



# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017. THE SECOND 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 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

President and Preacher    The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott  
Reader                                  Hilary Atkin

9.30 am    PARISH EUCHARIST                  *Setting: Gregory Murray. A new People's Mass*

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.*



INTROIT HYMN                  36    Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes

1ST READING                  Isaiah 40:1-11                                  Reader:    Honey Hughes  
*(Page 677 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

Be ready, says the prophet, for God is coming soon to Israel, and the people must prepare to return from exile. Today's Gospel quotes these words, which became for Christians a prophecy of John the Baptist, proclaiming Jesus and preparing the way for his coming

2ND READING                  2 Peter 3:8-15a                                  Reader:    Nellie Shrimpton  
*(Page 235 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Like the Jews during their exile, the early Christians wondered why the Lord did not deliver them from their suffering. God's time, however, is not like our time, and we are to be calm in our preparations for the coming 'Day of the Lord', so that we may be at peace.

GRADUAL                  46    On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

**THE GOSPEL****Mark 1:1-8***(Page 33 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

Mark's Gospel begins with the mission of John the Baptist, preaching and baptising for repentance. As prophets had foretold, he is the sign of the coming of the one who is greater than he.

**SERMON****Trevor Porteous****PRAYERS****Intercessor Annette Playle****OFFERTORY HYMN****721 Love divine, all loves excelling**

**After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer which starts on page 9 of the Advent booklet**

**COMMUNION HYMN****464 Sweet Sacrament divine****CLOSING HYMN****39 Hills of the North, rejoice****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP**

Leader Rachel Robinson  
Talk The Rev'd Canon Dennis Winter

**4.00 pm CAROLS AT DENWICK****Officiant: The Rev'd Colin Perkins****6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)**

Readings: 1 Kings 22:1-28 *(Page 339 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*  
Romans 15:4-13 *(Page 159 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Reader: Vivienne Graves

Office & Preacher John Cooke

Hymns 38 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding  
Psalm 40, (or vv 12-19) *(Page 396 of the small Prayer Book)*  
51 The Lord will come and not be slow  
36 Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes  
17 Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

- That, like John the Baptist, we may be heralds for Christ
- That terrorist acts and plots may cease
- The work of the Mothers' Union
- North Northumberland Hospice
- The people of Jerusalem

## WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 12th	2.30 pm	Advent Reflections, week 4, in the Parish Room
	7.00 pm	St Michael's Bowls Club in Parish Hall
	7.30 pm	Finance Group at the Vicarage
Wed. 13th	<b>10.15 am</b>	<b>Mothers' Union Deanery Advent Eucharist</b>
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Mayor's Civic Carol Service <i><b>Please note time is earlier than advertised</b></i>
	7.30 pm	Christmas Craft night at the home of Michelle Duff
Thursday 14th	9.30 am	Mini Michaels in Church
Saturday 16th	11.00 am	Messy Church in the Parish Hall
	1.00 pm	Wedding of James Willoughby & Katy Allcorn
Sun 17th Dec	12.30 pm	Sunday Lunch in Parish Hall

### Next Sunday                      17<sup>th</sup> December                      The Third Sunday of Advent

8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	CW 379
		1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	CW 386
		John 1:6-8, 19-28	CW 386
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Candlelit Carol Service		

It was good to be able to make public last Sunday the news that St. Michael's is to have a **NEW CURATE** next summer. **Gerard Rundell** is currently completing his studies at Cranmer Hall in Durham and, God willing, will be ordained Deacon at the beginning of July. Gerard (who is 32 and a percussionist by profession) and his wife, Karen, have two children: Theo, who will be two at Christmas, and Phoebe who was born in mid-October. Hailing from London, both Gerard and Karen have fallen in love with the north-east and are very much looking forward to their new life in north Northumberland. Please do keep them in your prayers over the coming months.

Do, please, come along and support our branch of the **MOTHERS' UNION** on Wednesday as they host the **DEANERY ADVENT EUCHARIST** here in St. Michael's at 10.15 am. There will be hymns, a short address and refreshments following. A warm welcome is extended to all.

Many thanks to all who have so far responded to our **STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL PROJECT**. If you have not yet done so, please place your Response Form on the plate at the back of church. For those who expressed concern over the costs involved in producing the literature, it is good to be able to report that the relatively modest costs (all printing was done in-house) were covered by a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

As we look forward to Christmas you are asked, please, to consider a **DONATION TOWARDS THE COST OF FLOWERS** so that St. Michael's can look its usual resplendent self for the festival. Your contributions would be gladly received by either Ann Brown or Enid Brown.



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Literature and information about the **2018 PARISH HALL DRAW** is available at the back of church. Do consider this way of supporting our lovely hall which continues to be improved and refurbished. For a £20 stake your name will be entered into a monthly draw with prizes of £20, £10 & £5 each month. Further details are available from Martin Downey.

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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!

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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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**MANY THANKS** to all who helped with Friday's Big Clean morning – your hard work is much appreciated and has made St Michael's look wonderful in readiness for our Christmas celebrations.



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

Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	2.00 pm	St Michael's CE Primary School Carols & Nativity in St Michael's
	3.30 pm	Apple Blossom Nursery Nativity in St Michael's

**Details of Christmas events and worship may be found on the back page of the Gateway, and on our website [alnwickanglican.com](http://alnwickanglican.com)**

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