



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

30TH JULY 2017. THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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	The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Preacher	John Cooke
Reader	Rob Wilson

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: Mass of St Thomas

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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.



INTROIT HYMN	9	When morning gilds the skies
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1ST READING	1 Kings 3:5-12	Reader: Richard Allsop
	<i>(Page 315 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)</i>	

Jesus' teaching in parables reveals that there is only one thing worth having: he called it the kingdom of heaven. King Solomon called it wisdom, and here he prays to God for this above all else.

2ND READING	Romans 8: 26-39	Reader: Pat Taylor
	<i>(Page 154 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)</i>	

Paul moves from the ethical teaching we have heard in recent weeks, to rejoice that we who can call God 'Abba', Father, want to talk to him, and his Spirit enables us to pray. We are one vast family of Christian brothers and sisters, and nothing – no created thing whatsoever – can separate this family from God's love in Jesus.

GRADUAL	688	Jesu, the very thought of thee
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THE GOSPEL**Matthew 13:31-33 & 44-52***(Page 14 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

Most of Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven came in parables. Not everyone could instantly understand them, but they were cherished by the first Christians. Here, he gives four such illustrations to show the immense value and the vast size of his kingdom.

SERMON**John Cooke****PRAYERS****Intercessor John Cooke****OFFERTORY HYMN****595 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart**

After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer E which starts on page 11 of the Ordinary Time booklet

COMMUNION HYMN**681 In heavenly love abiding****CLOSING HYMN****644 God is love: let heav'n adore him****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP****Leader Emma Mavin****Talk The Rev'd Canon Dennis Winter****6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)****Readings:****1 Kings 6:11-14, 23-end***(Page 318 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)***Acts 12:1-17***(Page 127 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)***Reader:****Stanley Trafford****Office****The Rev'd Colin Perkins****Preacher****The Rev'd Colin Perkins****Hymns****696 Jesus, where'er thy people meet****Psalm 76** *(Page 440 of the small Prayer Book)***242 Come, Holy Spirit, come****537 For the beauty of the earth****602 Blest are the pure in heart****FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

- That the message of the Gospel will lead us into Growing Church Bringing Hope
- Julia and the people of the Arle Valley Benefice as she begins her ministry there
- The terminally ill – and all who care for them
- Our Flower Festival and Market Stall
- The work of the Emergency Services

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 31 st July	7.00 pm	Julia's Licensing at The Church of St John the Baptist, New Alresford
3 rd -6 th August	10.00 am	St Michael's Flower Festival
Tues 1 st Aug	10.00 am	St Michael's Craft Stall in Alnwick Market Place
Wed 2nd August	10.15 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Flower Festival Preview Evening
Thurs 3 rd Aug	10.00 am	St Michael's Craft Stall in the Market Place
	12.30 pm	Wedding of Adam Fitzgerald and Kimberley Valums
Fri 4 th Aug	10.00 am	St Michael's Craft Stall in the Market Place
Sat 5 th Aug	4.30 pm	Wedding of Mark McCann and Claire Swordy

Next Sunday 6th August The Transfiguration of our Lord

8.00 am	Holy Communion	1 Kings 3:5-12	CW 268
		Romans 8:26-39	CW 269
		Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	CW 269
9.30 am	First Sunday Eucharist		
6.00 pm	Big Sing in St Michael's		

ST MICHAEL'S FLOWER FESTIVAL starts on Wednesday....

- The **PREVIEW EVENING** will be opened by our Archdeacon, the Venerable Peter Robinson. Tickets, price £5 to include a glass of wine and nibbles, are available from Pat Taylor.



- **RAFFLE PRIZES** would be gratefully received. Please leave them at the back of church or hand to a Churchwarden.

- The **BIG SING** will take place at 6.00 pm next Sunday 6th August. Favourite hymns chosen by all of the churches in Alnwick are now being analysed. Do come along and join in singing the most popular



- **POSTERS AND FLYERS** are still available at the back of church. Please help in making the event known by delivering to shop and others public places.



Alongside the Flower Festival (and as part of the Music Festival) St Michael's will be holding a **HOME-MADE GOODS STALL** in the Market Place this coming Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Please do keep donations of goods flowing, especially individually wrapped portions of savoury items, which are always in great demand. If you have any queries please speak to Pat Taylor who will be very happy to help. This is one of our important fund raisers so please do all you can (including coming along with your friends to buy) to help make it a success.

OUR SPONSORED WALK. (approx 6 miles) takes place on **SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER**. If you haven't already done so, please do sign up as soon as possible if you would like to take part. Sponsor forms will be available very soon and we hope we will be able to raise a significant sum for church funds.



The August edition of **GATEWAY** is now on sale at the back of church, price £1, including some stunning photos from the recent wedding of Max Percy and his Princess in Bavaria and an article about the work of Mercy Ships.

The August **PARISH PRAYER DIARY** is also available today. Please take one home with you – we should never underestimate the power of regular prayer for our town.

Julia & family's new address is available from the Office.

A '**thank-you**' card has arrived from them. We have placed it on the Welcome Table for all to read. Do keep Julia in your prayers as the date of her licensing TOMORROW (31st July) is almost here.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 11 th Aug	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod
Sat 2 nd Sept	10.00 am	Sponsored Walk
Thurs 7 th Sept.	9.30 am	Mini Michaels return after the holidays
Tues 12 th Sept	7.30 pm	PCC in Parish Hall
Wed 13 th Sept	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union in church: <i>Rob Wilson – Poison Garden</i>
Fri 15 th Sept	10.00 am	Big Clean in church
Sun 17 th Sept	2.30 pm	Battle of Britain Service in St Michael's

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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