



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

21ST FEBRUARY 2016

THE SECOND 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 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

President The Rev'd Paul Scott
Preacher The Rev'd Jane Scott
Reader Holly Petrie

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: A People's Mass

President The Rev'd Jane 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 young people and older children, Junior Church is in the Parish Room



INTROIT HYMN 584 All my hope on God is founded

1ST READING Genesis 15:1-12 & 17-18 Reader: Cath. McNally
(Page 12 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

God's ancient covenant promise to Abram, sealed with a sacrificial offering, was that he would have more descendants than could be counted, and a vast country to call their homeland.

2ND READING Philippians 3:17-4:1 Reader: Douglas Ramsay
(Page 196 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Paul's tone here is rather sharp, telling his Philippian converts to examine their way of life in the light of the cross, and remain faithful to their heavenly hope.

GRADUAL 823 Who would true valour see

THE GOSPEL Luke 13:31-35
(Page 73 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

God promised Abraham long ago a peaceful and fruitful land for his descendants. In due time, Jerusalem became its centre, and the Temple God's dwelling place. Jesus laments the way his people have treated this holy gift.

SERMON The Rev'd Jane Scott

PRAYERS Intercessor Sue Baines-MacNeill

OFFERTORY HYMN 621 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

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

COMMUNION HYMN 682 In the Cross of Christ I glory

FINAL HYMN 806 There's a wideness in God's mercy

11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Leader Emma Mavin
President The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen

6.00 pm A CELEBRATION OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

Jerusalem – its people, its peace and its welfare

Those who are sick – in body, mind or spirit

Thanks for early signs of spring

Christian Aid

A good keeping of Lent

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 22nd	11.30 am	Funeral of Carnegie Brown
	7.00 pm	Faith and Life at the Vicarage
Tues 23rd	2.00 pm	Lent Course: ENCOUNTERS: <i>At the Vicarage</i>
Wed 24th	10.15am	Holy Communion AT ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL
	7.30 pm	Lent Course: ENCOUNTERS: <i>at 35 Hillcrest Park</i>
Thurs 25th	7.30 am	Holy Communion, BCP followed by breakfast
	9.15 am	Mini Michaels
	12 noon	Lent Lunch in the Costello Centre
Sat 27th	10.00 am	Messy Church in the Parish Hall

Next Sunday: 28th February

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

11.15 am Late Morning Worship

6.00 pm Sung Evensong, BCP 1662

With thanksgiving for the life of the late Joe Kent

The Third Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9 (CW 823)

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (CW 825)

Luke 13:1-9 (CW 825)

You've now had TWO WEEKS to consider the Vicar's '**LENTEN CHALLENGE**'! We do hope YOU are spending some time recognising and giving thanks for the gifts and talents you have been given by God and considering how you may best use them to help St Michael's be a force for good – both within the church community and more widely in our town.

ENCOUNTERS – meeting the risen Jesus! this is the exciting title of our Lent Course for 2016. We got underway last week but it is still not too late to join in, on Tuesday afternoons at the Vicarage or Wednesday evenings at the home of Patricia Kind.

LENT LUNCHES. THIS THURSDAY (25th) is St Michael's turn to act as host. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help serve the food. If, though, you weren't able to help, please just come along to add your support by joining in with the lunch from 12 noon.



PREPARING FOR EASTER....BIG CLEAN – PALM CROSSES – CASH FOR FLOWERS

Please come and join the merry band of helpers from 10.00 am on the morning of Friday 18th March, to give our lovely old church her special **BIG CLEAN**. Any time you can spare will be appreciated – cleaning materials and hot drinks on tap!

The Palm leaves are on order, ready for you to help with making **PALM CROSSES** for Palm Sunday – please come and join in at 2.00 pm, Friday 18th March in the Small Hall. Instruction available if needed so all you will need is a small pair of sharp scissors. The palms have built-in hand softener so you get a bonus! It would be nice if you could bring a small amount of food for a shared afternoon tea.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH. In just a few more weeks our flower arrangers will be hard at work preparing the church for Easter. Your cash donations would be most welcome, as would garden greenery nearer the time. Please give cash to Enid Brown or Ann Brown. Thanks.

Do you enjoy meeting folk over a cuppa after the 9.30 on Sundays? If so, to keep this going, we urgently need more volunteers to help make and serve the refreshments. This entails coming to church a little earlier and staying behind for about 30 mins, 2 or 3 times a quarter. If you think could you help, please have a word with Paul, Julia or Sue Porteous. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN AID

LENT BOXES (in memory of Liz Holmes) are at the back of church. If you haven't already done so, please take a Box and a 'Count Your Blessings' leaflet today. The leaflet is simply a guide if you would like to follow it but if you are a taxpayer it has the important Gift Aid form for you to give back in with your box.

You are invited to our **BIG BREKKIE AT 9 AM**. Save lives with a Sausage! There are fliers at the back of church for you to take and give to family/friends but please make a note of the dates: 5th March at 10 Allerburn Lea and 19th March at the Vicarage, and come along to help Christian Aid.



The revision of our **ELECTORAL ROLL** takes place before the APCM. The present roll is now on display at the back of church. Please check your details and record any alterations or corrections on the sheet provided; if you are not on the Roll and wish to be, please take and complete an Application Form from the supply provided.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 29 th	1.00 pm	Funeral of Eileen Morris
Fri 4 th Mar	1.45 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer at St Paul's Church
Sat 5 th Mar	9.00 am	Christian Aid Big Brekkie at 10 Allerburn Lea
	2.00 pm	Embroiderer's Guild in Parish Hall: <i>DIY Embroidery</i> . See poster
Sun 6 th Mar	7.30 pm	Alnwick & District Choral Society at St Paul's Church: <i>Mainly Mozart – A Concert to Welcome Spring</i> £10 at the door
Sat 12 th Mar	9.30 am	St James' Church Centre – Spring Coffee Morning. <i>All the usual stalls. £1 admission, incl coffee & biscuits</i>
Sun 13 th Mar	6.00 pm	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
	2.00 pm	Palm Cross making in the Small Hall. Shared tea afterwards
Sat 19 th Mar	9.00 am	Christian Aid Big Brekkie at the Vicarage
Sun 27 th Mar	4.00 pm	Easter Day afternoon tea in Parish Hall.
Sun 3 rd Apr	4.00 pm	St Michael's Annual Parochial Church Meeting 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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