



St Michael's Church, Alnwick

Vicar: The Rev'd Paul Scott
Curate: The Rev'd Julia Myles

23rd March 2014 The Third Sunday of Lent

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	Rev'd Paul Scott
Preacher	Rev'd Julia Myles
Reader:	Holly Petrie

9.30 am

SUNG EUCHARIST

Setting: Mass of St Thomas

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 older children and young people, Junior Church takes place in the Parish Room.

INTROIT HYMN **464** **God is here, as we his people**

1ST READING **Exodus 17: 1-7** **Reader: Dennis Dalby**
(Page 66 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

Lent may mean some abstinence – but even in a desert we need water. This reading tells us how the Israelites were given water in their desert pilgrimage, when they looked to God to meet their need.

2ND READING **Romans 5:1-11** **Reader: Derek Barnes**
(Page 151 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Paul's letter to Rome is much concerned with Christian conduct. This passage sets out the foundation for our conduct: our life now is our response to the extraordinary thing God has done for us, through Christ, flooding us with hope, grace, Holy Spirit and love. He calls us to exult.

GRADUAL HYMN **113** **Father hear the prayer we offer**

THE GOSPEL**John 4:5-42****(Page 91 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)**

God miraculously provided water for the Israelites on their desert journey. Now we hear of Jesus as living water. Among the Samaritan people whom the Jews hated, he convinces them that he himself is the Messiah, the fulfilment of all their needs.

SERMON**The Rev'd Julia Myles****PRAYERS****Intercessor: Margaret Onions**

OFFERTORY HYMN **J17** **I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship**

COMMUNION HYMN **J19** **In bread we bring you Lord**

FINAL HYMN **214** **Guide me, O thou great Redeemer**

11.15 am **LATE MORNING WORSHIP**
Encounter at the Well

Leader **Trevor Porteous**
Address **The Rev'd Canon Dennis Winter**

2 pm & 3 pm	HOLY BAPTISM	<i>Please pray for:</i>	
	James Muldoon		
	Ella Grace Weidner		

6.00 pm	SUNG EVENSONG <i>(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)</i>	
Readings:	Joshua 1:1-9	<i>(p. 199 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)</i>
	Ephesians 6:1-20	<i>(p. 192 of the New Testament in the pew bible)</i>
Reader:	Catherine Hughes	
Office	Rev'd Julia Myles	
Preacher	Rev'd Colin Perkins	
Hymns	344	Christ for the world we sing
	Psalm	40, vv 1-13 <i>(Page 395 of the small prayer book)</i>
	117	Praise to the Holiest in the height
	120 pt 1	Jesu, the very thought of thee
	7	O strength and stay upholding all creation

Morning Prayer is usually said in church at 8.30 am and Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm, from Tuesday to Saturday, except for Wednesday and Thursday mornings. You will be most welcome to join us for these times of prayer and bible reading.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That we may drink deeply of Christ, the Living Water
Our Lent Groups - as we get 'back to basics'
All whose freedom is denied them
Alnwick Infirmary
Oxfam

Please note that the Vicar's day off is Monday

*He would be pleased to be spared all but the most urgent matters on this day.
The Curate's normal working days are Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday*

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Mon 24th 7.30 pm Lent Group at 34 Meadow Riggs
- Tues 25th 9.30 am Magazine planning meeting in the Parish Room
2.00 pm Lent Group at the Vicarage
- Wed 26th **10.15 am Holy Communion**
11.15 am Lent Group in St Catherine's Chapel
- Thurs 27th **7.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.30 am Mini Michaels in church
12 noon Lent Lunch at The Costello Centre, Bailiffgate
1.30 pm Schools Easter Hymn-Along in St Michael's
7.30 pm Lent Group at 35 Hillcrest Park
- Fri 28th 3.00 pm Friends of St Michael's Steering Group at the Vicarage

Next Sunday: 30th March The 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Exodus 2:1-10	(CW 101)
		Colossians 3:12-17	(CW 103)
		John 19: 25b-27	(CW 104)
9.30 am	First Sunday Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship	<i>Encounter by the Wayside</i>	
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Micah 7; James 5	

Thanks so much to all who have agreed to be **CHURCH STEWARDS** this year – the rota is now complete and your copy will be given to you by Eve Jarvis – to whom grateful thanks are due for all her hard work in organising the rota.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER: Donations of cash are requested to help provide flowers to make St Michael's look good for Easter . Please speak to Ann Brown (602700) or Enid Brown (604659) if you have any questions or can provide garden greenery.

ALNWICK FOOD BANK

Many thanks to all who have already responded generously. St Michael's is a collection point so, if you are able to contribute items, please put your donations into the box provided at the back of church.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION, 2014. St Michael's Electoral Roll is on display at the back of church. Please take a few moments to check that the information we hold about you is correct. If you are new to St Michael's you may not be on the Roll – if this is so, please take and complete an Application Form before 6th April to enable you to vote and take an active part in our Annual Meeting. Also – if there is anyone you know of who has moved house or changed circumstances and who may not be able to get to church at the moment, please have a word with the Electoral Roll Officer (Anne Cooke).

This Thursday St Michael's School is organising a get-together for local church schools to have an **EASTER HYMN-ALONG** in church at 1.30 pm. This is a lovely opportunity for local children to be together and sing together. Why not come along and enjoy the occasion.



Alnwick In Bloom in partnership with Christians Together in Alnwick seek to maintain and improve the **ROSE GARDEN IN GREEN BATT** to create a place of beauty and peace near to the town centre. Willing labourers are needed for one hour on the last Saturday of every month 10.15-11.15 am. The next opportunity to help tend this award-winning garden is Saturday 29th March. Bags are provided but bring your own gloves and tools.

Mothering Sunday is next week. Do you need a card or a small gift to give? Before you leave the church today, why not look at the **HAND-CRAFTED GIFTS AND CARDS** at the back of church. Please note that at 9.30 am there will be a First Sunday Eucharist with the blessing and distribution of flowers; on the following Sunday (6th April) we will have the usual Parish Eucharist.

Practices are continuing for our augmented choir's offering of the sacred cantata '**OLIVET TO CALVARY**', in place of Evensong on Palm Sunday (13th April). Please make a note in your diary and get Holy Week off to a good start.

Thanks to those who have offered to help with turning palm leaves into crosses for Palm Sunday – a few more would be nice, so please think about adding your name to the list and joining us in the Small Hall at 4.00 pm on Thursday 10th April. You don't need any experience, but a small pair of sharp scissors would be useful. Afterwards we will have afternoon tea so bring along some food to share.



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