



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

17TH JANUARY 2016. 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 am 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	The Rev'd Paul Scott
Preacher	John Cooke
Reader	Holly Petrie

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: Mass of St Thomas

President The Rev'd Colin Perkins

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.



INTROIT HYMN 102 Jesus come! For we invite you

1ST READING Isaiah 62:1-5 Reader: Nellie Shrimpton
(Page 703 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

Today's Gospel tells of Jesus at a wedding; ancient poems sang of God becoming a bridegroom to his people, and giving them a new name. Listen as Isaiah delights in what the Lord will do.

2ND READING 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Reader: Emma Mavin
(Page 170 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

We begin today a series of readings from this letter, in which Paul teaches the Corinthian Christians about the gifts bestowed on us by the Holy Spirit. They are so various that not one of us can say we have no holy gift.

GRADUAL 775 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

THE GOSPEL John 2:1-11
(Page 89 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

In the Gospel of John, the miracles of Jesus are signs – of who he is and therefore what God is like. The first sign is almost unnoticed. At a village wedding among his family and friends Jesus made extravagant quantities of water into the finest wine. The ordinary becomes extraordinary.

SERMON **John Cooke**
PRAYERS **Intercessor Douglas Ramsay**
OFFERTORY HYMN **238 Come down, O Love divine**

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

COMMUNION HYMN **330 Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you**
FINAL HYMN **690 Jesus is Lord! Creation’s voice proclaims it**

11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Leader **Michelle Duff**
President **The Rev’d Canon Sue Allen**
Address **Ian Brown**

12.45 pm SUNDAY LUNCH in the Parish Hall

6.00 pm SONGS OF PRAISE AT ST PAUL’S R C CHURCH,
 To mark the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Please note: NO Evensong at St Michael’s tonight

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY STARTS TODAY.

Mon 18th 10.00 am Standing Committee at the Vicarage
 2.30 pm Pastoral Visitors Group at the Vicarage
 6.15 pm Christian Unity service at the Baptist Church
 7.00 pm Faith and Life at the Vicarage

Tuesday 19th 6.15 pm Christian Unity service at St James’s U.R.C.

Wed 20th 10.15am Holy Communion
 6.15 pm Christian Unity service at St Michael’s

Thurs 21st 9.15 am Mini Michaels
 11.15 am Christian Unity service at Methodist Chapel

Fri 22nd 6.15 pm Christian Unity service at St Paul’s

Sat 23rd 7.00 pm Burns Night Supper in the Parish Hall

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That, through Christ, we may be transformed from the ordinary to the extraordinary
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
The National Health Service
Our Spitak project – and especially Jean as she prepares to visit
Those affected by the current spate of cold weather

Next Sunday: 24th January The Conversion of Paul

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Acts 9:1-22	(CW 1105)
		Galatians 1:11-16	(CW 1107)
		Matthew 19:27-30	(CW 1107)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Isaiah 56:1-8;	Colossians 1:24-27

There are still some empty 'slots' in the 2016 Flower rota. This is in the black folder at the back of church so, if you would like to help provide Altar Flowers for the coming year, please sign up against the date you wish. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak to Ann Brown or Enid Brown.



Our **BURNS NIGHT SUPPER** will be in the Parish Hall on Saturday (23rd) at 7.00pm. All the usual events, including traditional food, entertainment and the Address to the Chieftain O' the Pudding Race. The cost will be £10; if you haven't signed up yet, **please do so today**

MINCE PIES AND MORE. Just a gentle reminder about the fund raising event for Spitak at Sue Wiltshire's house on Wednesday afternoon. There are fliers at the back of church if you would like more information.

Hard on the heels of our Burns Night supper comes our **PANCAKE PARTY** in the Parish Hall on Shrove Tuesday, 9th February. Always a fun evening, we look forward to yet another pleasant social occasion; a sign-up sheet will appear next Sunday. Proceeds, along with our Lenten giving, will this year go to **CHRISTIAN AID** in recognition of Liz Holmes' loving service in recent years.

Do you have any keys for St Michael's? If you do, the **KEYHOLDER LIST** is being updated so that we have a correct location record for all keys. Please collect a copy of the list, complete it as soon as possible and return to either Albert Brown or Paul Jarvis. Thank you

GOOD NEWS! Sales from the Craft Table (as counted from the Wall Safe) over the last year, amounted to £1767.82p. This doesn't include Winter Market sales. Many thanks to all who have helped towards this in any way, those who provide things to sell and to Susan Trafford for her overseeing of the table.

LENT LUNCHES this year will be held on Thursdays at 12 noon in the Costello Centre in Bailiffgate. Could you please note in your diary that **25th February is St Michael's turn** to act as host. You are invited to make donations of cash to buy the ingredients ahead of the day and we really need helpers for an hour or so on the day to serve the lunches and clear away afterwards. If you can spare the time to help, please speak to one of the churchwardens.

St Michael's is now open to visitors every day, but time marches on and at Easter (which is early this year) the Stewarding season will start. Cath McNally is now compiling the Stewards Rota, and would like to hear from anyone who is prepared to give up an afternoon about once a fortnight, to show visitors around and give information. Please speak to her if you would like to help.

The Trustees of Alnwick District Food Bank (which St Michael's has long supported) are looking for a volunteer to take responsibility for the co-ordination and development of the Food Bank. For more information on how to apply please email (before January 25th) alnwickdistrictfoodbank@gmail.com or speak to Frances Allsop.



Paul's Installation as an **HONORARY CANON OF NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL** takes place on Sunday evening 13th March. It has been proposed that a coach be organised to enable St Michael's folk to attend. Lynne Moir has agreed to co-ordinate this and a sign-up sheet is at the back of church.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Thurs 28 th Jan	7.30 pm	PCC Finance Committee at the Vicarage
Tues 9 th Feb	7.00 pm	Pancake Party in Parish Hall
Thurs 25 th Feb	12 noon	Lent Lunch at the Costello Centre. St Michael's hosting Helpers needed, and cash donations to buy ingredients.
Sun 28 th Feb	6.00 pm	Within Evensong, thanksgiving for the life of the late Joe Kent
Sun 13 th Mar		Installation of The Rev'd Paul Scott as an Honorary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral
Fri 18 th Mar	10.00 am	Big Clean morning at St Michael's

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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