



**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2017. THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**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 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 & Preacher**  
**Reader**

**The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott**  
**Hilary Atkin**

**9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST**

**Setting: Mass of St Thomas**

**President The Rev'd Canon 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***



**INTROIT HYMN 765 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation**

**1ST READING Isaiah 44:6-8 Reader: Dee Ramsay**  
*(Page 683 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

The Lord God, says Isaiah, is the beginning and the end of everything that ever was or ever shall be. Only someone exactly like him could fully understand his purposes. Jesus' understanding, as we shall hear, is indeed divine – this is both claim and proof that Jesus is Lord.

**2ND READING Romans 8: 12-25 Reader: Jean Sawyer**  
*(Page 153 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Paul has been contrasting law and freedom, right and wrong. The logic leads him to a favourite phrase: God's Spirit makes us God's adopted children, who can use the name Jesus used – 'Abba', Father. Hold on to that, whatever turmoil the world contains.

**GRADUAL 790 Teach me, my God and King**

**THE GOSPEL****Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43***(Page 14 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

The parable of wheat and tares seems simple to us, because it is so familiar, but those who first heard it needed the explanation that the evil in this world is allowed by God to exist alongside the good of the kingdom, but there will come a time when only the good survives.

**SERMON****The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott****PRAYERS****Intercessor Douglas Ramsay****OFFERTORY HYMN****588 And can it be that I should gain**

**After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer E which starts on page 11 of the Ordinary Time booklet**

**COMMUNION HYMN****451 Just as I am, without one plea****CLOSING HYMN****601 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**Leader **Michelle Duff**President **The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen**Talk **Annette Playle**

**4.00 pm EVENSONG AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, WHITTINGHAM  
FOLLOWED BY TEA AND CAKES**

***Please note: No 6.00 pm Evensong at St Michael's today***

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

- That we may be an influence for good in our imperfect world
- All who visit Alwick – especially those who come to St Michael's
- Those who work for peace and justice
- The work of Mercy Ships
- Those preparing for marriage at this time

**WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Gateway Planning meeting in Parish Room
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 am	<b>Holy Communion for St James the Apostle</b> <i>Transferred from Tuesday 25th</i>
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 pm	Wedding of Samuel Crosby & Katie Hall
	3.15 pm	Wedding of Daniel Goggs & Lucy Greenwood

**Next Sunday                      30<sup>th</sup> July    The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

8.00 am	Holy Communion	1 Kings 3:5-12	CW 268
		Romans 8:26-39	CW 269
		Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	CW 269
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist	<i>Readings as for 8.00 am service</i>	
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)	1 Kings 6:11-14 & 23-end	
		Acts 12:1-17	

**ST MICHAEL'S FLOWER FESTIVAL** is just over a week away! This year the theme is 'Leisure' and we look forward to seeing many stunning arrangements.

- The **PREVIEW EVENING** is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August and will be opened by our Archdeacon, the Venerable Peter Robinson. Tickets, price £5 to include a glass of wine and nibbles, are available from Pat Taylor.
- **RAFFLE PRIZES** would be gratefully received. Please leave them at the back of church or hand to a Churchwarden.
- The **BIG SING** will take place at 6.00 pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Please write down your favourite hymn on one of the orange slips and place in the box provided. When all are gathered in from the churches in the town we will sing those which have proved to be most popular.
- **POSTERS AND FLYERS** are available at the back of church. Please help in making the event known by delivering to shop and others public places.



Alongside the Flower Festival (and as part of the Music Festival) St Michael's will be holding a **HOME-MADE GOODS STALL** in the Market Place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August.



This is **AN APPEAL** for your usual generosity in supplying all things home-made over those three days. Jams, chutneys, scones, cakes, savouries, knitting, sewing (and anything else you might think of) would be gratefully received. If you have any queries please speak to Pat Taylor who will be very happy to help. This is one of our important fund raisers so please do all you can (including coming along with your friends to buy) to help make it a success.

**OUR SPONSORED WALK.** (approx 6 miles) takes place on **SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER.** Do sign up as soon as possible if you would like to take part. Sponsor forms will be available very soon and we hope we will be able to raise a significant sum for church funds.



## MERCY SHIPS FUN(D) RAISING



Thank you very much to all who came along last Sunday to eat strawberries and cream, sit in the sunshine and raise over £300 for Mercy Ships. Many people who were not able to come on the day sent donations, thank you, and several others kindly offered their help in the kitchen and in other ways, which was very much appreciated. Thank you too to Michael Harrison who generously gave of his time to help to get tables and chairs back to the hall.

There will be a plate at the back of Church this morning for anyone who would like to boost the funds a little further.

*The Mission Team*

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Julia, Paul & Rachel's new address is available from the Office, or from the printed version of this pew sheet.

A '**thank-you**' card has arrived from them. We have placed it on the Welcome Table for all to read. Do keep Julia in your prayers as the date of her licensing (31<sup>st</sup> July) draws near.

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

Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> July	7.00 pm	Julia's Licensing at The Church of St John the Baptist, New Alresford
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	10.00 am	St Michael's Craft Stall in the Market Place
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	7.30 pm	Flowers Festival Preview Evening
3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00 am	St Michael's Flower Festival
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	10.00 am 12.30 pm	St Michael's Craft Stall in the Market Place Wedding of Adam Fitzgerald and Kimberley Vallums
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00 am	St Michael's Craft Stall in the Market Place
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	4.30 pm	Wedding of Mark McCann and Claire Swordy
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	10.00 am	Sponsored Walk

**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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