



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

24TH JANUARY 2016. THE FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF PAUL

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 am 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	The Rev'd Paul Scott
Preacher	The Rev'd Jane Scott
Reader	Mora Rolley

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: Mass of St Thomas

President The Rev'd Jane 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. For young people and older children, Sunday Schools Together meet at St James' URC at 10.30 am today

INTROIT HYMN 676 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

1ST READING Acts 9: 1-22 Reader: Margaret Onions
(Page 123 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

God sometimes calls unlikely men and women to his service. Even Saul, the vigorous opponent of those who followed the way of the Lord, may meet Jesus along his way. So Saul became Paul, a powerful witness to the Lord of all.

2ND READING Galatians 1:11-16a Reader: Richard Allsop
(Page 184 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Paul is here strongly defending the authentic nature of his conversion. And his credentials as an apostle. He was commissioned by Jesus in a miraculous revelation.

GRADUAL 679 In Christ there is no east or west

THE GOSPEL Matthew 19:27-30
(Page 20 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Jesus says that those who, for his sake, are prepared to give up everything of their former life, will find generous rewards in his kingdom.

SERMON The Rev'd Jane Scott
 PRAYERS Intercessor Patricia Kind
 OFFERTORY HYMN 494 I, the Lord of sea and sky

After the Offertory, the service continues with the Eucharistic Prayer which starts on page 9 of the Saints Days booklet

COMMUNION HYMN 671 I will sing the wondrous story
 FINAL HYMN 505 Tell all the world of Jesus

11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP

Leader Jane Brown
 Preacher The Rev'd Jane Scott

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings: Isaiah 56:1-8 *(p. 696 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)*
 Colossians 1:24-2:7 *(p. 197 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*
 Reader: Jean Darby
 Office Trevor Porteous
 Preacher The Rev'd Paul Scott
 Hymns 633 Filled with the Spirit's power
 Psalm 119, vv 41-56 *(Page 503 of the small Prayer Book)*
 506 The Church's one foundation **Omit verse 3**
 490 Glory to God, the source of all our mission
 22 Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That, like Paul, we may accept Christ as our Saviour
 An end to violence and terrorism
 Gratitude for our families and friends
 All who have been bereaved
 The Society of St. Francis

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 25th 7.00 pm Faith and Life at the Vicarage
 Tues 26th 11.30 am Funeral of Michelle Green
Wed 27th 10.15am Holy Communion
 Thurs 28th 9.15 am Mini Michaels

Next Sunday: 31st January

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Malachi 3:1-5 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40	(CW 788) (CW 789) (CW 789)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Haggai 2:1-9; John 2:18-22	

Did you take a **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** savings candle over Christmas? If so, next Sunday (Candlemas) is the day by which these should be returned. If for any reason you are unable to get to church on that day, please contact Sue Baines-MacNeill.

Whoopee! The final total for the afternoon (20th January) to **RAISE FUNDS FOR SPITAK** was £365.00. This is a wonderful sum which will help so much. THANK YOU to everyone who came early to help throughout the afternoon, to all who arrived with goods to sell and to all who spent so generously. Others who could not come, kindly gave or sent goods in advance. Thank you!
Jean Darby and Sue Wiltshire

Hard on the heels of yesterday's Burns Night supper comes our **PANCAKE PARTY** in the Parish Hall on Shrove Tuesday, 9th February. Always a fun evening, we look forward to yet another pleasant social occasion; a sign-up sheet is at the back of church today. Proceeds, along with our Lenten giving, will this year go to **CHRISTIAN AID** in recognition of Liz Holmes' loving service in recent years.

Following on from that is **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the beginning of Lent. Please make a note in your diary that on 10th February there will be Eucharists at 10.15 am & 7.30 pm (Sung), with the Imposition of Ashes.

LENT LUNCHESES this year will be held on Thursdays at 12 noon in the Costello Centre in Bailiffgate. Could you please note in your diary that **25th February is St Michael's turn** to act as host. You are invited to make donations of cash to buy the ingredients ahead of the day and we really need helpers for an hour or so on the day to serve the lunches and clear away afterwards. If you can spare the time to help, please speak to one of the churchwardens.

ENCOUNTERS – meeting the risen Jesus! this is the exciting title of our Lent Course for 2016. Here is an opportunity to use Lent in a different way – dwelling on the Resurrection rather than the Passion of Christ. Further details are in Paul's letter in the February edition of Gateway and we hope to have at least two groups running; Tuesday afternoons at the Vicarage and Wednesday evenings at the home of Patricia Kind. Another time and venue may be possible if there is great enough demand.

Please register your interest on the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Do you have any keys for St Michael's? If you do, the **KEYHOLDER LIST** is being updated so that we have a correct location record for all keys. Please collect a copy of the list, complete it as soon as possible and return to either Albert Brown or Paul Jarvis. Thank you

The Trustees of Alnwick District Food Bank are looking for a volunteer to take responsibility for the co-ordination and development of the Food Bank. For more information on how to apply please email by tomorrow (January 25th) alnwickdistrictfoodbank@gmail.com or speak to Frances Allsop.



Paul's Installation as an **HONORARY CANON OF NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL** takes place on Sunday evening 13th March. It has been proposed that a coach be organised to enable St Michael's folk to attend. Lynne Moir has agreed to co-ordinate this and a sign-up sheet is at the back of church.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

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| Tues 2 nd Feb | 10.00 am | Funeral of Nancy Provost |
| Wed 3 rd Feb | 10.15 am | Holy Communion |
| | 1.00 pm | Funeral of Bro. Damian, SSF. |
| Tues 9 th Feb | 7.00 pm | Pancake Party in Parish Hall |
| Wed 10 th Feb | | Ash Wednesday |
| | 10.15 am | Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes |
| | 7.30 pm | Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes |
| Sat 13 th Feb | 11.00 am | Mothers' Union Diocesan Commissioning Service in Newcastle Cathedral. |
| Thurs 25 th Feb | 12 noon | Lent Lunch at the Costello Centre. St Michael's hosting Helpers needed, and cash donations to buy ingredients. |
| Sun 28 th Feb | 6.00 pm | Within Evensong, thanksgiving for the life of the late Joe Kent |
| Sun 13 th Mar | | Installation of The Rev'd Paul Scott as an Honorary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral |
| Fri 18 th Mar | 10.00 am | Big Clean morning at St Michael's |

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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