



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

23RD AUGUST 2015. THE 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

WELCOME!

A very warm welcome to St Michael's – especially if you are with us for the first time or are on holiday. Please do stay behind after the 9.30 and 11.15 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 – simply bow your head.

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 Valerie Pomfret
Reader: Win Nicol

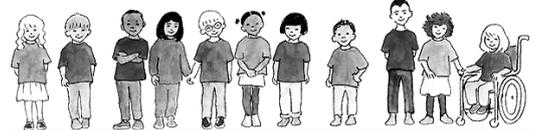
9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

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. Please note that the leaders are having a well-earned rest and Junior Church does not meet again until after the Summer Holidays



INTROIT HYMN

J31 Praise the Lord, his glories show

1ST READING

Joshua 24:1-2a & 14-18 Reader: Anita Harvey
(Page 603 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

This reading and the Gospel are about the one great choice we must make – to serve God or not. Joshua's final appeal to the people is to convince them to serve the Lord their God.

2ND READING

Ephesians 6:10-20 Reader: Wilhelm Barren
(Page 192 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

These familiar words bring this letter to a close. We need to use all the armour God provides in the Christian fight against so much that is evil.

GRADUAL HYMN **J16** How deep the Father's love for us

THE GOSPEL **John 6:56-69**

(Page 95 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Jesus has been speaking of himself as the bread from heaven, of his body and blood for our eternal life. The spiritual truth of this teaching is baffling to many and offensive to some, but Peter voices the disciple's choice to continue with Jesus and accept what he gives.

SERMON **Valerie Pomfret**

PRAYERS **Intercessor** **Trevor Porteous**

OFFERTORY HYMN **J8** Christ triumphant, ever reigning

After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer A which starts on page 12 of the Ordinary Time booklet

COMMUNION HYMN **J39** Through the love of God our Saviour

FINAL HYMN

Lord God, we thank you, as we sing your praise,
For those men and women, saints from early days.
At your call they came, and served you in this place,
By their lives they showed your mercy, love and grace.

Lord God of ages, be with us today!

God of past and future, lead us in your way!

We too still labour, to make known your name.
Though our world is changing, you are still the same.
Children, men and women, in whose lives we share,
Need to know your word, your love, your power, your care.

Lord God, we ask you, in the years ahead,
May we know your presence, still by you be led.
May we serve you gladly, in the future days,
As with joyful hearts we come to give you praise.

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11.15 am **LATE MORNING WORSHIP**

Leader **Emma Mavin**
Address **Valerie Pomfret**

2.00 & 3.00 pm **HOLY BAPTISM**

Please pray for those being baptised today. They are:
Amelia Jessica Lauder



Reuben James Yeadon

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That we may be loyal to Christ, the one who has the words of eternal life
The housebound and lonely
Those affected by the atrocities in Bangkok & Baghdad
All who have recently received examination results
Alnwick Playhouse

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG
(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)

Readings: Exodus 4:27-5:1 *(p. 51 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)*
Hebrews 13:16-21 *(p. 224 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*
Reader: Jean Darby
Office John Cooke
Preacher John Cooke
Hymns 359 Filled with the Spirit's power
Psalm 116 verses 10-end *(Page 497 of the small Prayer Book)*
156 Come down, O Love divine
161 Christ is our corner-stone
238 Blest are the pure in heart

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 24th 9.30 am Holy Communion for the Feast of St Bartholomew the Apostle
Tues 25th 9.30 am Gateway planning meeting in church
Wed 26th 10.15 am Holy Communion
1.30pm Funeral of Margit Alexander

Next Sunday 30th August The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Deuteronomy 4:1-2 & 6-9	(CW 660)
		James 1:17-27	(CW 660)
		Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	(CW 661)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)	Exodus 12:21-27; Matthew 4:23-5:20	

Harvest Festival at St. Michael's is earlier this year – Sunday 13th September. Please note that we will transfer our joint 'First Sunday' Eucharist to this day and on the previous Sunday – 6th September – there will be a traditional Parish Eucharist at 9.30am and Late Morning Worship at 11.15am. In the evening we will hold our **HARVEST SUPPER** in the Parish Hall after Evensong. Do come along for an enjoyable evening. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

St. Michael's Car Treasure Hunt - Saturday 5th September. Have you signed up for this fun event which will tax the brain (but not too much), provide a pleasant trip out to some of our lovely local beauty spots and culminate in a bar meal together at a venue which, for obvious reasons, we cannot reveal! Entry is £10 per car. If you'd like to get a team together join us please sign-up on the sheet at the back of church.



We have had an amazing response to our **NEW HYMN BOOK APPEAL!** The original appeal letter set a target of 100 copies – although our secret hope was for 180. We have now had sponsorship for 160 copies after only three weeks! This has given us confidence to place the order in the hope that all will be completed in time for our Patronal Festival at the end of September. So, if you haven't already done so, please hurry and return your response form as soon as possible to Colin Perkins, Brian Mattinson or Lynne Moir. And a huge THANK YOU for the splendidly enthusiastic way so many of you have engaged with this project.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Tues 8 th Sept	7.30 pm	PCC in church
Wed 9 th Sept	12 noon	Soup & Cake Lunch in Parish Hall
	1.30 pm	Mother's Union: <i>John Cooke – Israel Visit</i>
	7.30 pm	Coffee and Craft at 45 Royal Oak Gardens
Thurs 10 th Sept		Mini Michaels resumes (NOT 3 rd as previously advertised)
	7.00 pm	Baptism Preparation meeting in church
Sun 13 th Sept		Harvest Festival. <i>Services as usual and...</i>
	7.30 pm	Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall
Sun 20 th Sept	2.30 pm	Battle of Britain Service in St Michael's
Fri 9 th Oct	7.30 pm	Murder Mystery Evening in 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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