



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK
26TH FEBRUARY 2017. THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

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 Canon Paul Scott
Preacher	John Cooke
Reader	Holly Petrie

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: Mass of St Cedd

President The Rev'd Canon Paul 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. There is no Junior Church this week because of school half-term



INTROIT HYMN 676 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

1ST READING Exodus 24:12-18 Reader: Hazel Shell
(Page 72 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

Our Old Testament reading is chosen for its likeness to today's Gospel. On the threshold of Lent we are reminded of the awesome holiness of God. This story of Moses tells how on a mountain-top he had a transfiguring experience, as if taken up into the glory of God.

2ND READING 2 Peter 1:16-21 Reader: Patricia Kind
(Page 234 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

This letter, in the name of Peter, reminds Christians of the second century that Jesus was no ordinary man, but one whom his first disciples had seen transfigured in glory, as God disclosed him to be his Son. All the prophecies had therefore come true.

GRADUAL 279 Jesus, on the mountain peak

THE GOSPEL **Matthew 17:1-9** *(Page 6 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

The Lord's closest friends see him transfigured upon a mountain-top, in a disclosure of his true identity. In the presence of the figures of Moses and Elijah, a cloud of glory comes upon him and the voice of the holy one is heard.

SERMON **John Cooke**

PRAYERS **Intercessor Patricia Kind**

OFFERTORY HYMN **42 Longing for light, we wait in darkness**

After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer E which starts on page 11 of the Ordinary Time booklet

COMMUNION HYMN **775 Seek ye first the kingdom of God**

CLOSING HYMN **690 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it**

11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP

Leader **Rachel Robinson**
Talk **Annette Playle**

2.00 pm HOLY BAPTISM *Please pray for:*

Eryn Katrina Allen



6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings: **2 Kings 2:1-12 *(Page 342 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)***
 Matthew 17:9-23 *(Page 18 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Reader: **Susan Trafford**

Office **The Rev'd Julia Myles**

Preacher **The Rev'd Julia Myles**

Hymns **115 Awake, our souls; away, our fears**
 Psalm 84 *(Page 453 of the small Prayer Book)*
 763 Praise to the Holiest in the height
 730 My God, I love thee, not because
 727 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

That we may shine with the light of Christ

That we may have a good Lent

All who have been bereaved

St Michael's Primary School – its pupils, staff & governors

The Church Mission Society

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 27 th	2.00 pm	Pastoral visitors at the Vicarage
Tues 28 th	9.30 am	'Gateway' planning meeting in Parish Room
	2.00 pm	Funeral of Michael Collins
	7.00 pm	Pancake Party in Parish Hall
Wed 1 st March		ASH WEDNESDAY
	10.15 am	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
	7.30 pm	Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
Thurs 2 nd	7.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP) followed by a light breakfast
	9.15 am	Mini Michaels – back after the half-term break
	12 noon	Lent Lunch at the Costello Centre
	2.00 pm	Funeral of Mavis Saunders
Fri 3 rd Mar		Women's World Day of Prayer <i>See poster on Notice Board</i>
	1.45 pm	Local Service at St James' URC, Pottergate
Sat 4 th Mar	2.00 pm	Embroiderers' Guild in Parish Hall: £4 admission
		<i>Speaker Barry Mead – There's more to a needle than meets the eye</i>

Next Sunday 5th March. The First Sunday of Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (CW 87)
		Romans 12:5-19 (CW 88)
		Matthew 4:1-11 (CW 88)
9.30 am	First Sunday Eucharist	<i>Readings as for 8.00 am service</i>
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)	Deuteronomy 6:4-9 & 16-27
		Luke 15:1-10

Please do take a **LENT BOX** home with you and save for the work of the **CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY** which aims, in all sorts of ways, to bring hope and freedom to our world.

LENT LUNCHESES start this week and take place in the Costello Centre in Bailiffgate at 12 noon each Thursday. For those who are interested there is a short meditation in the Memorabilia Room at the Costello Centre, 12 -12.30 pm

THANK YOU –a message from Julia and Paul. We want to thank you for your love and prayers and the many lovely cards following Mum's death. We have felt very much supported by you all.

Please note that there is now a new telephone number to be used for **PARISH HALL BOOKINGS**. It is 07375800702. Please let anyone you know who uses the hall (or may be potential hall users) as soon as possible.



The Diocese of Newcastle is about to launch a new strategy with the title **GROWING CHURCH BRINGING HOPE**. The launch will take place at an Open Synod at 10.00 am on Saturday 11th March at Dr Thomlinson CE Middle School, Rothbury. This will set the scene for our working and our priorities over the next five years and anyone interested is welcome to attend. Please let Julia or Paul know if you are interested.

NEWS FROM ARMENIA. A very short e-mail arrived on Thursday morning from Jean Darby to say she had arrived safely in a snowy Yerevan and was heading to Spitak. Please keep her and the people there in your prayers.

Calling all **CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTORS**. We need you again, and as many more people as possible. This year, there is the opportunity to sign up to the street you would feel most comfortable collecting in. Please do consider helping Christian Aid if you possibly can. Funds are needed more than ever as the charity works to support refugees in many different countries.



THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL. The Return of the Prodigal'. Tuesdays from 2-4 pm on March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th & April 4th in St Michael's Parish Hall. Will you be able to spare some time on those days to help set up tables and chairs beforehand, and make tea/coffee? Please let Julia know if you are willing to help. The sessions are open to all but you **MUST** register with Rev'd Julia Myles.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

- Wed 8th March 2.00 pm Mothers' Union in church: *Rob Wilson – Poison Garden*
- Thurs 9th March 12 noon – St Michael's turn to host the Lent Lunch at the Costello Centre
7.00 pm Baptism preparation meeting in church
- Sat 11th March 10.00 am Growing Church Bringing Hope *See paragraph above*
- Sun 12th March 6.00 pm A Celebration of Wholeness and Healing
- Tues 14th March 7.30 pm P.C.C. meeting in church
- Sat 1st April 7.30 pm Northumbria Sinfonietta Concert in Church.
All proceeds to St Michael's Church

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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