



St Michael's Church, Alnwick
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21st December 2014 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 Rob Wilson

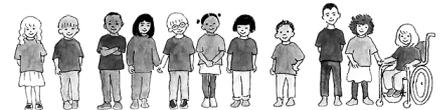
9.30 am SUNG EUCHARIST *Setting: Mass of St Cedd*

President The Rev'd Julia Myles

HYMN 30 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

*Junior Church meets in the Parish Room- all children welcome.
Under 5s with a parent please or you may like to use the
Children's Corner (at the back of church).*



1ST READING 2 Samuel 7:1-11 & 16 Reader: Hazel Shell
(Page 290 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

The Ark, a chest containing the Ten Commandments, represented the presence of God. The prophet Nathan tells King David that no grand place is needed to house it, because God's promise is to be with his people for ever, and a great new king will be born of David's line.

2ND READING Romans 16:25-27 Reader: Douglas Ramsay
(Page 160 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Paul's letter to the Roman Christians ends with glory to God, because the mystery of salvation, secret for long ages past, is now disclosed. Jesus Christ is present with us, and this revelation is for all people everywhere.

GRADUAL 483 Lift up your heads, you mighty gates

THE GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38
(Page 54 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

The angel Gabriel's visit to Mary announces the coming of Jesus. He is the one to whom will be given the throne of David, and his kingdom will be without end.

SERMON The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig

PRAYERS Intercessor: Richard Allsop

OFFERTORY HYMN 250 Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown

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

COMMUNION HYMN 33 Of the Father's love begotten

FINAL HYMN 422 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP

Leader Andrew Duff
Address The Rev'd Canon Dennis Winter

6.00 pm CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That, like Mary, we may not be afraid to say 'Yes' to God
Those mourning loved ones following the shootings in Pakistan & Australia
The homeless & all who work to help them
All expectant mothers
The safety of all who travel

*Please note that the Vicar's day off is Friday and the Curate's is Monday
They would be pleased to be spared all but the most urgent matters on these days.*

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

In preparation for our **CHRISTINGLE** on Wednesday, there will be a session in the Parish Hall from **10.00 am – 12.00 noon on Tuesday (23rd)**. Do come along to help prepare the oranges and get all things ready. There will also be **CHRISTMAS CRAFTS** for children so that we can all join in the fun! You may like to bring along the odd mince pie or some shortbread. Tea/coffee/juice will be provided.

Wed 24th **Christmas Eve**
4. 30 pm Family Carols and Christingle
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Thurs 25th **Christmas Day**



8.00 am Holy Communion
 9.30 am The Eucharist of Christmas Day

Fri 26th 10.00 am Holy Communion for the Feast of St Stephen

Sat 27th 10.00 am Holy Communion for the Feast of St John, Evangelist
 1.00 pm Wedding of Clare Moralee & Stephen Cokayne

Sun 28th 4.00 pm Christmas Afternoon Tea in Parish Hall
 Please see 'sign-up list' at the back of church

Next Sunday: 28th December The Holy Innocents

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Jeremiah 31:15-17	(CW 1213)
		1 Corinthians 1:26-29	(CW 1214)
		Matthew 2:13-18	(CW 1214)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
2.00 pm	Holy Baptism		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662		

Paul and Jane, Julia and Paul would like to thank everyone at St Michael's for their kind thoughts and Christmas wishes and indeed for their support all through the year. In sending their Christmas greetings to you they pray that you will know the peace of the Christ Child in your hearts and every blessing in the coming year.



OUR NEXT BISHOP

Thank you to all who completed the on-line questionnaire – there were over 700 responses. There is to be an important public meeting on the evening of **Wednesday 14th January**, at the Falcons Rugby Club, Kingston Park. Please do consider attending this meeting; it is important that there is a good attendance when the Appointments Secretaries of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Prime Minister will be present to hear views and answer questions.

We hope it will be possible to arrange transport.

If you are interested please speak to the Vicar or Richard Allsop.



ADVENT THOUGHTS (4) is at the back of church for you to take one home with you as the last 'signpost' for your Advent thoughts and meditations. If you didn't pick up the others in this series, there are still a few left at the back of church.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS. Many thanks to all who have offered cash or greenery for our flower arrangements. If you would like to contribute but haven't yet done so, it is still not too late – please speak to Pat Taylor, Ann Brown or Enid Brown.



TWO AND COUNTING.

In just 3 weeks we have raised the wonderful sum of £132.99. This will buy two toilets, at £60 each, in places where not having one is far more than just an inconvenience. Thank you. If you have not been able to contribute yet and would like to, the chamber pot is in situ for one more week.

(www.toilet-twinning.org)

Have you taken a **CARDBOARD CANDLE** yet in which to save your loose change over Christmas? If not, there are some left and there is still just time to take one. All proceeds are for the **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**. We would ask you, please, to return your candle at the First Sunday Eucharist in February when we will be celebrating Candlemas.

Susan Trafford reports that the sale of Christmas Cakes and donations has raised £58.25p for church funds. Thanks for your support, and thanks to Susan for making the cakes.

Have YOU signed up yet for the **CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA**? If not, please do so today – there are already quite a number of names down but there is still room for more! Come and enjoy a lovely afternoon tea in a relaxed atmosphere with good company and without any washing-up to do afterwards. Next Sunday (28th) at 4.00 pm.



FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

N.B. Details of Worship at Christmas are on page 24 of Gateway, and on the Notice Board

Sat 3rd Jan 2.30 pm Wedding of Anthony Fenton-Wells & Elizabeth Brierley
Sun 4th Jan The Epiphany of Our Lord
Wed 14th Jan 12 noon Soup and Cake lunch
Sun 18th Jan Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins.
6.00 pm Ecumenical Songs of Praise at St Michael's
Sat 24th Jan 7.00 pm Burns Night supper in the Parish Hall

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