



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK
24TH SEPTEMBER 2017
THE FIFTEENTH 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 The Rev'd Colin Perkins
Preacher John Cooke
Reader Win Nicol

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: Mass of St Thomas

President The Rev'd Colin Perkins

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 812 Through all the changing scenes of life

1ST READING Jonah 3:10-4:11 Reader: Nellie Shrimpton
(Page 876 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

The story is that Jonah was swallowed by a whale, then sent to preach in godless Nineveh. His resentment at being there at all turned to dismay when he found that God actually does forgive people who repent. Jesus will tell his own parable of the God who does not give what we deserve, but an equal measure of sheer grace to us all.

2ND READING Philippians 1:21-30 Reader: Frances Allsop
(Page 194 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

The first church Paul founded in Europe was at Philippi. Some years later, from prison (probably in Rome), he writes warmly to his friends. Despite his circumstances, and sometimes a longing for his life to end, he believes he can still be useful to God. Let the readers, then, keep faith against all their adversaries.

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 26th 9.30 am Gateway planning meeting – Parish Room

Wednesday 27th 10.15 am Holy Communion for St Michael and all Angels
Transferred from 29th

Thursday 28th 9.30 am Mini Michaels in church



Saturday 30th 10.30 am to 12 noon

Preparing for Harvest Service - Children especially welcome.. We shall be building and decorating **A SHELTER** in church, ready to use in the Harvest service on Sunday morning. Families very welcome, and those reading in the service can practise. Also, we need a frame from **a frame tent**, to support the Shelter. If you have one you could lend, it would be gratefully collected. Please contact Sue Allen with offers. Refreshments provided.

Next Sunday	1 st October	Harvest Thanksgiving	
8.00 am	Holy Communion	Deuteronomy 28:1-14 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Luke 12:16-30	CW 364 CW 366 CW 366
9.30 am	First Sunday Eucharist <i>Reading adapted from</i>	John 7:37-39 Leviticus 22:33-43	CW 197
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, (BCP, 1662) Ezekiel 37:15-28; 1 John 2:22-29		

We look forward to next week's **HARVEST CELEBRATIONS**. We would be very glad of gifts of **Dried or Tinned Goods** with which to decorate the church, please – but, on this occasion, not perishable goods.

On Thursday 5th October St Michael's Primary School will be celebrating Harvest here in church at 2.00 pm and all members of St Michael's congregation are warmly invited to attend.

Then, on Sunday 8th October we will hold our **HARVEST SUPPER and AUCTION OF GOODS** in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets for this are on sale now, cost £10 – please see Pat Taylor or Jean Darby to get yours and come along for an enjoyable evening!

An early reminder that our **MONTHLY SUNDAY LUNCHES** will recommence on Sunday 15th October. Do make a note of the date in your diary and come along to enjoy a scrumptious meal without any of the effort it takes to produce!



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 2018. There is to be a meeting shortly of Christian Aid helpers/collectors to discuss this. If you have any comments, queries or suggestions to make – about the 2017 week, or next year, please contact Susan Trafford or Sue Wiltshire.

The October edition of the **GATEWAY** is now on sale at the back of church. Please note that if you have anything you would like included in the November edition, the Gateway editorial group will be discussing this at their meeting on Tuesday (26th).

A message from Mary Frater, Chair of Christians Together in Alwick:

On Saturday 7th October, 2.00-4.30 pm in St Paul's Church, we are getting together, all ages young and older, to make a set of **NATIVITY FIGURES** for display in the Oxfam Shop over the Christmas period. Everyone is welcome, no matter what age, and, for adults, it would be helpful if you could please bring scissors suitable for fabric, if you have them. These figures, and crib, will also feature on this year's Christmas Card, distributed to homes in Alwick. We plan to have the crib and figures completed in time for them to go on display in Oxfam's shop window to coincide with the switching on of Alwick Christmas Lights - Friday 17th November.

Newcastle Council of Faiths is holding an Annual **WALK FOR PEACE** on Sunday 15th October. There are fliers at the back of church, giving details of the programme. This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to see and hear about other faiths during a brief visit to places of worship, and to show how we can co-exist in peace. The walk starts at 12.30 pm prompt and finishes at 3.15 pm

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 2 nd October	2.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors at the Vicarage
	3.00 pm	Thanksgiving for the life of Peter France
Thurs. 5 th October	2.00 pm	St Michael's Primary School Harvest Thanksgiving in church
Sat 7 th October	2.00 pm	Christians Together in Alwick: Nativity figures and Crib-making in St Paul's Church
Sunday 8 th Oct	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong sung by Colla Voce under the direction of the Rev'd Chris Clinch
	7.30 pm	Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall
Sunday 15 th Oct	12.30 pm	Annual Walk for Peace in Newcastle

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Thank you.**

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