



St Michael's Church, Alnwick
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22nd February 2015 The First Sunday of Lent

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

President & Preacher The Rev'd Julia Myles
Reader Holly Petrie

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

President The Rev'd Paul Scott

HYMN J14 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father

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 **Genesis 9:8-17** **Reader: Pat Taylor**
(Page 7 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

During Lent this year we hear from Israel's books of the Law those passages which tell of the covenants that bind God and his people together. After the great flood, Noah and his family set out on God's new beginning for humanity, under a covenant promising God's blessing to all creation.

2ND READING **1 Peter 3:18-22** **Reader: Patricia Kind**
(Page 232 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

The writer explains the symbolic meaning of Noah and the flood water. Through the water used in Christian baptism everyone is brought to God's safety, because Christ has died, Christ is risen, and the power of his resurrection is present for us.

GRADUAL *Psalm 121*

I will lift up mine eyes 'unto the 'hills: from 'whence 'cometh my 'help.
My help cometh even 'from the 'Lord: who 'hath made 'heaven and 'earth.
He will not suffer thy 'foot to be 'moved: and he that 'keepeth thee 'will not 'sleep.
Behold he that 'keepeth 'Israel: shall 'neither 'slumber nor 'sleep.
The Lord himself 'is thy 'keeper: the Lord is thy de 'fence upon 'thy right 'hand;
So that the 'sun shall not 'burn thee by 'day: 'neither the 'moon by 'night.

6.00 pm	SUNG EVENSONG	<i>(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)</i>
Readings:	Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7 <i>(p. 2 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)</i> Romans 5:12-19 <i>(p. 151 of the New Testament in the pew bible)</i>	
Reader:	Stanley Trafford	
Office	Valerie Pomfret	
Preacher	The Rev'd Paul Scott	
Hymns	56	Forty days and forty nights
	Psalm 119, vv 17-32	<i>(page 501 of the small prayer book)</i>
	115	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
	65	My God, I love thee, not because
	231	O for a closer walk with God

Morning Prayer is usually said in church at 9.00 am (8.30 am Thursday) and Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm Monday to Friday except for Wednesday morning. You will be most welcome to join us for these times of prayer and bible reading. 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

- Wed 25th 10.15 am Holy Communion
- Thurs 26th Feb 7.30 am Lenten Holy Communion
12 noon Ecumenical Lent Lunch in the Costello Centre, Bailiffgate.
- Sun 1st March Short PCC meeting after 9.30am Eucharist on Sunday 1st March to receive and approve 2014 Financial Accounts.

Next Sunday: 1st March The Second Sunday of Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	<i>(CW 461)</i>
		Romans 4:13-25	<i>(CW 462)</i>
		Mark 8:31-38	<i>(CW 462)</i>
9.30 am	First Sunday Eucharist		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Genesis 12:1-9; Hebrews 11:1-3. 8-16	

The **ELECTORAL ROLL** is now undergoing its annual revision. If you are new to St Michael's or were too young to be on the Roll last year there are Application Forms available at the back of church. Please take one and, when completed, return it to Anne Cooke, our Electoral Roll Officer.

Thanks to all who helped/supported our Pancake Party on Shrove Tuesday. There were over 50 people present; A splendid time was had by all and £242.00 raised for church funds!

Did you order one or more of the '**REAL EASTER EGG**' last year? If so, and you want to do the same this year, more supermarkets are selling these now. The main stockist for this area seems to be Morrison's, but try Tesco, Waitrose and the Co-op.

There are **LENT BOXES** at the back of church If you haven't already done so, please take one of these as an aid to your Lenten discipline. All proceeds to the missionary society 'US' for Christian missions worldwide.



LENT LEAFLETS are available at the back of church – please take one as a reminder of the extra opportunities there are to take part in Lenten activities and/or disciplines in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

Ecumenical Lent Lunches take place every Thursday in the Costello Centre (just along the road from the church). **12TH MARCH IS ST MICHAEL'S** turn to act as host. Early organisation is under way, but we would appreciate donations of cash to purchase the ingredients for the lunch (please see Margaret Onions); also please support the event by going along to the lunch. Thanks.

There is to be a Vicarage **AT HOME** day on Saturday 7th March in aid of church funds. There will be Morning Coffee 10 am-12 noon, Soup Lunch 12-2 pm and Afternoon Tea 2 – 4 pm. Please make a note of the date in your diary.

Although Easter is a few weeks away, perhaps you would care to consider helping our team of flower arrangers by donating **CASH FOR FLOWERS** to make St Michael's look her best for the Eastertide celebrations As always, garden greenery will also be much appreciated. If you have any queries please speak to Ann Brown, Pat Taylor or Enid Brown.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

- Fri 6th Mar 1.45 pm Women's World Day of Prayer at St Michael's
- Sat 7th Mar Vicarage 'At Home' day: Morning Coffee, Soup Lunch, Afternoon Tea
Proceeds in aid of church funds,
- Sun 11th Mar 12 noon Soup and cake lunch in Parish Hall
- Thurs 12th Mar 7.00 pm Baptism Preparation meeting in church
- Sat 21st Mar 10.00 am Big Clean morning in church.
Please set aside an hour or so to come along and help
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