



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

31ST JANUARY 2016

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

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 Paul Scott

Preacher

The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig

Reader

Hilary Atkin

9.30 am

PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: Mass of St Thomas

President

The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig

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

2 Christ whose glory fills the skies

1ST READING

Malachi 3:1-5

Reader: Rosie Buxton

(Page 904 of the New 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: Sue Baines-Macneill

(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 in Israel. Jesus fully shared our human condition, so that he could unite us all to God.

GRADUAL

691 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That we may reflect Christ's light in the world

Refugees – and all who help them

Alnwick Community Centre

A deepening of our Prayer life

Our Spitak project – and Jean as she travels to Armenia

Next Sunday: 7th February The Sunday next before Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Exodus 34:29-35	(CW 807)
		2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	(CW 808)
		Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]	(CW 809)
9.30 am	First Sunday Eucharist		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Exodus 3:1-6; John 12:27-36a	

Don't forget to 'book your place' at our **PANCAKE PARTY** in the Parish Hall on Shrove Tuesday, 9th February (that's next week). Always a fun evening, we look forward to yet another pleasant social occasion; a sign-up sheet is at the back of church. Proceeds, along with our Lenten giving, will this year go to **CHRISTIAN AID** in recognition of Liz Holmes' loving service in recent years.

Following on from that is **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the beginning of Lent. Please make a note in your diary that on 10th February there will be Eucharists at 10.15 am & 7.30 pm (Sung), with the Imposition of Ashes. In preparation for this day, you are invited to return your Palm Cross to church sometime over the next week, to be turned into ash.

ENCOUNTERS – meeting the risen Jesus! this is the exciting title of our Lent Course for 2016. Here is an opportunity to use Lent in a different way – dwelling on the Resurrection rather than the Passion of Christ. Further details are in Paul's letter in the February edition of Gateway and we hope to have at least two groups running; Tuesday afternoons at the Vicarage and Wednesday evenings at the home of Patricia Kind. Another time and venue may be possible if there is great enough demand.

Please register your interest on the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Do you have any keys for St Michael's? If so, have you taken and completed a **KEYHOLDER LIST** form? If not, please do so as soon as possible. The list is being updated so that we have a correct location record for all keys. Completed forms should be given to either Albert Brown or Paul Jarvis. Thank you

LENT LUNCHESES this year will be held on Thursdays at 12 noon in the Costello Centre in Bailiffgate. Could you please note in your diary that **25th February is St Michael's turn** to act as host. Cash donations and help on the day would be appreciated. If you can spare the time to help, please speak to one of the churchwardens. Please note that our February and March '**SOUP & CAKE LUNCHESES**', normally held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, will NOT take place.

Paul's Installation as an **HONORARY CANON OF NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL** takes place on Sunday evening 13th March. It has been proposed that a coach be organised to enable St Michael's folk to attend. If you wish to be there, add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

The February edition of the **GATEWAY** is now at the back of church. Distributors bundles are ready, together with payment record cards and a covering letter. Many thanks to all who help – those who go out to hand-deliver the Gateway to subscribers, our regular contributors and those who help to produce the copies each month.

Calling all **MESSY CHURCH** volunteers! We are having a meeting for all volunteers (those presently volunteering and those who would like to volunteer) on Monday 8th February at 45 Royal Oak Gardens (Jane Brown's house). Please come and find out what is happening and how to be involved. For more details, contact Jane Scott or Caroline Friend.



FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 8 th Feb	10.30 am	Funeral of Marion Lance
Tues 9 th Feb	7.00 pm	Pancake Party in Parish Hall
Wed 10 th Feb	Ash Wednesday	
Thurs 11 Feb	7.00 pm	Baptism preparation meeting in church
Sat 13 th Feb	11.00 am	Mothers' Union Diocesan Commissioning Service In Newcastle Cathedral.
Thurs 25 th Feb	12 noon	Lent Lunch at the Costello Centre. St Michael's hosting Helpers needed, and cash donations to buy ingredients.
Sun 28 th Feb	6.00 pm	Within Evensong, thanksgiving for the life of the late Joe Kent
Sun 13 th Mar		Installation of The Rev'd Paul Scott as an Honorary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral
Fri 18 th Mar	10.00 am	Big Clean morning at 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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