



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

19TH FEBRUARY 2017

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

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 Julia Myles
Reader Rob Wilson

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: Mass of St Cedd

President The Rev'd Julia Myles

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 541 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour

1ST READING Genesis 1:1-2:3 Reader: Patricia Kind

(Page 1 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

This Sunday's readings all affirm God as Creator and sustainer of everything. We begin with the opening lines of the first book of the Bible and their poetic account of the origin of all things in the will of the Creator

2ND READING Romans 8:18-25 Reader: Merryn Hughes

(Page 154 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

In Paul's thinking, the whole created order yearns for perfection just as we humans do. Therefore, he can see that in God's time both we and all nature will be brought to completion in a new kind of glory, free from death and decay.

GRADUAL 747 O God, you search me and you know me

THE GOSPEL**Matthew 6:25-34***(Page 4 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

Jesus uses picture-language in a lesson about anxiety. Do not get over-anxious, don't let your worries dominate your life. God is the Creator and sustainer of everything there is, and his loving care can be trusted to meet all our deepest needs.

SERMON**The Rev'd Julia Myles****PRAYERS****Intercessor Tom Hutton-Stott****OFFERTORY HYMN****428 Body broken for our good**

After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer E which starts on page 11 of the Ordinary Time booklet

COMMUNION HYMN**451 Just as I am, without one plea****CLOSING HYMN****488 Church of God, elect and glorious**

11.15 am	LATE MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
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Leader & President	The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen
Talk	Emma Mavin

6.00 pm	SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)
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Readings:	Proverbs 8:1 & 22-31 <i>(Page 602 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)</i>
	Revelation Ch. 4 <i>(Page 245 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)</i>
Reader:	Patricia Kind
Office	The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig
Preacher	The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig
Hymns	276 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty
Psalm	148 <i>(Page 535 of the small Prayer Book)</i>
	669 I heard the voice of Jesus say
	490 Glory to God, the source of all our mission
	322 Around the of God a band

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

That we may trust in God's overwhelming love for us and all creation
 The people of Spitak – and Jean as she prepares to travel there
 The National Health Service
 A deepening of our fellowship
 All who visit Alnwick

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 20 th	10.00 am	Funeral of Bertie Wilkinson
Wed 22 nd	10.15 am	Holy Communion
Thur 23 rd	7.00 pm	'The Final Five' at 2 Duke's Memorial Cottages

Next Sunday 26th February. The Sunday Next before Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Exodus 24:12-18 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9	(CW 77) (CW 79) (CW 79)
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9.30 am Parish Eucharist *Readings as for 8.00 am service*

11.15 am Late Morning Worship

2.00 pm Holy Baptism

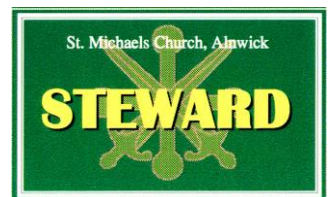
6.00 pm Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662) 2 Kings 2:1-12; Matthew 17: [1-8] 9-23

Thank you to all who have signed up to our **PARISH HALL DRAW** scheme. If you have not already done so, could you please fill in your registration form and give it to Martin Downey along with your £20 subscription as soon as possible please.

The **2017 LENT LEAFLET** was published last Sunday giving details of all that will be happening here at St. Michael's. If you haven't yet taken a copy, please do so today.

Lent, of course, begins with **ASH WEDNESDAY (1st March)**. There will be celebrations of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes at 10.15 am and 7.30 pm. Please remember that this is a 'Red Letter Day' when all should make a special effort to be in church.

STEWARDING will start at the beginning of April. We are pleased that already there are some volunteers but there are still vacancies for some Sundays and for Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays either weekly or fortnightly. If you feel you would like to be part of this valuable ministry, please speak to Jean or Cath.



The Diocese of Newcastle is about to launch a new strategy with the title **GROWING CHURCH BRINGING HOPE**. The launch will take place at an Open Synod at 10.00 am on Saturday 11th March at Dr Thomlinson CE Middle School, Rothbury. This will set the scene for our working and our priorities over the next five years and anyone interested is welcome to attend. Please let Julia or Paul know if you are interested.

Don't forget the **PANCAKE PARTY** on Shrove Tuesday (28th) in the Parish Hall at 7.00 pm. Please secure your ticket as soon as possible and encourage your friends and neighbours. It is always a good evening.

Could you be a **CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTOR**? Thanks to those who have helped in past years. This year, rather than each church being allocated certain streets you can sign up to your preference of street. The list of streets is at the back of church and after today will move on to St Paul's Church. Please do consider helping if you possibly can.



THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL. The Return of the Prodigal'. Tuesdays from 2-4 pm on March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th & April 4th in St Michael's Parish Hall. Will you be able to spare some time on those days to help set up tables and chairs beforehand, and make tea/coffee? Please let Julia know if you are willing to help. The sessions are open to all but you **MUST** register with Rev'd Julia Myles.

WEEKEND ON HOLY ISLAND 3RD - 5TH MARCH We have one space, for a woman who is happy to share with 2 or 3 others. If you might be interested, please contact Jean Sawyer for more details.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 27 th	2.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors meet at the Vicarage
Tues 28 th	7.00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party in Parish Hall
1 st Mar		Ash Wednesday
	10.15 am and 7.30 pm	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Fri 3 rd Mar		Women's World Day of Prayer <i>See poster on Notice Board</i>
	1.45 pm	Local Service at St James' URC, Pottergate
Sat 4 th Mar	2.00 pm	Embroiderers' Guild in Parish Hall: £4 admission <i>Speaker Barry Mead – There's more to a needle than meets the eye</i>
Sat 11 th March	10.00 am	Growing Church Bringing Hope <i>See paragraph above</i>

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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