



# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017. THE FOURTH 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 The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott  
Reader Holly Petrie

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 41 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

1ST READING 2 Samuel 7:1-11 & 16 Reader: Douglas Ramsay  
*(Page 290 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

The Ark, a chest containing the Ten Commandments, represented the presence of God. The prophet Nathan tells King David that no grand place is needed to house it, because God's promise is to be with his people for ever, and a great new king will be born of David's line.

2ND READING Romans 16:25-27 Reader: Rosie Buxton  
*(Page 202 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Paul's letter to the Roman Christians ends with glory to God, because the mystery of salvation, secret for long ages past, is now disclosed. Jesus Christ is present with us and this revelation is for all people everywhere.

GRADUAL 85 The angel Gabriel from heaven came

**THE GOSPEL**

**Luke 1:26-38**

*(Page 54 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

The angel Gabriel’s visit to Mary announces the coming of Jesus. He is the one to whom will be given the throne of David, and his kingdom will be without end.

**SERMON**

**The Rev’d Paul Scott**

**PRAYERS**

**Intercessor Richard Allsop**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**394 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord**

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

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**38 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**811 Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown**

**4.30 pm**

**FAMILY CAROLS AND CHRISTINGLE**

*See separate booklet*



**11.30 pm**

**CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS**

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

- That, like Mary, we may respond with a “yes” to whatever God calls us to do
- Those who are homeless or hungry
- Thanks for those who care for others
- Departed loved ones
- All who travel – that they may do so safely

**WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Mon 25th

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

8.00 am

**Holy Communion**

9.30 am

**Parish Christmas Eucharist**

Tues 26th

10.00 am

**Holy Communion for the Feast of St Stephen**

Wed 27th

**10.15 am**

**Holy Communion for the Feast of St John the Evangelist**

Thurs 28th

10.00 am

**Holy Communion for the Feast of the Holy Innocents**

**Next Sunday                      31<sup>st</sup> December. The 1st Sunday of Christmas**

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	CW 406
		Galatians 4:47	CW 407
		Luke 2:15-21	CW 407

9.30 am    Parish Eucharist

11.15 am    Late Morning Worship

*Please note – no Evensong on this day*

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Have you signed up yet for the **2018 PARISH HALL DRAW**? If not, the sheet is 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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St Thomas' Hospital in London are in need of '**BONDING SQUARES**' on their neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Able & willing to help? For more details look on the craft table at the back of church.


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As **MINI MICHAELS** has a break over the Christmas holidays this is a perfect time to say a huge **THANK YOU** to the large band of helpers who "keep the show on the road" week by week. Each Thursday morning in term-time St Michael's comes alive with large numbers of babies, toddlers and carers – all of whom have a lovely time and gently learn a little of the ways of Jesus.



So massive thanks to all who help to make this happen – it is a very special ministry for which St Michael's is now widely recognised.

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Paul and Jane thank everyone who has sent them cards and good wishes for Christmas. They, in turn, wish everyone at St Michael's a very **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and pray that you will know joy and peace in your hearts now and in all that lies ahead.



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

Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	9.30 am	Gateway planning meeting in Parish Room
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.00 pm	Indoor Bowls re-starts in Parish hall
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am	Mini Michaels return
	7.00 pm	Baptism Preparation in church
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors at the Vicarage
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	PCC in Parish Hall
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.15 am	The Jaguars (Yrs 2 & 3) class of St Michael's Primary School join our church congregation for Holy Communion
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.15 am	Holy Communion in St Michael's Primary School

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***Holy Child within the manger, long ago yet ever near;  
Come as friend to every stranger, come as hope for every fear.  
As you lived to heal the broken, greet the outcast, free the bound,  
As you taught us love unspoken, teach us now where you are found.***

***Once again we tell the story--how your love for us was shown,  
When the image of your glory wore an image like our own.  
Come, enlighten with your wisdom, come and fill us with your grace.  
May the fire of your compassion kindle every land and race.***

***Holy Child within the manger, lead us ever in your way,  
So we see in every stranger how you come to us today.  
In our lives and in our living give us strength to live as you,  
That our hearts might be forgiving and our spirits strong and true.***

*Words by Marty Haugen  
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