

St Michael's Church, Alnwick

Vicar: The Rev'd Paul Scott
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2nd March 2014 The Sunday Next Before Lent

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING Exodus 24:12-18

(Page 72 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

Our Old Testament reading is chosen for its likeness to today's Gospel. On the threshold of Lent we are reminded of the awesome holiness of God. This story of Moses tells how, on a mountain-top, he had a transfiguring experience, as if taken up into the glory of God.

2ND READING 2 Peter 1:16-21 **at 8.00 am only**

(Page 216 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

This letter, in the name of Peter, reminds Christians of the second century that Jesus was no ordinary man, but one whom his first disciples had seen transfigured in glory, as God disclosed him to be his Son. All the prophecies had therefore come true.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

(Page 56 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

The Lord's closest friends see him transfigured upon a mountain-top, in a disclosure of his true identity. In the presence of the figures of Moses and Elijah, a cloud of glory comes upon him and the voice of the holy one is heard.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

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

9.30 am FIRST SUNDAY EUCHARIST

(with children and young people in church)

President The Rev'd Paul Scott
Preacher The Rev'd Julia Myles
Reader Honey Hughes
Prayers Anne Harrison

Hymns J31 Praise the Lord, His glories show, Alleluia!
 J32 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
 J35 The kingdom of God is justice and joy
 J37 There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own son
 131 Love divine, all loves excelling

11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP

Leader Trevor Porteous
 Address Valerie Pomfret

6.00 pm	SUNG EVENSONG <i>(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)</i>	
Readings:	2 Kings 2:1-12	<i>(p. 342 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)</i>
	Matthew 17:9-23	<i>(p. 18 of the New Testament in the pew bible)</i>
Reader:	Merryn Hughes	
Office	The Rev'd Paul Scott	
Preacher	The Rev'd Colin Perkins	
Hymns	202	Let all the world in every corner sing
	Psalm 84	<i>(Page 453 of the small prayer book)</i>
	107	The Lord is King! Lift up thy voice
	123	Jesu, lover of my soul
	231	O for a closer walk with God

Morning Prayer is usually said in church at 8.30 am and Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm, from Tuesday to Saturday, except for Wednesday and Thursday mornings. You will be most welcome to join us for these times of prayer and bible reading.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That we may be changed from glory to glory

Those preparing for Confirmation:

Mark Brown, Gavin Johnston, Dawn McAuley

For a good keeping of Lent – beginning with Ash Wednesday

The people of the Ukraine

The Gallery Youth Project

Please note that the Vicar's day off is Monday

He would be pleased to be spared all but the most urgent matters on this day.

The Curate's normal working days are Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

On Tuesday (4th) at the slightly earlier time of 1.30 pm, there will be a **CRAFTERS GET-TOGETHER** in the Small Hall, for 2 hours. If you have any ideas, projects, materials, or are just interested – please do come along and join in.

Congratulations to the winners for the **March Parish Hall Prize Draw**. They are : Kay Downey (£20), John Onions (£10) and Janice Wilcox (£5).

The **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** is at 1.45 pm this coming Friday at Alnwick Methodist Church. This year, the service has been written by the Committee in Egypt, and the theme is 'Streams in the Desert'. It would be great to see as many people as possible from St Michael's so please try to find the time to be there.

As mentioned last week, we will be using the new Church of England course '**PILGRIM**' for our **HOME GROUPS IN LENT**. Days and venues have been arranged and are as follows:

Monday evenings	7.30 pm at 34 Meadow Riggs
Tuesday afternoons	2.00 pm at the Vicarage
Wednesday mornings	11.15 am in church (after the 10.15 Holy Communion)
Thursday evenings	7.30 pm at 35 Hillcrest Park

Groups will start on the week commencing 10th March. If you intend to join one of them, please add your name to the appropriate list at the back of church.

In addition to the Home Groups, if you haven't already done so, please take a Lent leaflet which gives details.

On Palm Sunday evening (13th April) it is proposed to sing the Sacred Cantata '**OLIVET TO CALVARY**' by J H Maunder. This work consists of solo voices and choir with hymns to be sung by the congregation. Our choir is to be augmented for the occasion and practices continue each Friday at 7.15 pm in church. There is a welcome for all singers, especially men.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT is running now and continues until 9th March. Newcastle Diocese supports the use of fairly-traded goods and here at St Michael's we use only Fairtrade supplies for tea and coffee. Why not pick up a catalogue from the back of church and see if **you** can help make a difference by placing a regular order for use in your own home?

ALNWICK FOOD BANK

Have you read Ant Allen's article about Food Banks in the March edition of Gateway? St Michael's is now a collection point so, if you are able to contribute items, please put your donations into the box provided at the back of church.

Thanks.