



**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2017**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF 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 service 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 and Preacher**  
**Reader**

**The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott**  
**Hilary Atkin**

**1ST READING**      **Isaiah 64:1-9**      **at 8.00 am only**

*(Page 704 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

As we begin to prepare once more to celebrate the Saviour's birth, this lesson recalls how God has been known in mighty acts with and for his people. Isaiah pleads for the Lord to come again, and to forgive all their sins.

**2ND READING**      **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**      **Reader: Isla Hutton-Stott**

*(Page 162 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

The Hebrew people anticipated a 'Day of the Lord'. This hope became for Christians the time when the world will know the full presence of Christ in glory. While we wait, there is much to be thankful for as we share God's grace and peace now.

**THE GOSPEL**      **Mark 13:24-37**

*(Page 48 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

We begin today a series of readings from Mark's Gospel. Here, Jesus is speaking to his friends about the future and the final coming of the Son of Man. Jesus expects a time of great distress in the world, and tells them to be vigilant and to stand firm.

**The Advent Wreath**      **ADVENT 1**

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too.

Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David.

Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready  
for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world.

**Amen.**

**All** Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
 born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
 born like him to be a King:  
 Be born in our hearts this Christmas,  
 be king of our lives today.  
 Amen.

**9.30 am FIRST SUNDAY EUCHARIST** *(with children and young people in church)*

**President & Talk**            **The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott**

**Hymns**

- 42 Longing for light, we wait in darkness
- 27 Colours of day dawn into the mind
- 75 Long ago, prophets knew
- 775 See ye first the Kingdom of God
- 28 Come and see the shining hope

**6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)**

**Readings:**            **Isaiah 1:1-20**            *(Page 308 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*  
                               **Matthew 21:1-13**        *(Page 32 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

**Reader:**                **Rosie Buxton**

**Office & Preacher** **The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott**

- Hymns**
- 30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
  - Psalm 25, vv 1-9        *(Page 373 of the small Prayer Book)*
  - 41 Lo, he comes with clouds descending
  - 37 Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing
  - 50 The advent of our King

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

- That we may use the season of Advent well
- All who suffer as a result of the cold
- Those who live in Residential Homes in our town
- Our Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas
- A blessing on those who work for peace and justice

**WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30 pm	Advent Reflection in the Parish Room
	7.00 pm	St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall
	7.30 pm	An Evening of Light Music "The Fiddling Three" in St Michael's. <i>Tickets £10 at the door</i>

Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.15 am	Holy Communion with the Lions class (Yr 4) from St. Michael's Primary School
	2.00 pm	Alnwick (St Paul's) Educational Charity at Vicarage
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30 am	Mini Michael's in church
	7.30 pm	Royal Northern Sinfonia: Christmas by Candlelight Baroque Concert in St Michael's
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00 am	Big Clean in St Michael's

**Next Sunday                      10<sup>th</sup> December .The Second Sunday of Advent**

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Isaiah 40:1-11</b>	<b>CW 380</b>
		<b>2 Peter 3:8-15a</b>	<b>CW 382</b>
		<b>Mark 1:1-8</b>	<b>CW 382</b>
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>		
<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Late Morning Worship</b>		
<b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>Carols at Denwick</b>		
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Sung Evensong, BCP 1662</b>	<b>1 Kings 22:1-8;</b>	<b>Romans 15:4-13</b>

Last Sunday we launched our **STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL PROJECT** and the vast majority of letters have been collected. If you are on the Electoral Roll and have not yet received your letter please check on the table at the back of church: there should be one for you. In addition, if you could help with the delivery of any that are remaining this would be greatly appreciated. There is a plate at the back of church for returned Response Forms.

Please support the members of **ST MICHAEL'S MOTHERS' UNION** who are hosting the **ALNWICK DEANERY ADVENT EUCHARIST** on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10.15am. The Eucharist will include hymns and a short address followed by refreshments here in church.

The latest **PARISH HALL PRIZE DRAW** took place on 19<sup>th</sup> November. The winners are:  
 £20 No 16- Lynne Moir;                      £10 No 29 – Geoff Brown;                      £5 No 36 – Kay Downey

Following the item in last week's Prayer Pointers for a deepening of our prayer life, some initial exploration has been made about the possibility of establishing a **PRAYER CHAIN** here at St Michael's.  
 If this interests you and you would like to find out more please have a word with Paul.

Could anybody make use of good, solid **UNDERBED DRAWERS** on casters? Please speak to Sue Wiltshire.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT** on Wednesday 13th December. Make a favour box for your Christmas table and sample chocolate truffles to go inside. Mince pies and Christmas cheer on the last craft evening of the year! 7:30pm at Michelle's.

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The **BAROQUE CHRISTMAS CONCERT**, performed by the **ROYAL NORTHERN SINFONIA**, takes place in St Michael's this **Thursday (7<sup>th</sup>) at 7.30 pm**. If you haven't already got a ticket you can still get yours from Jean Darby today! St Michael's will be providing drinks and mince pies/shortbread that evening. Please, if you could bake **MINCE PIES** and/or **SHORTBREAD** for this event, do let Jean know as soon as possible.

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Are you likely to be without company on **CHRISTMAS DAY**? Paul and Jane invite you to join them for lunch at 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!



Susan Trafford will be making **CHRISTMAS CAKES** again this year. If you would like one of these, please let Susan know as soon as possible.  
Prices are 8" - £12, 7" - £9, 6" - £6

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### **FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW**

Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.15 am	Mothers' Union Advent Deanery Eucharist
	7.30 pm	Christmas Craft Night at the home of Michelle Duff
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.30 pm	Sunday Lunch in Parish Hall
	6.00 pm	Carols by candlelight in St Michael's
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	2.00 pm	St Michael's CE Primary School Carols & Nativity in St Michael's Church
	3.30 pm	Apple Blossom Nursery Nativity 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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