



St Michael's Church, Alnwick
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30th November 2014 The First Sunday of Advent

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	The Rev'd Paul Scott
Preacher:	The Rev'd Julia Myles
Reader	Holly Petrie

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

President The Rev'd Julia Myles

HYMN 178 Hills of the North, rejoice

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 **Isaiah 64:1-9** **Reader: Judy Jobson**
(Page 704 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

As we begin to prepare once more to celebrate the Saviour's birth, this reading recalls how God has been known in mighty acts with and for his people. Isaiah pleads for the Lord to come again, and to forgive all their sins.

2ND READING **1 Corinthians 1:3-9** **Reader: Dennis Dalby**
(Page 162 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

The Hebrew people anticipated a 'Day of the Lord'. This hope became for Christians the time when the world will know the full presence of Christ in glory. While we wait, there is much to be thankful for as we share God's grace and peace now.

GRADUAL **342 Awake, awake, fling off the night**

THE GOSPEL**Mark 13: 24-37*****(Page 48 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)***

We begin today a series of readings from Mark's Gospel. Here, Jesus is speaking to his friends about the future and the final coming of the Son of Man. Jesus expects a time of great distress in the world, and tells them to be vigilant and to stand firm.

SERMON**The Rev'd Julia Myles****PRAYERS****Intercessor: Margaret Onions****OFFERTORY HYMN****28****Lo, he comes with clouds descending**

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

COMMUNION HYMN**405****O day of God, draw nigh****FINAL HYMN****29****The Lord will come and not be slow****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP****Leader: Rachel Robinson****Address: The Rev'd Julia Myles****6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG *(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)*****Readings: Isaiah 1:1-20 *(p. 640 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)*****Matthew 21:1-13 *(p. 21 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*****Reader: Susan Trafford****Office: The Rev'd Colin Perkins****Preacher: John Cooke****Hymns 25 The advent of our King****Psalm 25, vv 1-9 *(Page 373 of the small prayer book)*****24 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding****30 Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes****31 Come, thou long-expected Jesus****FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...****That we may use Advent well – filling our hearts with hope and expectancy****All who have been bereaved****The people of Scotland as we observe St. Andrew's Day****All who live without proper sanitation****Bp. Martin & Marlene as their official retirement begins**

***Morning Prayer is usually said in church at 8.30 am and Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm
Monday to Friday except for Wednesday morning.***

You will be most welcome to join us for these times of prayer and bible reading.

**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

Tues 2nd Dec 6.30 pm Hospice Care – Advent Concert in The Duke's Chapel

Wed 3rd 10.15 am **Holy Communion**

7.30 pm Christians Together in Alnwick at St James' URC

Thurs 4th 9.15 am Mini Michaels

Next Sunday: 7th December The Second Sunday of Advent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 40:1-11	(CW 380)
		2 Peter 3:8-15a	(CW 382)
		Mark 1:1-8	(CW 382)

9.30 am **First Sunday Eucharist** *Readings as for 8.00 am worship*

6.00 pm **Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)** 1 Kings 22:1-28; Romans 15:4-13

Mon 8th Dec 10.00 am Funeral of Joyce Appleby

On the feast of Christ the King last year we gave thanks for responses to our FUNDING CAMPAIGN. This year, we invite you to think of the **SKILLS and GIFTS** you have been given by God and to consider, prayerfully, if they could be used in his service here at St. Michael's. Please don't wait to be asked! Already over 100 people help to ensure that our life here runs as smoothly and efficiently as possible but we need more help in several areas of church life.

In church today are some **CARDBOARD CANDLES** in which you might like you save your loose change over Christmas. All proceeds are for the **CHILDRENS SOCIETY**. We would ask you, please, to return your candle at the First Sunday Eucharist in February when we will be celebrating Candlemas.

Today is your last chance to return your Children's Society box to church for Sue Baines-Macneill (our new Children's Society co-ordinator) to collect and empty it. Alternatively please contact her on 01665 479365 if you would like her to collect your box or donation. Thank you.

HELPING TO FIND THE TWELFTH BISHOP OF NEWCASTLE

As preparations for the discernment of the next Bishop of Newcastle take place, the **Vacancy in See Committee** is charged with writing a Statement of Need which will be used to help to find the right person. To help inform the Committee with its work a survey has been created and this provides you with an opportunity to highlight the qualities and skills you would expect to find in the next Bishop of Newcastle.

YOUR opinion really does matter so please use this link to complete the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/newbishop>

The survey will be closed at midnight next **Sunday 7th December 2014.**

IT'S GOING TO BE TWINS ! HOORAY!

This week our attempt to twin as many of our church loos as possible, in one fell swoop, begins in earnest. The chamber pot will be at your disposal throughout Advent.

The ladies of **St Michael's, Alnwick Mother's Union** invite you all - women and men -and in particular all the women's groups in our town and churches to their annual **Advent Eucharist**. As we meet to reflect on the past year and look towards the year ahead, join us to give thanks, to pray for our world and to share a cuppa and Mince Pie !

Wed 10th Dec 10.15 a.m. at St Michael's

Speaker -The Rev'd Julia Myles.

Bring a photo, an item or a description of something you are thankful for this year.

Susan Trafford is making **CHRISTMAS CAKES** again this year. Prices are:
6" - £6; 7" - £8.75; 8" - £11.50, half of which goes to church funds. To order, please telephone her on 606180. Please note also that cakes can be made all year round – just ask!

Our Flower Arrangers would much appreciate cash donations for St Michael's **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**. Please give your donation to Ann Brown, Enid Brown or Pat Taylor. In addition, offers of greenery from your garden (especially holly) will be much appreciated.

Please note that our **CRAFT TABLE**

is now permanently located just inside (and to the right of) the main church door as you enter. This is currently in the hands of Susan Trafford – please contact her if you have any queries..

In preparation for our **CHRISTINGLE** on Christmas Eve, there will be a session in the Parish Hall from 10.00am – 12.00 noon on Tuesday 23rd December. Do come along to help prepare the oranges and get all things ready. There will also be **CHRISTMAS CRAFTS** for children so that we can all join in the fun! You may like to bring along the odd mince pie or slab of shortbread. Tea/coffee/juice will be provided.



To pick up and deliver! Christians Together Christmas cards, to be delivered to each house in Alnwick are now ready at the back of church – please help by taking and delivering some of these. Also – the December/January edition of **GATEWAY** is on sale at the back of church and contains details of worship and events over the Christmas season.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Tues 9 th Dec	6.30 pm	Hospice Care – Light up a Life at Castleside House, Narrowgate
Wed 10 th Dec	10.15 am	Mothers' Union Advent Eucharist <i>All welcome</i>
Sat 13 Dec	10.00 am	Church Big Clean

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