues 2nd Sept 2-4 Craft Group resumes in the Parish Hall
- Sat 6th Sept 12 noon Wedding of our Vicar to Jane Wood at the Cathedral
- Tues 9th Sept 7.30 pm PCC meeting in church
- Wed 10th Sept 12 noon Soup and Cake Lunch in Parish Hall; *from now until July 2015*
2.00 pm Mothers' Union in church:
Sue Burston – Christian Aid in Kenya
- Sat 13th Sept 10.00 am St Michael's Big Clean morning
10 am- 4 pm Historic Churches Trust – sponsored steeplechase
- Sun 21st Sept 4.00 pm Farewell to Bishop Martin Wharton & Mrs Marlene Wharton
at St Nicholas' Cathedral

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