



St Michael's Church, Alnwick
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28th December 2014 The Feast of The Holy Innocents

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 & Preacher	The Rev'd Paul Scott
Reader	Hilary Atkin

9.30 am **SUNG EUCHARIST** *Setting: Mass of St Cedd*

President The Rev'd Colin Perkins

HYMN **36** Christians awake! Salute the happy morn *Omit verses 3 & 6*

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

*Junior Church meets in the Parish Room- all children welcome.
Under 5s with a parent please or you may like to use the
Children's Corner (at the back of church).*



1ST READING **Jeremiah 31:15-17** **Reader: Margaret Onions**
(Page 745 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

The Gospel quotes this lament, as a prophecy fulfilled when so many Jewish boys were slaughtered by Herod. But Jeremiah's word for the exiled people of his time promised a return from what was not death but merely separation.

2ND READING **1 Corinthians 1: 26-29** **Reader: Tom Ochocinski**
(Page 162 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

The life of faith has its strange paradoxes, as Paul knew well. In all the intimidation of worldly power, God chooses the weak to show his true power working to bring down tyranny and save his people.

GRADUAL **33** Of the Father's love begotten

THE GOSPEL**Matthew 2:13-18*****(Page 2 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)***

The word of the Lord to Joseph was a command to flee for safety, so that Jesus would be preserved during the devastating slaughter of all the innocent boys whom Herod's soldiers could find.

SERMON**The Rev'd Paul Scott****PRAYERS****Intercessor: Douglas Ramsay****OFFERTORY HYMN****462****Glory to God! All heaven with joy is ringing**

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

COMMUNION HYMN**256****Let all mortal flesh keep silence****FINAL HYMN****40****O little town of Bethlehem****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP*****A Quiet Service of The Word*****Leader****Rachel Robinson****2.00 pm****HOLY BAPTISM *Please pray for:*****Buddy Jay Angus****4.00 pm****CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA in the Parish Hall****6.00 pm****SUNG EVENSONG*****(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)*****Readings:****Isaiah 49:14-25 *(p. 690 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)*****Mark 10:13-16 *(p. of the New Testament in the pew bible)*****Reader:****Jean Darby****Office****The Rev'd Paul Scott****Preacher****The Rev'd Colin Perkins****Hymns****43****A great and mighty wonder****Psalm****128 *(Page 517 of the small prayer book)*****39****Angels from the realms of glory****462****Glory to God! All heaven with joy is ringing****33****Of the Father's love begotten**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

All children who suffer cruelty and harm

Thanks for the child in the manger

Alnwick Food Bank

That 2015 may be a year of spiritual growth

The peace of the world

*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.*

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 29th 11.30 am Funeral of Walter Hall

Wed 31st 10.15 am **Holy Communion**

Thurs 1st Jan **The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**
10.00 am Holy Communion

Sat 3rd Jan 2.30 pm Wedding of Anthony Fenton-Wells & Elizabeth Brierley

Next Sunday: 4th January The Epiphany of Our Lord

8.00 am Holy Communion Isaiah 60:1-6 (CW 414)

Ephesians 3:1-12 (CW 415)

Matthew 2:1-12 (CW 417)

9.30 am First Sunday Eucharist

6.00 pm Sung Evensong, BCP 1662

Paul and Jane, Julia and Paul would like to thank everyone at St Michael's for their kind thoughts and Christmas wishes and indeed for their support all through the year. In sending their Christmas greetings to you they pray that you will know the peace of the Christ Child in your hearts and every blessing in the coming year.



OUR NEXT BISHOP

Thank you to all who completed the on-line questionnaire – there were over 700 responses. There is to be an important public meeting on the evening of **Wednesday 14th January**, at the Falcons Rugby Club, Kingston Park. Please do consider attending this meeting; it is important that there is a good attendance when the Appointments Secretaries of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Prime Minister will be present to hear views and answer questions. We hope it will be possible to arrange transport. If you are interested please speak to the Vicar or Richard Allsop.



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

Sat 3rd Jan 2.30 pm Wedding of Anthony Fenton-Wells & Elizabeth Brierley

Sun 4th Jan The Epiphany of Our Lord

Wed 14th Jan 12 noon Soup and Cake lunch

Sun 18th Jan 12 noon Sunday Lunch in Parish Hall

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins with,,,,,

6.00 pm Ecumenical Songs of Praise at St Michael's

Sat 24th Jan 7.00 pm Burns Night supper in the Parish Hall

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