



**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK**  
**19<sup>H</sup> MARCH 2017. THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF 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 The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott  
Preacher The Rev'd Julia Myles  
Reader Hilary Atkin

**9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST**

*Setting: Gregory Murray. A People's Mass*

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 652 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer**

**1ST READING Exodus 17:1-7 Reader: Hazel Shell**  
*(Page 66 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

Lent may mean some abstinence – but even in a desert we need water. This reading tells us how the Israelites were given water in their desert pilgrimage, when they looked to God to meet their need.

**2ND READING Romans 5:1-11 Reader: Honey Hughes**  
*(Page 151 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Paul's letter to Rome is much concerned with Christian conduct. This passage sets out the foundation for our conduct: our life now is our response to the extraordinary thing God has done for us, through Christ, flooding us with hope, grace, Holy Spirit and love. He calls us to exult.

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

**THE GOSPEL****John 4:5-42***(Page 91 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

God miraculously provided water for the Israelites on their desert journey. Now we hear of Jesus as living water. Among the Samaritan people whom the Jews hated, he convinces them that he himself is the Messiah, the fulfilment of all their needs.

**SERMON****The Rev'd Julia Myles****PRAYERS****Intercessor Richard Allsop****OFFERTORY HYMN****128 Jesu, lover of my soul**

**After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer E which starts on page 20 of the Lent booklet**

**COMMUNION HYMN****421 All for Jesus, all for Jesus****CLOSING HYMN****646 God is working his purpose out**

<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>LATE MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
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Leader	Claire Mead
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President	The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen
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Talk	The Rev'd Canon Dennis Winter
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<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)</b>
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Readings:	Joshua 1:1-9 <i>(Page 199 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)</i> Ephesians 6:10-20 <i>(Page 192 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)</i>
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Reader:	Merryn Hughes
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Preacher	The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
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Hymns	696 Jesus, where'er thy people meet
Psalm	132 <i>(Page 519 of the small Prayer Book)</i>
	588 And can it be that I should gain
	258 O thou who camest from above
	807 Thine for ever, God of love

<b>FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK</b>
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That we may come to Christ, the Living Water
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Alnwick Deanery and Bishop Mark's visit on Monday
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The ongoing conflict and crisis in Yemen
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The Mothers' Union and our 'Backpack Appeal'
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Alnwick Infirmary
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## WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon. 20 <sup>th</sup>	All day 7.00pm	Bishop Mark visit to Alnwick Deanery Alnwick Deanery Synod meets in St Michael's
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	2.00 pm	<b><i>Return of the Prodigal</i></b> : with Rev'd David Bryan in the Parish Hall
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>10.15 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (transferred) for Lady Day</b> Please note: This is a Day of Obligation for members of the Mothers' Union
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 am 9.15 am 12 noon	Holy Communion, BCP, followed by a light breakfast Mini Michaels in church Lent Lunch at the Costello Centre
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am 10.00am 11.00 am	Baillifgate Museum Craft Fair in the Northumberland Hall Coffee Morning at the home of Michelle Duff. Tickets £1, see p.4 Messy Church in Parish Hall

<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> March. Mothering Sunday (The Fourth Sunday of Lent)</b>
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8.00 am	Holy Communion	Exodus 2:1-10 Colossians 3:12-17 John 19:25b-27	CW 101 CW103 CW104
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist	<i>Readings as for 8.00 am service</i>	
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship	<b><i>Theme: Seeing and Being Seen</i></b>	
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662) Micah 7; James, ch.5		

Please remember the **NORTHUMBRIA SINFONIETTA CONCERT** here in St Michael's at 7.30 pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. We are very grateful to Bryan Jackson and the members of the orchestra for this opportunity to hear what promises to be a splendid programme of music and to use it as a fund-raising event for church. **Publicity is vital!** Please come yourself and encourage friends and neighbours. Flyers and posters are available today. Please do all you can to make this a really successful event.

Many thanks to all who have responded to the **MOTHERS' UNION BACKPACK APPEAL** Last Sunday an amazing £117.00 was donated. For those who missed last week's notice: Members of the **MOTHERS' UNION** have been asked to help with a project providing some basic goods in backpacks for prisoners as they leave **HMP Northumberland**. Alnwick branch has quite a small membership at the moment so we are making an appeal to all St Michael's folk to see if you might be prepared to make a small donation of £2.00 to help with this worthy appeal. We would, if possible, like to provide 10 such backpacks, suitably filled. If you feel able to help, please hand your contribution to Val Hawker, Pat Tweed or Anne Cooke. Many thanks.

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At the back of church from today until 9<sup>th</sup> April, you will find a copy of our **ELECTORAL ROLL**, which must be revised before the APCM. Please take time to check the details for yourself, and tell Anne Cooke (Our Electoral Roll Officer) of any changes or discrepancies. There is also a supply of Application Forms – if you are not on the Roll, please do take a form, complete and return it to Anne as soon as possible and by 9<sup>th</sup> April at the latest. Membership is essential if you wish to take a full part in the Annual Meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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The list of streets for Christian Aid collectors has now been circulated to the other churches and is now back here and on display at the back of church today. Please have a look at the list to see if you are able to help 'fill in the gaps' by being a collector during **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**.  
Thanks

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**AN ALTERNATIVE TO MOTHERING SUNDAY AT 11.15** 'Seing and Being Seen' - Late Morning Worship next week provides an alternative for any who would prefer not to focus on Mothering Sunday for whatever reason. We shall use readings set for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. Posies will be available to all.

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**A COFFEE MORNING** at Michelle Duff's (tel 605663 for details) on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 10 am – 12 noon. £1 entrance to include first cup of tea or coffee; cake will be available. All proceeds to go towards the cost of oases for this year's Flower Festival. Tickets available from Michelle Duff or on the door.

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

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> April	7.30 pm	Northumbria Sinfonietta Concert in Church. All proceeds to St Michael's Church
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 am	Big Clean in church.
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00 am	Alnwick Spring Show at Willowburn Sports & Leisure Centre
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	4.00 pm	Easter Vestry & Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Parish Hall;

**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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