



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

19TH NOVEMBER 2017. THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

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 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, BCP

President and Preacher The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Reader Holly Petrie

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: Mass of St Thomas

President The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

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 is in the Parish Room



INTROIT HYMN 365 Let us build a house where love can dwell

1ST READING Zephaniah 1:7 & 12-18 Reader: Paul Jarvis
(Page 889 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

The Bible has much to say about the anticipated 'Day of the Lord'. For this prophet in the seventh century BC, it would be a time for God to root out all corruption; he will destroy and punish in a sudden outburst of his righteous judgement.

2ND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Reader: Judy Jobson
(Page 202 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

In this early letter Paul still expected Jesus to return soon and draw all things to an end. He asks the Christians to live with that sense of expectancy, in confidence that the faithful will be taken into the Lord's company when he comes to complete our salvation.

GRADUAL 725 Make me a channel of your peace

THE GOSPEL**Matthew 25:14-30***(Page 27 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

Matthew tells another of Jesus' parables about the Day of the Lord. Then the fullness of the kingdom of heaven will reveal what each person made of the gifts God gave on trust. It is the parable of the talents, and the joy in store for those who are faithful stewards.

SERMON**The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott****PRAYERS****Intercessor Tom Hutton-Stott****OFFERTORY HYMN****595 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart**

After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer E which starts on page 8 of the Kingdom Season booklet

COMMUNION HYMN**807 Thine for ever! God of love****CLOSING HYMN****814 Thy hand, O God, has guided****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

Leader	Rachel Robinson
President	The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen
Talk	Claire Mead

12.30 pm SUNDAY LUNCH IN THE PARISH HALL**6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)**

Readings:	1 Kings 1:15-40	<i>(Page 312 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)</i>
	Revelation 1: 4-18	<i>(Page 242 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)</i>

Reader:	Catherine Hughes
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Office & Preacher	The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
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Hymns	628	Father of heaven, whose love profound
		Psalm 89, vv 19-29 <i>(Page 460 of the small Prayer Book)</i>
	691	Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
	608	Christ is our corner-stone
	717	Lord, make us servants of your peace

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That we may recognise our God-given talents and use them in his service
- Our Pastoral Visitors – and those they support
- All who are being held captive against their will
- Alan, our Organist, the Choir and our Servers
- Police, Fire & Ambulance Services

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 21st 7.00 pm St Michael's Bowls Club in Parish Hall

Wed 22nd 10.15 am Holy Communion

Thurs 23rd 9.30 am Mini Michaels in church

Next Sunday 26th November Christ the King

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Ezekiel 34:11-16 & 20-24	CW 360
		Ephesians 1:15-23	CW 362
		Matthew 25:31-46	CW 362

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

11.15 am Late Morning Worship

1.00 pm Holy Baptism

6.00 pm Sung Evensong, BCP 1662 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Matthew 28:16-20

A second note of appreciation to all who supported our **WINTER MARKET** last Saturday. A few further donations mean that the final total is £2,218.35! A fantastic result and the product of much hard work in the weeks leading up to the event as well as on the day itself. Well done to all involved!



Do come along to our **ADVENT REFLECTIONS** which begin this Tuesday afternoon in the Parish Room 2.30 pm-4.00 pm including refreshments. The themes to be considered over four consecutive sessions are: Hope, Prepare, Joy & Love.

Over the last couple of Christmases Paul & Jane have invited those who might otherwise find themselves without company on **CHRISTMAS DAY** to join them for lunch at the Vicarage. This year they are planning things slightly differently and hosting Christmas lunch within the new **SERVERY AT WHITTINGHAM CHURCH** where there will be a warm (in both senses of the word) welcome, good food and pleasant company. Please let Paul know if you would like to join in the fun!





To make our lovely church look festive for the coming Christmas season, you are invited to give cash donations to help provide **FLOWERS** and, nearer the time, provide **GARDEN GREENERY**. Please contact Ann Brown or Enid Brown. Thanks.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Sat. 25 th	10.00 am	Diocesan Open Synod at Ashington
Tues 28 th	2.30 pm	'Advent Reflections' in the Parish Room. Also on 5 th & 12 th December
	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod at Longframlington
Wed 29 th	7.00 pm	Christians Together in Alnwick. Meeting at Baptist Church
Sat 2 nd Dec		Carol singing in the Market Place
	11.45 am	Children from St Michael's CE Primary School
	12.15 pm	Christians Together in Alnwick:
Tues 5 th Dec	7.30 pm	An Evening of Light Music "The Fiddling Three" in St Michael's
Wed 6 th Dec	2.00 pm	Alnwick (St Paul's) Educational Charity at Vicarage
Thurs 7 th Dec	7.30 pm	Royal Northern Sinfonia: Christmas by Candlelight Baroque Concert in St Michael's
Fri 8 th Dec	10.00 am	Big Clean in St Michael's
Sun 10 th Dec	4.00 pm	Carols at Denwick
Sun 17 th Dec	12.30 pm	Sunday Lunch in Parish Hall
	6.00 pm	Carols by candlelight in 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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