



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK
29TH JANUARY 2017. CANDLEMAS
(THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE)

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 and Preacher The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Reader Mora Rolley

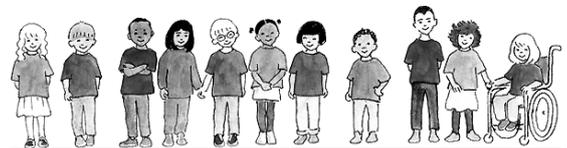
9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: Mass of St Cedd

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 older children, Junior Church is in the Parish Room.



INTROIT HYMN 2 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

1ST READING Malachi 3:1-5 Reader: Pauline Buckham-Bonnett
(Page 904 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

In today's Gospel, Simeon will greet the infant Jesus in the Temple. Malachi speaks of the Lord coming suddenly; he knows, like Simeon, that to encounter the Lord is a mixed blessing because we have to face his testing and purifying.

2ND READING Hebrews 2:14-18 Reader: Jean Darby
(Page 216 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Christ became flesh and blood like us, says this writer, and we shall hear how his parents did the same as for every first-born child is Israel. Jesus fully shared our human condition, so that he could unite us all to God.

GRADUAL 641 Glorious things of thee are spoken

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 31 st	9.30 am	Gateway magazine planning meeting in Parish Room
Wed 1 st Feb	10.15 am	Holy Communion with the Jellyfish (Yr 1) of St Michael's CE Primary School
	7.00 pm	Christians Together in Alnwick: AGM at St James' URC Includes desserts! ALL WELCOME
Thur 2 nd	9.15 am	Mini Michaels in church
	7.00 pm	'The Final Five' at 2 Duke's Memorial Cottages
Fri 3 rd	2.00 pm	Diocesan launch of "Parish Giving Scheme" in St Michael's

Next Sunday 5th February. The 4th Sunday before Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]	(CW 62)
		1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 [13-16]	(CW 64)
		Matthew 5: 13-20	(CW 65)
9.30 am	First Sunday Eucharist	<i>Readings as for 8.00 am service</i>	
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)	Amos 2:4-16;	Ephesians 4:17-32

WEEKEND ON HOLY ISLAND 3rd - 5th March 2017. 15 people from St Michael's are looking forward to this weekend, and Marygate House is therefore fully booked. If you would like to come but didn't get your name down in time, please contact Jean Sawyer. If a space becomes available, and the bedroom arrangements will allow it, Jean will get in touch to see if you can take up the place.

Events at **SHEPHERD'S DENE**, Riding Mill : **Quiet Fridays in Lent.** £20 incl lunch 9.30-4pm. Julia can drive three people on 24th & 31st Mar, 7th April. **Quiet Overnight.** from 10.00 a.m. Tues 25th until 11.30 a.m. Wed 26th April. Incl lunch approx £75 full board. £7.50 deposit required ASAP please. **JULIA NEEDS TO BOOK THESE STRAIGHT AWAY SO DO TELL HER QUICKLY.**

BROADWOOD BABY GRAND piano seeks lodgings. The owners would prefer someone to enjoy it rather than have to return it to storage. They may wish to have the piano back in the future, but probably not for several years. If you or someone known to you might be interested then please contact Julia.

The February editions of **GATEWAY** and our **PRAYER DIARY** are now ready at the back of church. Magazine distributors, please let Joan Dunn know of any changes to the number of copies you require or subscribers, Thanks

The final total for our fundraising effort for the **GALLERY YOUTH PROJECT** is a wonderful £535.00! Thank you so much to absolutely everyone, it was such a wonderful team effort - those manning the posts on the soup day, washers up, bakers, givers of gifts and prizes for the stalls, those who so very generously filled the plates in church last Sunday and finally the hidden people who counted the money afterwards. We will be hearing in due course exactly what the money will be used for. Thank you one and all. *Sue Wiltshire*

People have responded magnificently to take part in our **PARISH HALL DRAW**. There are only 15 spaces left – so please sign up today if at all possible (list at back of church). For an annual subscription of £20 you will be eligible to win a monthly cash prize (3 prizes each month: £20, £10, £5). We take this opportunity to thank Geoff Brown for the years he has administered this scheme and to Martin Downey who has kindly agreed to take on the job.

Lent will soon be upon us and full details will be published soon. Before that comes **SHROVE TUESDAY AND OUR PANCAKE PARTY**. Tickets are still available today. Do purchase yours and encourage friends and neighbours to come along to this social occasion which is always a pleasant evening.



In Lent 2017 David Bryan will help us explore our faith using Henri Nouwen's renowned reflection '**THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL**'. Tuesdays from 2-4pm on Mar 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th & April 4th in St Michael's Parish Hall. Will you be able to spare some time on those days to help set up tables and chairs beforehand, and make tea/coffee? Please let Julia know if you are willing to help. The sessions are open to all but you **MUST** register with Rev'd Julia Myles

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Wed 8 th Feb	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union in church: A.G.M.
Tues 14 th Feb	3.00 pm	Mini Michaels team meeting in Parish Room
Tues 28 th Feb	7.00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party in Parish Hall
1 st Mar		Ash Wednesday
	10.15 am & 7.30 pm	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

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