



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

26TH JULY 2015. THE 8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

WELCOME!

A very warm welcome to St Michael's – especially if you are with us for the first time or are on holiday. 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 – simply bow your head.

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 & Preacher The Rev'd Julia Myles
Reader: Rob Wilson

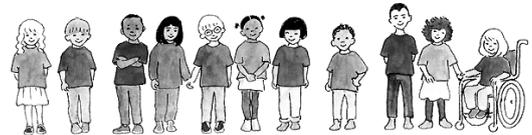
9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

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. Please note that the leaders are having a well-earned rest and Junior Church does not meet again until after the Summer Holidays



INTROIT HYMN J31 Praise the Lord, his glories show

1ST READING 2 Kings 4:42-44 Reader: Richard Dale
(Page 345 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

This brief account of a miraculous meal makes us think of Jesus feeding the crowds. Elisha took a small quantity of bread and grain, and God made it more than enough for a hundred people.

2ND READING Ephesians 3:14-21 Reader: Hazel Shell
(Page 190 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Paul's theme in this letter is the unity of Jew and Gentile in the church, acting as Christ's body. He has expressed his joy that the Christians of Ephesus are fellow-citizens with all Jewish believers, and is now moved to prayer and praise.

GRADUAL HYMN J5 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

THE GOSPEL**John 6:1-21*****(Page 95 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)***

For a few Sundays now, we interrupt the sequence from Mark, and hear John's teaching about bread – bread as necessary daily food and Jesus himself as bread from heaven, food of eternal life. It begins with the miraculous feeding of the five thousand.

SERMON **The Rev'd Julia Myles****PRAYERS** **Intercessor Patricia Kind****OFFERTORY HYMN** **J15 Hail Redeemer, King divine**

After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer A which starts on page 12 of the Ordinary Time booklet

COMMUNION HYMN **J33 Soul of my Saviour****FINAL HYMN** **J2 All for Jesus! All for Jesus!****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

President **The Rev'd Julia Myles**
Address **Clive Watts**

2.00 & 3.00 pm HOLY BAPTISM ***Please pray for:***

Francesca Antonia Stewart and Millie Jean Jeffries

**6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG*****(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)***

Readings: **Job 19:1-27a** ***(p. 478 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)***
 Hebrews 8 ***(p. 219 of the New Testament in the pew bible)***

Reader: **Brian Mattinson****Office** **Trevor Porteous****Preacher** **Trevor Porteous**

Hymns **179** **God of mercy, God of grace**
 Psalm **74, vv 17-end** ***(Page 439 of the small Prayer Book)***
 163 **Angel-voices ever singing**
 194 **King of glory, King of peace**
 7 **O strength and stay upholding all creation**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That God may gather up the fragments of our lives for use in his service
Freedom for the oppressed
All on holiday
The terminally ill
Thanks for our fellowship in faith

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 28th 9.30 am Gateway Planning meeting in Parish Room

Wed 29th 10.15 am Holy Communion

Next Sunday: 2nd August

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion

Exodus 16:2-4 & 9-15

(CW 639)

Ephesians 4:1-16

(CW 640)

John 6:24-35

(CW 641)

9.30 am Holy Communion for the start of the International Music Festival

6.00 pm Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662) Job 28; Hebrews 11:17-31

The August Prayer Diary is now available at the back of church. Please do take a copy to help you with your daily prayers.

Tickets (£5) for the **FLOWER FESTIVAL** Preview Evening (5th August) are available from Michelle Duff. The Festival will then run from Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th August. Anyone willing to help move the flower arranging boards and tables up to church from the Parish Hall on Friday 31st July or Saturday 1st August please contact Michelle or the Office.

Also, anyone willing to help serve wine and nibbles on Wednesday 5th August at the preview night please contact Michelle Duff.

POSSIBLE PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI. We are beginning to put together plans for a pilgrimage to Assisi in May 2016. The pilgrimage will be arranged by Pax Travel, a company that specialises in this sort of trip. We will fly from Newcastle and stay in the centre of Assisi, visiting places nearby connected with the life of St Francis. As yet, we are still very much in the planning stage, and so there are no further details, but Jane led a similar pilgrimage in 2014 and that consisted of a six night stay and the cost was approximately £850. If you are interested in joining us, please have a word with Jane or Paul on 01665 603078.

Please note: The request in July's Gateway for help with the Music Festival to make up beds in the Duchess's High School.' is for **July 29th NOT 27th**.

During the International Music Festival, St Michael's **FUND-RAISING STALL** will be in the Market Place on Tuesday 4th, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th August. Everything home-made, including hand-crafted goods, is welcome, but best-sellers are always baked goods like scones, cakes & tray-bakes, also jams and marmalades. In particular we will need home baked items delivered to the stall each day. If you can help, please do so – and if you have any questions about goods for the stall please contact Pat Taylor on 603811.



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.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 3 rd and Tues 4 th	Set-up days for Flower Festival
Tues 4 th	10.00 am Funeral of Dot Patten
Tues 4 th , Thurs 6 th , Fri 7 th	All day from 10.00 am – Fund-raising stall in the Market Place
Wed 5 th	7.00 pm Preview Evening for Flower Festival
Thurs 6 th - Sunday 9 th	St Michael's Flower Festival
Sun 9 th	6.00 pm Songs of Praise at St Michael's
Mon 10 th	10.00 am Standing Committee at the Vicarage

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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