



St Michael's Church, Alnwick

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Parish website: www.alnwickanglican.com

24th August 2014 The Feast of St Bartholomew the Apostle

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 Paul Scott
Preacher	Trevor Porteous
Reader	Win Nicol

9.30 am

SUNG EUCHARIST

Setting: Mass of St Thomas

President

The Rev'd Paul Scott

HYMN

185 Light's abode, celestial Salem

Omit verses 4 & 5

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Parents with babies and children are most welcome to take them to the Children's Corner (at the back of church) where there are activities if parents would like to use them with their children.

*Please note that **JUNIOR CHURCH** will not be operating during the **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS** as our leaders are having well-earned rest..*

1ST READING

Isaiah 43:8-13

Reader: Merryn Hughes

(Page 682 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

The prophet Isaiah tells us that the work of God's servants and messengers is to witness to him, to expound and explain the truths of his being, and his ways.

2ND READING

Acts 5:12-16

Reader: Douglas Ramsay

(Page 119 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

The apostles in Jerusalem constantly proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus, and as the number of believers grew, so did the reputation of the church and the demands on it for the work of healing.

GRADUAL

213 Children of the heavenly King

THE GOSPEL

Luke 22:24-30

(Page 83 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Jesus had to admonish his own chosen Twelve, when they began to argue about their own importance. His kingdom is one in which everyone seeks not to dominate but to serve, as he himself was the servant of all.

SERMON

Trevor Porteous

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That we may be servants of the Lord – and of each other

An end to terrorism & violence

Margaret & Jean, our Churchwardens

All suffering from dementia – and those who care for them

A deepening of our prayer life

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

24th, 25th August (Bank Holiday weekend)
10 am – 4.30 pm Craster Art Club: Art Exhibition at Howick Village Hall.
See poster for details

Tues 26th 9.30 am Magazine Group planning meeting in Parish Room

Wed 27th 10.15 am Holy Communion

Next Sunday: 31st August The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion Jeremiah 15:15-21 (CW 295)

Romans 12:9-21 (CW 296)

Matthew 16: 21-28 (CW 296)

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

11.15 am Late Morning Worship

6.00 pm Sung Evensong, BCP 1662. 2 Kings 6:24-25, 7:3-20; Acts 18:1-16

There will be a service of thanksgiving and an opportunity to say 'farewell' to **Bishop Martin and Marlene Wharton** in St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle on Sunday 21st September at 4.00pm. All are warmly invited – and no tickets are necessary.

As the horrendous situation in the Holy Land continues, you are urged to pray daily for an end to the fighting and the securing of a lasting peace.

Lord God of compassion, whose will is for peace built on righteousness, we pray for peace in Gaza and Israel: for an end to hostilities, for comfort and help for all who suffer, and for reconciliation between Palestine and Israel, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

BACK TO BASICS. What do Christians believe? We come to church week by week, but rarely have an opportunity to consider the basic tenets of our faith. Beginning on Thursday evenings in mid-October and through November, Julia hopes to host a series of sessions in her new home which will look at some of these basic questions. Why not consider coming along. More details to follow – but put the dates in your diary now.

There are two events coming up soon on the same day, so please put a special note in your diary! On Saturday 13th September there is to be a **BIG CLEAN** in church, from 10.00 am until 12 noon. This is always a friendly, cheerful couple of hours of busyness, so why not come along and help....unless, of course, you will be otherwise engaged in raising money for St Michael's by taking part in the Historic Churches Trust **SPONSORED STEEPLECHASE**. See the Notice Board for brief details; sponsorship forms and full details will be available soon.

Many thanks for your donations to the **CHRISTIAN AID** Gaza crisis appeal. We raised over £320, of which £150 was Gift-Aided. Before you leave today, have a look at the Notice Board near the main door to see what is being done by Christian Aid for relief of the suffering in that country.

Our Craft Stall is back today after it's August break. Take a few minutes to browse and buy.

St Michael's congregations will be giving Jane and Paul a wedding gift. If you would like to contribute to this, please give your donation to Trevor Porteous or to one of the Churchwardens.



FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

- Tues 2nd Sept 2.00-4.00 pm Craft Group resumes in the Parish Hall
- Sat 6th Sept 12 noon Wedding of our Vicar to Jane Wood at the Cathedral
- Tues 9th Sept 7.30 pm PCC meeting in church
- Wed 10th Sept 12 noon Soup and Cake Lunch in Parish Hall; *from now until July 2015*
2.00 pm Mothers' Union in church:
Sue Burston – Christian Aid in Kenya
- Sat 13th Sept 10.00 am St Michael's Big Clean morning
10 am- 4 pm Historic Churches Trust – sponsored steeplechase
- Sun 21st Sept 4.00 pm Farewell to Bishop Martin Wharton & Mrs Marlene Wharton
at St Nicholas' Cathedral

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