



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

20TH DECEMBER 2015. THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

Paul & Jane, Julia & Paul send a huge 'thank you' to all who have sent them Christmas greetings and good wishes. They wish all the folks of St Michael's a happy, joyous and peaceful Christmas and pray that 2016 may hold lots of good times together



8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, BCP

President The Rev'd Jane Scott
Preacher The Rev'd Paul Scott
Reader Rob Wilson

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: Mass of St Thomas

President The Rev'd Paul Scott

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 42 Longing for light, we wait in darkness

1ST READING Micah 5:2-5a Reader: Sue Porteous
(Page 880 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

Like so many of the prophets, Micah embraces both judgement and hope. In his poetic language, a new king will be born in David's birthplace, Bethlehem, and will lead his people in peace.

2ND READING Hebrews 10:5-10 Reader: Anita Harvey
(Page 221 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

This writer puts words from Psalm 40 into Jesus' mouth, to show that Jesus came in complete obedience to God's will, and he abolished the old sacrificial systems by which people had approached God. He has consecrated us all in his own person.

Next Sunday: 27th December

**The Feast of St John,
Apostle and Evangelist**

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Exodus 33:7-11a	(CW 1211)
		1 John 1:1-10	(CW 1211)
		John 21:19b-25	(CW 1212)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Isaiah 6:1-8,	1 John 5:1-12

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That we and all people may say 'yes' to God

The homeless and refugees

All mothers

Those who travel at Christmastime – that they may do so safely

Peace and goodwill to all

MINI MICHAELS needs a few more people to help with REFRESHMENTS from 9.00 to 11.00 on Thursday morning every 3 weeks or so. If you feel that this is a ministry you can offer, please speak to Anne Harrison. Every week we get between 30 and 50 children with their Mums/Grans/Carers and there is a lively, friendly feel to the sessions.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. There is still just time for you to give cash towards the cost of decorating the church for Christmas. Please hand your donations to Ann Brown, Enid Brown or Pat Taylor. In addition, garden winter greenery will be much appreciated – please bring to church **during the next few days** (sooner than 24th as requested last week); greenery arranging is to be done on Wednesday 23rd after the morning service.



Have you signed up yet to be a member of the monthly **PARISH HALL PRIZE DRAW**? If not, to be included in the January draw, you need to complete an application form by the end of this month! There are 3 cash prizes each month - £20, £10 and £5. Annual Membership is £20, payable in advance. That's a bargain, and it helps the Parish Hall funds as well. Application forms are available now at the back of church – please take one today to complete and return to Geoff Brown.

