

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

29TH NOVEMBER 2015. ADVENT SUNDAY

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	The Rev'd Jane Scott
Reader:	Mora Rolley

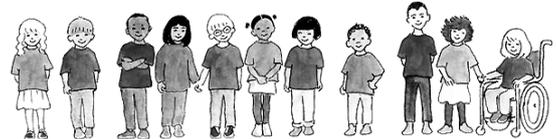
9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

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 and young people, Junior Church takes place in the Parish Room.



INTROIT HYMN 39 Hills of the North, rejoice

1ST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16 Reader: Wilhelm Barren
(Page 749 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

Parts of our book called 'Jeremiah' are from a later commentary on his work. Here, one such passage repeats the prophet's promise that a righteous king will be born of David's line. It is a fitting introduction to our preparation for the saviour's birth.

2ND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Reader: Brian Mattinson
(Page 201 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Paul prays he may have the opportunity to see these friends again, who are faithful under great hardships; and that they will continue strong and loving until that time when the Lord Jesus comes again.

GRADUAL HYMN 815 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21: 25-36

(Page 82 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

In this new church year, the Gospel on most Sundays will be that of Luke. Jesus speaks in this passage of the future coming of the Son of Man. He expects a time of great distress before the end of the world, and the faithful must be alert and stand firm

SERMON**The Rev'd Jane Scott****PRAYERS**Intercessor **Anne Harrison****OFFERTORY HYMN****54 Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling**

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

COMMUNION HYMN**434 Christ bids us break the bread****FINAL HYMN****30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP**Leader **Jane Brown**Address **The Rev'd Jane Scott****6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)**

Readings: Joel 3: 9-21 *(p. 863 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)*
 Revelation 14:13 to 15:4
(p. 252 of the New Testament in the pew bible)

Reader: **Anita Harvey****Office** **John Cooke****Preacher** **John Cooke****Hymns** **25 We praise you, Father, for your gift****Psalm** **9, vv 1-8 [9-20] *(Page 354 of the small Prayer Book)*****41 Lo, he comes with clouds descending****30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus****29 Come now, O Prince of Peace****WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Mon 30th 9.30 am **Holy Communion for the Feast of St Andrew the Apostle**
 11.00 am Bishop Christine's Consecration at York Minster

Tues 1st 11.00 am Funeral of Sister Brigid at St Paul's Church

Wed 2nd 10.15 am **Holy Communion with the Penguins of St Michael's School**

Sat 5th Dec 10.00 am Christians Together in Alnwick: Christmas Market Stall
 12.30 pm Christmas Carols in the Market Place. All welcome to join in and sing!

Sat 5th (ctd) 2.00 pm Christmas Fair at Abbeyfield House. Coffee/tea, raffle etc.

Sun 6th Dec 11.00 am Sunday Schools Together Christmas Craft Session in Parish Hall.
Please note: No Junior Church this day

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That we may be filled with Advent hope

Christians Together in Alnwick

Our Servers & Sacristans

All who have been injured or lost their lives in terrorist attacks

Christine, our Bishop, in this week of her Consecration

Next Sunday: 6th December The Second Sunday of Advent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Malachi 3:1-4 Philippians 1:33-11 Luke 3:1-6	(CW 738) (CW 739) (CW 740)
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9.30 am First Sunday Eucharist

6.00 pm Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662) Isaiah 40:1-11; Luke 1:1-25



Will you have an hour or so to spare on Friday 11th December? We really need your help and support for St Michael's **BIG CLEAN** that morning – to get the church looking good, and ready for the Christmas season. Please come and join the happy band at 10.00 am; cleaning materials and a hot drink provided. The more people we have, the merrier... see you then!

Alnwick Skate Park fundraising committee invite you to a **FUNDRAISING BINGO** event on Wednesday Dec 16th, 6.00 pm at Alnwick Community Centre. If anyone could bake Festive cookies or cakes for this event please let Julia know.

CHRISTMAS CAKES are being made to order again this year by Susan Trafford. If you would like to have a home-baked cake rather than a bought one, please order from Susan. Prices are: 6" cake - £6, 7" cake £9 , 8" cake £12. Please order by phoning Susan or contacting the Office.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY ADVENT CANDLE APPEAL. Please help raise much-needed funds for this most deserving of causes. Savings candles are available this morning and we would ask that you give what you can over the Christmas period and return your candle to church on the feast of Candlemas which we will observe on Sunday 31st January.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS are now bundled up into streets and ready for delivery. Please could you help with distributing those for which St. Michael's is responsible? If your street is not awaiting collection, please take some for another part of the town so that all may receive a Christmas greeting and know when our services are taking place.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Contributions towards the cost of decorating the church for Christmas would be gratefully received. Please hand your donations to Ann Brown, Enid Brown or Pat Taylor.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR CHRISTMAS Next Sunday – 6th December – Valerie Pomfret has kindly agreed to provide a sales table of olive wood goods made in Bethlehem including nativity scenes, candle holders and Christmas tree decorations. These items may be just what you're looking for as small gifts of stocking fillers and 50% of the proceeds will be donated to St Michael's. Don't forget to have a look!

A big thank you to all those who supported the Coffee Morning in aid of **ANGEL TREE** last Saturday. Including some other generous donations we raised over £400! This should buy presents, with postage, for around 26 children! Thank you again, Sue Allen & Claire Mead.

We will be decorating a **CHRISTMAS TREE** in the Playhouse again this year. If you have any 'spare' stars in your Christmas decoration box you may like to donate it! Or maybe you would like to buy a new one. It would be lovely to create a spectacular tree, decorated with stars, for all the town to see. If you can help please contact Pat Taylor before December 5th (the 'decorating' date!) Many thanks.

Mothers' Union **DEANERY ADVENT EUCHARIST** is on Wednesday-9th December at 10.15 am followed by refreshments. The speaker will be Mrs Barbara Packer, who is President Elect of Newcastle Diocese Mothers' Union. Men and women are all very welcome

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

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| Wed 9 th Dec | 10.15 am | Mothers' Union Deanery Advent Eucharist in St Michael's |
| | 2.00 pm | Alnwick (St Paul's Educational Charity meeting at the Vicarage) |
| | 6.30 pm | Scouts Carol Service in St Michael's |
| Fri 11 th Dec | 10.00 am | Big clean in church |
| Sat 12 th Dec | 11.00 am | Bishop Christine's Inauguration at St Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle |
| Wed 16 th Dec | 6.00 pm | Skateboard Group Fundraising Bingo at Community Centre |

Details of Christmas Worship are on page 24 of the Gateway – on sale at the back of church.

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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