



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

28TH FEBRUARY 2016

THE THIRD 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 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 The Rev'd Julia Myles
Preacher Trevor Porteous
Reader Mora Rolley

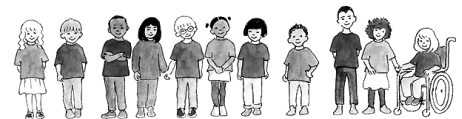
9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: A People's Mass

President The Rev'd Julia Myles

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 young people and older children, Junior Church is in the Parish Room



INTROIT HYMN

448 I come with joy, a child of God

1ST READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

Reader: Vivienne Graves

(Page 696 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

We can hear these ancient prophetic words as a summons for ourselves, to put God first, to seek him and listen to him. Like Jesus in today's Gospel, Isaiah calls us to repentance, for God is great and freely forgiving.

2ND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Reader: Cath. Hughes

(Page 168 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

This passage is a reminder of the fate of people who were determined to rebel against God. We, says Paul, should be strong to resist anything tempting us away from the life to which Christ calls us.

GRADUAL 131 O for a closer walk with God

THE GOSPEL Luke 13:1-9
(Page 72 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Jesus refers to some recent events in warning of the need for repentance. A parable suggests that God always allows us second and third chances to turn to a truly fruitful life.

SERMON Trevor Porteous

PRAYERS Intercessor Anne Harrison

OFFERTORY HYMN 708 'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee

After the Offertory, the service continues with the Eucharistic Prayer which starts on page 20 of the Lent booklet

COMMUNION HYMN 664 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

FINAL HYMN 652 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

11.15 am 11.15 am **LATE MORNING WORSHIP**

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Leader Claire Mead

President The Rev'd Canon Dennis Winter

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

With thanksgiving for the life of the late Joe Kent

Readings: Genesis 28:10-19 *(p. 25 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)*
John 1:35-end *(p. 89 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

Reader: Rosie Buxton

Office The Rev'd Paul Scott

Preacher The Rev'd Colin Perkins

Hymns 713 Lord of hopefulness

Psalm 67 *(Page 425 of the small Prayer Book)*

589 Angel-voices ever singing

579 I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above

24 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

Thanks to God for his limitless capacity to forgive

Those who work for justice and peace

Alan, our Organist, and the Choir

Thanks for Elizabeth, our Queen

St. Michael's First School: its pupils, staff, parents & governors

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 29th	10.00 am	Funeral of Eileen Morris
	7.00 pm	Faith and Life at the Vicarage
Tues 1 st Mar	2.00 pm	Lent Course: ENCOUNTERS: <i>At the Vicarage</i>
Wed 2nd Mar	10.15am	Holy Communion with the Falcons from St Michael's School
	7.30 pm	Lent Course: ENCOUNTERS: <i>at 35 Hillcrest Park</i>
Thurs 3rd Mar	7.30 am	Holy Communion, BCP followed by breakfast
	9.15 am	Mini Michaels in church
	12 noon	Lent Lunch in the Costello Centre
Fri 4 th Mar	1.45 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer at St Paul's Church
Sat 5 th Mar	9.00 am	'Big Brekky' at 10 Allerburn Lea, raising funds for Christian Aid
	2.00 pm	Embroiderer's Guild in Parish Hall: <i>DIY Embroidery. See poster</i>
Sun 6 th Mar	7.30 pm	Alnwick & District Choral Society at St Paul's Church: <i>Mainly Mozart – A Concert to Welcome Spring £10 at the door</i>

Next Sunday: 6th March Mothering Sunday

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Exodus 2:1-10	(CW 830)
		Colossian 3:12-17	(CW 832)
		John 19:25-27	(CW 833)
9.30 am	First Sunday Eucharist with Blessing & Distribution of Flowers		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Isaiah 40:27-41:13; 2 Timothy 4:1-18	

Do keep considering the Vicar's 'LENTEN CHALLENGE'! You are asked to spend some 'quality time' recognising and giving thanks for the gifts and talents you have been given by God and considering how you may best use them to help St. Michael's be a force for good – both within the church community and more widely in our town. We will be seeking responses from you towards the end of Lent.

Do you enjoy meeting folk over a cuppa after the 9.30 on Sundays? If so, to keep this going, we urgently need more volunteers to help make and serve the refreshments. This entails coming to church a little earlier and staying behind for about half-an-hour, 2 or 3 times a quarter. If you think could you help, please have a word with Paul, Julia or Sue Porteous. Thank you.

You are Invited to our **BIG BREKKIE AT 9 am**. Save lives with a Sausage! There are fliers at the back of church for you to take and give to family/friends; please make a note of the dates: 5th March at 10 Allerburn Lea and 19th March at the Vicarage, and come along to help raise funds for **CHRISTIAN AID**.

The revision of our **ELECTORAL ROLL** takes place before the APCM. The present roll is on display at the back of church. Please check your details and record any alterations or corrections on the sheet provided; if you are not on the Roll and wish to be, please take and complete an Application Form from the supply provided.

NEW READING MATERIAL. The March edition of **Gateway** is now on sale at the back of church, price £1. There is also a new 'Link' (our Diocesan Newspaper) and the **March Prayer Diary**. Please collect your copies as soon as possible.

PREPARING FOR EASTER Please come and join the merry band of helpers from 10.00 am on the morning of Friday 18th March for the **BIG CLEAN**. Any time you can spare will be appreciated – cleaning materials and hot drinks are provided (and maybe even a hot-crossed bun).

Don't forget that your help is needed to make **PALM CROSSES** for Palm Sunday – please come and join in at 2.00 pm, Friday 18th March in the Small Hall. Instruction available if needed so all you will need is a small pair of sharp scissors. Please bring some food for a shared afternoon tea afterwards.

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FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Tues 8 th Mar	10.00 am	Funeral of Derek Charlton
	7.30 pm	PCC meeting in Small Hall
Wed 9 th Mar	10.15am	Holy Communion with Mothers' Union followed by Lenten Reflection
Sat 12 th Mar	9.30 am	St James' Church Centre – Spring Coffee Morning. <i>All the usual stalls. £1 admission, incl coffee & biscuits</i>
Sun 13 th Mar	6.00 pm	Installation of The Rev'd Paul Scott as an Honorary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral
Mon 14 th Mar	7.00pm	Alnwick Deanery Synod at Warkworth
Fri 18 th Mar	10.00 am	Big Clean morning at St Michael's
	2.00 pm	Palm Cross making in the Small Hall. Shared tea afterwards
Sat 19 th Mar	9.00 am	Christian Aid Big Brekkie at the Vicarage
Sun 27 th Mar	4.00 pm	Easter Day afternoon tea in Parish Hall
Sun 3 rd Apr	4.00 pm	St Michael's Annual Parochial Church Meeting Parish Hall

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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