



St Michael's Church, Alnwick

Vicar: The Rev'd Paul Scott
Curate: The Rev'd Julia Myles

9th March 2014 The First Sunday of 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.

8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
President and Preacher	Rev'd Paul Scott
Reader:	Rob Wilson

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST** ***Setting: Mass of St Thomas***

President Rev'd Paul Scott

HYMN **241** Lift up your hearts, we lift them, Lord, to thee

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.

1ST READING **Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7** **Reader: Sue Porteous**
(Page 2 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible)

Our readings at the beginning of Lent are all concerned with doing right or wrong, and knowing the difference. In the ancient tale of how evil came into the world, the first human beings in the Garden of Eden succumbed to temptation.

2ND READING **Romans 5:12-19** **Reader: Brian Mattinson**
(Page 151 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Paul's words are complicated to hear, as he draws new meaning from the old story of Adam. Humanity has been innately sinful since the beginning of time, but through one new man, Jesus, we are now not condemned for our sins. God's gift of righteousness offers us the possibility of a new and free life.

GRADUAL **217** Be thou my guardian and my guide

THE GOSPEL**Matthew 4:1-11*****(Page 3 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)***

In the first garden of the world, Eve could not resist the temptation to please herself and not God. When Jesus faced the temptation to bring in his kingdom by using the levers of worldly power, he was strong to resist. He always chose God's ways, not man's.

SERMON**Rev'd Paul Scott****PRAYERS****Intercessor: Clergy****OFFERTORY HYMN****335****Dear Lord, to you again our gifts we bring**

After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer E which starts on page 12 of the Lent booklet

COMMUNION HYMN**248****O, my Saviour, lifted from the earth for me****FINAL HYMN****472****How shall I sing that Majesty which angels do admire****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION*****Encountering Wilderness*****President and Address Rev'd Canon Sue Allen****11.15 am****MATINS AT DENWICK****Office: Rev'd Colin Perkins****Preacher: Rev'd Paul Scott****6.00 pm****SUNG EVENSONG *(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)*****Readings:****Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 16-25*****(p. 170 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)*****Luke 15:1-10*****(p. 75 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*****Reader:****Anita Harvey****Office****Rev'd Julia Myles****Preacher****Rev'd Paul Scott****Hymns****56****Forty days and forty nights****Psalm****50, vv 1-15 *(Page 407 of the small prayer book)*****65****My God I love thee, not because****55****Christian, dost thou see them****129****Lord Jesus, think on me**

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Martin next Sunday for CONFIRMATION. Please make every effort to be in church to support the candidates and to welcome our Bishop. There will be no Late Morning Worship on this day.



A Massive **THANK-YOU** for The Pancake Party on Shrove Tuesday...to all who came and all who helped in any way. It was a splendid evening and, most importantly, £484 was raised for Christian Aid.

CHURCH STEWARDING Many thanks to those who have already volunteered to be stewards during the church's opening hours. **We still, however, need a few more people for Sunday afternoons.** If you can spare the time, please add your name to the rota sheet at the back of church.

LENT HOME GROUPS start this week. There are four venues/times; If you intend to join one of them but haven't yet decided there is just time to join in if you add your name **TODAY** to the appropriate list.

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. Thank you to all who have already responded generously.

It's **SOUP-AND-CAKE LUNCH** time again on Wednesday! There is a list at the back of church – if you haven't already done so, please indicate on that whether you will be there; remember that, because of its popularity, this will take place in the Small Hall (instead of church) for the foreseeable future.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION, 2014. From next Sunday, for a period of 3 weeks, St Michael's Electoral Roll will be on display at the back of church. During that time please take a few moments to check that the information we hold about you is correct. If you are new to St Michael's you may not be on the Roll – if this is so, please take and complete an Application Form before 6th April to enable you to vote and take an active part in our Annual Meeting. Also – if there is anyone you know of who has moved house or changed circumstances and who may not be able to get to church at the moment, please have a word with the Electoral Roll Officer (Anne Cooke).

Next Sunday evening, in place of Evensong, we will hold one of our twice-yearly services of **HEALING AND WHOLENESS.** In this lovely act of worship we pray particularly for all who are in need of God's healing grace in their lives and there will be an opportunity, for those who wish, to receive the laying-on of hands and anointing. Many have already appreciated this aspect of the Church's ministry. If you haven't already been to one of these services do consider coming along.

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