

THE GOSPEL**Matthew 6:25-34*****(Page 6 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)***

Jesus uses picture-language in a lesson about anxiety. Do not get over-anxious, don't let your worries dominate your life. God is the Creator and sustainer of everything there is, and his loving care can be trusted to meet all our deepest needs.

SERMON**John Cooke****PRAYERS****Intercessor: Tom Hutton-Stott****OFFERTORY HYMN****260****And now, O Father, mindful of the love**

After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer A which starts on page 12 of the Ordinary Time booklet

COMMUNION HYMN**275****Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants****FINAL HYMN****143****Jesus shall reign where'er the sun**

11.15 am	LATE MORNING WORSHIP	<i>Don't be Anxious</i>
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Leader**The Rev'd Sue Allen****Address****The Rev'd Julia Myles**

2.00 pm	HOLY BAPTISM	<i>Please pray for:</i> Evan Isats
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**6.00 pm****SUNG EVENSONG*****(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)*****Readings:**

Proverbs 8:1, 22-31 *(p. 602 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)*
Revelation 4 *(p. 245 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

Reader:**Stanley Trafford****Office****The Rev'd Paul Scott****Preacher****The Rev'd Julia Myles****Hymns****95****Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!****Psalm****148** *(Page 535 of the small prayer book)***233****O thou who camest from above****131****Love divine, all loves excelling****234****Thine for ever! God of love**

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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

Thanks for God's creating and sustaining hand in every aspect of our lives

Those preparing for Confirmation:

Mark Brown, Gavin Johnston, Dawn McAuley

The people of Wales as we celebrate St. David's Day

Alan, our Organist & our Choir

An end to violence & civil unrest

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Tues 25th 9.30 am Magazine planning meeting in Parish Room
- Wed 26th 10.15 am **Holy Communion**
7.30 pm Exploratory session in church about Late Morning Worship – see below
- Thurs 27th 9.30 am Mini Michaels in church
2.00 pm Mission Group meeting at 3 Prudhoe Street (the home of Jean Darby)
- Fri 28th 10.00 am Standing Committee at the Vicarage
7.15 pm Choir practise starts for 'Olivet to Calvary' See page 4

Next Sunday: 2nd March The Sunday Next before Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion,	Exodus 24:12-18 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9	(CW 77) (CW 79) (CW 79)
9.30 am	First Sunday Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)	2 Kings 2:1-23;	Matthew 17: 9-23

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

ASH WEDNESDAY is on 5th March. There will be the usual Holy Communion at 10.15am and a Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm – both with the Imposition of Ashes. In preparation for this, please **RETURN YOUR PALM CROSSES** to church as soon as possible in order that they may be used to produce ash.

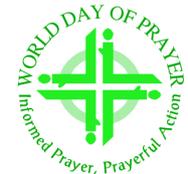
LATE MORNING WORSHIP - WHAT GOES IN?

Anyone interested is invited to come to church on Wednesday (26th February), 7.30-9 pm to explore what is involved in planning and leading the 11.15am service. Please let Sue Allen know if you plan to come.



Tuesday 4th March is Shrove Tuesday and there is to be a **PANCAKE PARTY** in aid of Christian Aid at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall with a quiz and a raffle. The cost, which includes savoury and sweet pancakes plus tea/coffee, will be £6 per person (£3 for children). Wine will also be available in return for a donation. Please add your name to the list at the back of church and, if you can help in any way, contact Liz Holmes on 01665 510802. Donations of items suitable as raffle prizes may be placed in the box at the back of church.

The **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** is at 1.45 pm on Friday 7th March 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 list at the back of church.

In addition to the Home Groups, in the near future there will be a Lent leaflet for you to take home and use.

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 commence this Friday (28th) at 7.15 pm in church. There will be a welcome for all singers, especially men.



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT starts tomorrow (24th Feb) and runs 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?

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