



## St Michael's Church, Alnwick

Vicar: The Rev'd Paul Scott

Curate: The Rev'd Julia Myles

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### 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 The Fifth Sunday of Lent

#### Passiontide begins

*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 The Rev'd Julia Myles

Preacher Clive Gray

Reader Win Nicol

#### 9.30 am SUNG EUCHARIST

President The Rev'd Paul Scott

HYMN 72 Lift high the Cross *Omit verses 3 to 7*

#### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

*There is no Junior Church this morning because there is Sunday Schools Together, 10.45 – 12.15 at St James' URC (Pottergate) for Easter Crafts. Parents in church with babies or very young children may like to use the Children's Corner (at the back of church).*

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Jeremiah 31: 31-44 Reader: Sue Baines-MacNeill  
*(Page 746 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)*

Our Lenten readings have illustrated God's historic covenants with his people. Now, we hear Jeremiah's prophecy of an entirely new covenant, not based on ancient Law so easy to break, but written deep in the hearts of everyone who longs to know and be known by God.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING** Hebrews 5:5-10 Reader: Nellie Shrimpton  
*(Page 217 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

The task of the Jewish High Priest was to offer sacrifices to God on behalf of sinful people. This writer says that Christ, by offering himself to God through his life and death, has become the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

GRADUAL 70 It is a thing most wonderful *Omit verses 3,4,5*

**THE GOSPEL****John 12:20-33*****(Page 103 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)***

Jesus was human enough to be greatly disturbed at what he sensed lay before him. Yet he will glorify his Father's name, trusting in that power not only to lift him up but draw all people to himself.

**SERMON****Clive Gray****PRAYERS****Intercessor****Richard Allsop****OFFERTORY HYMN****63****My song is love unknown*****Omit verses 4 & 6*****COMMUNION HYMN****248****O my Saviour lifted****FINAL HYMN****67****When I survey the wondrous Cross****11.30 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP****Leader****Rachel Robinson****Address****Valerie Pomfret****6.00 pm****SUNG EVENSONG*****(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)*****Readings:****Exodus 7:8-24*****(p. 55 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)*****Romans 5:12-21*****(p. 151 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*****Reader:****Brian Mattinson****Office & Preacher****John Cooke****Hymns****58****The Royal banners forward go****Psalm****34, vv 1-10*****Page 385 of the small Prayer Book*****117****Praise to the Holiest in the height****237****Take up thy cross, the Saviour said****138****We sing the praise of him who died****FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...****That we may allow Christ to draw us to himself****A deepening of our prayer life****The terminally ill****The Gallery Youth Project****Those charged with finding a new Bishop of Newcastle**

***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

- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> 2.30 & 7.15 pm Lent Study groups in Parish Hall.  
This week: Session 5 –Jesus challenged at the boundaries
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> **10.15 am Holy Communion**  
2.00 pm St Michael's 1<sup>st</sup> School Easter Service in church  
3.00 pm Palm Cross making in the Parish Hall, followed by a shared afternoon tea
- Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> 7.30 am **Lenten Holy Communion**  
12 noon Ecumenical Lent Lunch in the Costello Centre, Bailiffgate.
- Sat 28<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am 'Special To Me' art competition, Northumberland Hall (School Years 5-8)  
*See fliers at the back of church*

**On the night of Saturday 28th - it's official – British Summer Time begins,  
so please remember to  
PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR!**

***Next Sunday: 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Palm Sunday. Holy Week begins***

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| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion  | Isaiah 50:4-9a<br>Philippians 2:5-11<br>Mark 14:1 to 15:47 | (CW 479)<br>(CW 480)<br>(CW 481) |
| 9.20 am  | Blessing of Palms and Procession from the Barbican of Alnwick Castle to St Michael's for The Parish Eucharist |  |                                  |
| 11.30 am | Late Morning Worship  |  |                                  |
| 6.00 pm  | Sung Evensong, BCP 1662   | Isaiah 5:1-7; Mark 12:1-12                                 |                                  |

Next Sunday sees the beginning of **HOLY WEEK** – the most important week in the church's year. As Christians we try to put secular things aside as much as possible to spend time with our Lord. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings there will be a Eucharist with address at 7.30 pm. On Maundy Thursday we re-enact Christ's washing of the disciples' feet and institution of the Holy Communion at 7.30 pm; this is followed by a Watch in the Garden of Gethsemane until 10.00 pm. We remember the events of Good Friday at 2.00 pm and on Easter Eve (again at 7.30 pm) prepare to greet the risen Christ and renew our Baptismal vows.

The **ELECTORAL ROLL** has now been removed for updating. The newly revised roll will be displayed from next Sunday (29<sup>th</sup>) for a period of fifteen days.

**MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME ALONG TO THE BIG CLEAN** morning on Saturday – we couldn't have done it without your help.



**LENT LUNCHESES** (with an optional meditation at 12 noon) continue each Thursday at noon in the Costello Centre. If you are unsure as to where that is – the iron gateway is just to the left of the High School annexe and to the right of the Convent in Bailiffgate – please do come along.

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### **Prayer for a new Bishop of Newcastle**

Gracious God,

We thank you for our diocese of Newcastle: for its thriving city, busy towns and bustling villages; for the lush countryside, flowing rivers and rugged coast; for its rich heritage and for its passionate people who are creative and resilient, often plain speaking, sometimes wayward, but always canny.

Now we ask you to raise up for us a new Bishop: one who will come among us, like Aidan, our father in the faith, as a wise and gentle leader, able to listen but also to challenge, ready to learn as well as to teach; a friend of yours who will quickly become our friend too.

Give us above all someone who will work tirelessly alongside us to proclaim afresh in our time and place the Good News of your overflowing love for everyone in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose Name we pray.

Amen.

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We need YOUR help. Will you give cash donations towards providing flowers for St Michael's, particularly for the Easter celebrations. Please consider this and hand what you can to one of the team. Garden greenery is needed as well – for the Easter arrangements and for the Watch on Maundy Thursday evening in the Garden of Gethsemane.



There are many gaps in the 'Flower' rota, which is for anyone who wishes, to sponsor a floral arrangement for the High Altar. Sponsorship can be in the form of cash donations, bought or home-grown flowers. Perhaps you would like a loved one or an occasion remembered on a particular Sunday; have a word with one of the flower arrangers if you would like to know more.

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

Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Start of St Michael's 'Open to Visitors' 2015 season Alnwick & District Choral Society presents Handel's Messiah in St Paul's
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12 noon	Christians Together in Alnwick: Worship in Alnwick Market Place, led by Rev'd Joan Grindrod-Helmn
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Christians Together in Alnwick. Easter Stall in the Market Place
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Easter Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Ancient Four-and-Twenty in the Parish Hall
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Easter Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Parish Hall

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