



**St Michael's Church, Alnwick**  
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**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!**  
**HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

**26th April 2015 The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

**INTROIT HYMN**      161      Christ is our corner-stone

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING**      Acts 4:5-12      Reader: Wilhem Barren  
*(Page 117 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

The followers of Jesus soon antagonised the Jewish authorities by preaching his resurrection. Peter explained to them how the power of Jesus lives on because God raised him from the dead.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING**      1 John 3:16-24      Reader: Cath McNally  
*(Page 237 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

We continue to read John's first letter of Christian love, and hear that this must result in loving action. A clear conscience opens our way to God.

**GRADUAL HYMN**      J36      The Lord's my shepherd

**THE GOSPEL**      John 10:11-18  
*(Page 100 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

The ancient idea of the leader as a good shepherd of his people had been fulfilled in Jesus. He knows us intimately, and loves us enough to die for us.

**SERMON** John Cooke  
**PRAYERS** Intercessor: John Cooke  
**OFFERTORY HYMN** 192 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

*After the Offertory, the service continues with the Eucharistic Prayer which starts on page 8 of the Eastertide booklet*

**COMMUNION HYMN** J39 Through the love of God our Saviour  
**FINAL HYMN** J8 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

### 11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP

**Leader** Claire Mead  
**Address** The Rev'd Canon Dennis Winter

2.00 pm **HOLY BAPTISM** *Please pray for*  
Jacob James Costa



### 6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG

*(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)*

**Readings:** Exodus 16:4-15 *(p. 64 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)*  
Revelation 2:12-17 *(p. 243 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

**Reader:** Susan Trafford

**Office** Trevor Porteous

**Preacher** Trevor Porteous

**Hymns** 128 Thou art the way  
Psalm 81, vv1-11 *(Page 450 of the small Prayer Book)*  
200 Fill thou my life, O Lord my God *Omit vv 5 & 6*  
184 Jerusalem the golden  
234 Thine for ever! God of love

#### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That Christ will guard and keep us in all our days  
Margaret & Jean, our Churchwardens  
All who work in the criminal justice system  
Those fleeing unjust regimes  
Alnwick Community Centre

#### WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Gateway planning meeting in Parish Room  
 Wed 29<sup>th</sup> 10.15 am Holy Communion  
 Fri 1st May 9.30 am Holy Communion for the Feast of Ss Philip & James  
 Sat 2nd May afternoon Royal Regiment of Fusiliers: Laying-up of old colours in St Michael's  
 10.00 am Start of Craster Art Club Spring Exhibition at Howick Village Hall]  
*See below*

**Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> May The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Acts 8:26-40	(CW 546)
		1 John 4:7-21	(CW 548)
		John 15:1-8	(CW 548)
9.30 am	First Sunday Eucharist		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Isaiah 60:1-14;	Revelation 3:1-13

*Morning Prayer is usually said in church at 9.00 am (8.30 am Thursday) and Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm Monday to Friday except for Wednesday morning. You will be most welcome to join us for these times of prayer and bible reading. Please note that the Vicar's day off is Friday and the Curate's is Monday They would be pleased to be spared all but the most urgent matters on these days.*

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK IS 10-16 MAY.** Please consider whether you can support the house-to-house collection this year. At the back of church there is a sign-up sheet with the bundles of envelopes. Sue Wiltshire and Liz Holmes are organising the house-to-house for St Michael's, please have a word if you have any questions. Please remember to sign up to cover a street for the Christian Aid Week house-to-house collection. There will be a coffee morning in the Parish Hall on Saturday 23 May.

The annual **FLOWER FESTIVAL** will be in St Michael's this year, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August. The theme will be "**Come with singing..... .....a favourite hymn**". Full details will be published in the June edition of Gateway but to 'start the ball rolling' there will be a series of fund-raising events, starting with a Coffee Afternoon at Michelle Duff's house on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2.00 pm. Please make a note of these dates in your diary.

Next weekend is the May Day holiday weekend. If you have the time, why not take a pleasant drive to Howick Village, where the **CRASTER ART CLUB'S SPRING EXHIBITION** will be taking place in the Village Hall. Parking and admission are free and there will be greetings cards, prints and original art works to buy.  
 Details are: **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, 10.00 am – 4.30 pm**

**ENHANCING ST MICHAEL'S WELCOME.** We are trying to improve the welcome we give to visitors and regulars alike and, in the process, perhaps gain a greater chance of an award in the 'Alnwick in Bloom' competition. We would like to place several wooden half-barrels in the churchyard as planters and have sourced some at £25.00 each. A contribution has already been received to cover the purchase of two barrels – but if you would like to help out with a donation we would be extremely grateful. Please hand any gifts to Margaret or Jean, our Churchwardens. Thank you.

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### **Prayer for a new Bishop of Newcastle**

Gracious God,

We thank you for our diocese of Newcastle: for its thriving city, busy towns and bustling villages; for the lush countryside, flowing rivers and rugged coast; for its rich heritage and for its passionate people who are creative and resilient, often plain speaking, sometimes wayward, but always canny.

Now we ask you to raise up for us a new Bishop: one who will come among us, like Aidan, our father in the faith, as a wise and gentle leader, able to listen but also to challenge, ready to learn as well as to teach; a friend of yours who will quickly become our friend too.

Give us above all someone who will work tirelessly alongside us to proclaim afresh in our time and place the Good News of your overflowing love for everyone in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose Name we pray.

Amen.

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

Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Alnwick Citizen's Advice Bureau. Official opening of new premises in Lloyds Bank Chambers <i>Details on Notice Board</i>
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00 pm	Christian Aid Service at Alnwick Methodist Church
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May	10.15 am	Holy Communion with Meerkats class at St Michael's
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Ascension Day</b>	
	6.30 pm	Baptism Preparation meeting in church
	7.30 pm	Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00 pm	Bishop Frank at Evensong to license our vicar as Area Dean of Alnwick
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> May	2.00 pm	Coffee afternoon at The Coach House, Bondgate Within to raise funds for St Michael's Flower Festival
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.00 am	Christian Aid Coffee Morning in Parish Hall
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> June	10 am-4 pm.	Quiet Day at Shepherd's Dene. More details later

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