



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK
26TH MARCH 2017. MOTHERING SUNDAY
THE 4TH SUNDAY OF 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 & Preacher The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Reader Rob Wilson

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

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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, Junior Church is in the Parish Room.



INTROIT HYMN 489 From heaven you came, helpless babe

1ST READING Exodus 2:1-10 **Reader:** Emma Mavin
(Page 50 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

The mother of Moses worked a deception to preserve her son's life, when the Egyptians were controlling the population by killing every new-born Jewish boy.

2ND READING Colossians 3:12-17 **Reader:** Richard Allsop
(Page 199 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Paul writes of the compassionate gifts, forgiveness and love. These, received and given always in the name of Jesus, are a vocation for us all.

GRADUAL 136 Fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers

THE GOSPEL John 19:22-27
(Page 111 of the New Testament in the pew bible)

Mary, who gave birth to Jesus, is there to watch his ugly death. Every mother's heart can suffer with her. In his last agony, Jesus' love for his mother ensures that she is not left alone.

SERMON The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
PRAYERS Intercessor Anne Harrison
OFFERTORY HYMN 537 For the beauty of the earth
COMMUNION HYMN 713 Lord of all hopefulness
CLOSING HYMN 264 The Spirit lives to set us free

11.15 am **LATE MORNING WORSHIP.** *Theme – Seeing and being seen*
 Leader Emma Mavin
 Talk Andrew Duff

6.00 pm **SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)**

Readings: Micah ch.7 *(Page 881 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*
 James ch.5 *(Page 228 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Reader: Jean Darby

Office The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Preacher The Rev'd Julia Myles

Hymns 448 I come with joy, a child of God
 Psalm 31, vv 1-8 *(Page 380 of the small Prayer Book)*
 589 Angel-voices ever singing
 537 For the beauty of the earth
 768 Put thou thy trust in God

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK
 Thanks for all mothers – living and departed
 All affected by the London terrorist attack
 Thanks for Mini Michaels and Messy Church
 Our continued observance of Lent
 Alnwick Community Centre

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 28th 9.30 am Gateway planning meeting in Parish Room
 11.00 am Visit by the Turtles class from St Michael's Primary School
 2.00 pm Funeral of Penny Robinson
 2.00 pm ***Return of the Prodigal:*** in the Parish Hall

Wed 29th **10.15 am** **Holy Communion**

Thurs 30 th	7.30 am	Holy Communion, BCP, followed by a light breakfast
	9.15 am	Mini Michaels in church
	12 noon	Lent Lunch at the Costello Centre
Sat 1 st April	7.30 pm	Northumbria Sinfonietta Concert in church All proceeds to St Michael's Church

Next Sunday

2nd April The 5th Sunday of Lent Passiontide begins

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Ezekiel 37:1-14	CW 105
		Romans 8:6-11	CW 106
		John 11:1-45	CW 106
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist	<i>Readings as for 8.00 am service</i>	
2.00 pm	Holy Baptism		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)	Lamentations 3:19-33; Matthew 20:17-24	

VISIT TO HEXHAM ABBEY. As part of our preparation for the heritage activities based around the historic graffiti on the Tower Roof our PCC is visiting the Abbey on Tuesday May 9th. We will have two short talks about their education work and their heritage preservation and presentation, midday Eucharist, lunch in the Wilfrid room and time to look around their heritage exhibitions & even a bit of shopping! We will travel in cars at 8.30 am and leave Hexham at 2.30pm-ish. Cost £10 to include lunch and drinks. There will be some extra spaces so if you are interested in getting involved with such activities at St Michael's please do speak to/email Julia and come along.

The **NORTHUMBRIA SINFONIETTA CONCERT** takes place here in St Michael's at 7.30 pm this coming Saturday. We are very grateful to Bryan Jackson and the members of the orchestra for this opportunity to hear what promises to be a splendid programme of music and to use it as a fund-raising event for church. **Publicity is vital!** Please come yourself and encourage friends and neighbours. Flyers and posters are still available. Please do all you can to make this a really successful event.

Come and enjoy an **EASTER DAY AFTERNOON TEA** in the Parish Hall at 4.00 pm on 16th April. Tickets will be available in the near future. Please see Pat Taylor to secure yours.



Many thanks to all who have responded to the **MOTHERS' UNION BACKPACK APPEAL**. In the last 2 Sundays your donations have reached an amazing £182.00. This is in response to the recent request for £2 to help provide backpacks containing basic goods for prisoners as they leave **HMP Northumberland**. If you feel able to help, please hand your contribution to Val Hawker, Pat Tweed or Anne Cooke. Many thanks.

At the back of church you will find a copy of our **ELECTORAL ROLL**, which must be revised before the APCM. Please take time to check the details for yourself, and tell Anne Cooke (Our Electoral Roll Officer) of any changes or discrepancies. There is also a supply of Application Forms – if you are not on the Roll, please do take a form, complete and return it to Anne as soon as possible and by 9th April at the latest. Membership is essential if you wish to take a full part in the Annual Meeting on April 23rd.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Wed 5 th April	2.00 pm	St Michael's Primary School Easter Service in church
Fri 7 th April	10.00 am	Big Clean in church.
Sat 8 th April	11.00 am	Alnwick Spring Show at Willowburn Sports & Leisure Centre
Sun 9 th April	7.30 pm	Alnwick & District Choral Society Spring Concert in St Paul's Church
Wed 12 th April	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union in church: <i>Canon Paul Scott – Holy Week</i>
Fri 14 th April	12 noon	Christians Together in Alnwick – Service in the Market Place
Sun 23 rd April	4.00 pm	Easter Vestry & Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Parish Hall
Thurs 27 th April	7.00 pm	Growth and Fruitfulness Regional Tour – at St James' URC <i>See Notice Board for details</i>
Tues 9 th May	8.30 am	PCC (and others) visit to Hexham Abbey

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