



# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

## 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016. THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 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 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.

*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  
Reader

The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott  
Holly Petrie

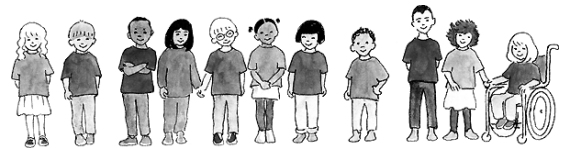
### 9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

**Setting: Mass of St Thomas**

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. For older children, Junior Church is in the Parish Room.*



INTROIT HYMN 39 Hills of the North, rejoice

### 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

Reader: Honey Hughes

*(Page 641 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

The Bible tells us so much about God's past dealings with his people. All our readings in the Advent Season speak of the future in God's ultimate will. Even for Isaiah, in turbulent times, there is expectancy and the hope of peace, when all people shall come together to worship the one who has come to us in holiness.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

Romans 13:11-14

Reader: Rosie Buxton

*(Page 158 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Isaiah and all Israel expected a new age of the Messiah. For Paul's readers, as for us, the new time has come – not yet in its fullness, but begun in the coming of Jesus Christ. Our behaviour must therefore be suitable to these decisive times, nearer every day to the Christ who will come again.

### GRADUAL

380 Come, Lord, to our souls come down

**THE GOSPEL****Matthew 24:36-44***(Page 26 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

In this new church year, the Gospel on most Sundays will be from that of Matthew. Here, Jesus has some warnings for his disciples about the final coming of the Son of Man. His kingdom will mean a separation between those who are expectant and those left unprepared. God may refuse those who eternally refuse him.

**SERMON****The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott****PRAYERS****Intercessor Anne Harrison****OFFERTORY HYMN****37 Hark, what a sound, and too divine for hearing**

**After the Offertory, the service continues with the Eucharistic Prayer which starts on page 9 of the Advent booklet**

**COMMUNION HYMN****464 Sweet Sacrament divine****CLOSING HYMN****41 Lo, he comes with clouds descending****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP**Leader **Rachel Robinson**Talk **Annette Playle****1.00 pm Wedding Blessing of Matthew Young and Wendy Grenyer****3.00 pm HOLY BAPTISM *Please pray for:*****Ruby Isabelle Hollingworth****6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)**Readings: **Isaiah 52:1-12** *(Page 693 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)***Matthew 24:15-28** *(Page 26 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*Reader: **Stanley Trafford**Office **The Rev'd Colin Perkins**Preacher **The Rev'd Colin Perkins**Hymns **51 The Lord will come and not be slow****Psalm 9 vv 1-8** *(Page 354 of the small Prayer Book)***36 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes****37 Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing****50 The advent of our King**

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**  
**That we may find room in our hearts for Jesus**  
**Christians Together in Alnwick**  
**All who struggle in the cold weather**  
**Those who hold positions of power and authority**  
**Our Cathedral Church of St Nicholas**

**WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Advent with Isaiah at Park Cottage, Hulne Park
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Alnwick Music Society Concert in the Playhouse
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.15 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	2.00 pm	Alnwick Hearing Group at St Paul's Court
	7.00 pm	Christians Together in Alnwick meeting, Alnwick Baptist Church
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9.15 am	Mini Michaels
	2.00 pm	'Something More' at 10 Allerburn Lea
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	10.00 am	Quiet Day at Shepherd's Dene, Riding Mill: Chaps 8 & 9 of 'Something More'. £17 including lunch.
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	12 noon	Ecumenical Carol Singing in the Market Place

**Next Sunday: 4th December      The Second Sunday of Advent**

***The Prophets***

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Isaiah 11:1-10</b>	<b>(CW 6)</b>
		<b>Romans 15:4-13</b>	<b>(CW 7)</b>
		<b>Matthew 3:1-12</b>	<b>(CW 8)</b>
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>First Sunday Eucharist</b>	<i>Readings as for 8.00 am service</i>	
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)</b>	<b>1 Kings 18:17-39;</b>	<b>John 1:19-28</b>

Please note anyone is welcome to join the **QUIET DAY** at Shepherd's Dene this Friday (2nd December) 10-4pm £17 including lunch and drinks & cookies. We shall be considering stillness and the arts (Chaps 8&9 of Something More but you don't need to have read it). We can possibly help with lifts at 8.45 a.m. **Please tell Julia before Wednesday.**

**MANY THANKS** to everyone who has worked so hard for last week's Winter Market. There is a detailed breakdown of sales on the Notice Board, but you will be pleased to know that we raised £2342.95p – well done folks!

Are you offering a home for the night to Mary and Joseph during Advent? If you haven't yet done so, there is still time to add your name to one of the vacant slots on the **POSADA ROTA** which you will find at the back of church.



Do you prefer to have a home-made (undecorated) **CHRISTMAS CAKE**? Susan Trafford will be making these again this year. If you would like one, please contact Susan with your order. Sizes and prices are:

8" £10.50; 7" £8; 6" £5.50



Please consider helping at our **BIG CLEAN** on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Donations towards the cost of purchasing **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** would also be appreciated over the Advent season. Many thanks.

I shall be collecting **BIBLE NOTES** for next year soon. We order 'New Daylight' and 'Day by Day with God'. If you would like me to get some for you please let me know, Pat Taylor

**LUNCHES WITH LIZ** – the cookery book produced in memory of our dear friend Liz Holmes is on sale at the back of church. £10 per copy with proceeds going to Liz's favourite charities.

**CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS** are ready for distribution and are on a table at the back of church. Please take a bundle and deliver as soon as possible.

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

Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00 pm	Alnwick (St Paul's) Educational Charity at the Vicarage
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00 pm	Baptism Preparation meeting in church
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.15 am	Mothers' Union Deanery Advent Eucharist at St Michael's
	2.00 pm	St Michael's School Carol Service in church
	7.00 pm	Mayor's Carol Service in St Michael's
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00 pm	Apple Blossom Nursery Carol Concert in church
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00 am	Big Clean in church
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00 am	Messy Church in Parish Hall
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00 pm	Carol Concert at Abbeyfield House

**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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