



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

7TH JANUARY 2017. THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

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 Hilary Atkin

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

President The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Talk The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Hymns

94 As with gladness men of old

105 We three kings of Orient are

Peace, perfect peace *In yellow Epiphany booklet*

775 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

96 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

1ST READING Isaiah 60:1-6 **Reader: Anne-Marie Grimes**

(Page 700 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

In Isaiah's vision of God's light shining into the world's darkness, symbolic gifts are brought to God from East and West as tribute and praise. So our Gospel's Magi visitors to the stable are foreshadowed.

2ND READING Ephesians 3: 1-12 **at 8.00 am only**

(Page 190 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Riches beyond imagining, says Paul, are found in Christ. Although Paul is in prison for his faith, his gospel cannot be confined – it is good news that God's purposes, once so obscure, are now made clear for Jew and Gentile alike.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

(Page 1 of the New Testament in the pew bible)

Only Matthew tells us how representatives of other strange religions came from the East to offer their homage to the one and only true God, the child who is king for ever over all earthly powers.

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

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| Readings: | Isaiah 50:1-9 | <i>(Page 691 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)</i> |
| | John 2:1-11 | <i>(Page 89 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)</i> |
| Reader: | Stanley Trafford | |
| Office | The Rev'd Colin Perkins | |
| Preacher | The Rev'd Colin Perkins | |
| Hymns | 103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness | |
| | Psalm 98 <i>(Page 471 of the small Prayer Book)</i> | |
| | 104 Songs of thankfulness and praise | Omit v.4 |
| | 98 From the eastern mountains | Omit vv. 4 & 5 |
| | 15 Glory to thee, my God, this night | Omit v.5 |

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That, like the Wise Men, we may give true worship to the Christ child
- All children and teachers at the beginning of a new term
- That 2018 may see greater peace and justice in our world
- Those who live alone
- A deepening of our prayer life

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Mon 8 th | 3.45 pm | Memorial service for the life of Bill Walker |
| Tues 9 th | 7.00 pm | Indoor Bowls recommence in Parish Hall |
| Wed 10 th | 10.15 am | The Feast of The Baptism of Christ. |
| | | Holy Communion |
| | 2.00 pm | Mothers' Union in church |
| Thurs 11 th | 9.30 am | Mini Michaels – back after the Christmas holiday |
| Sat 13 th | 10.00 am | The Contagious Experience at Alnwick Methodist Church Hall - an open event to thank Contagious Youth & Schools Work supporters and volunteers, share some experiences, achievements and goals over coffee/tea and cake. <i>More details from Andrew Duff or Claire Mead.</i> |

Next Sunday 14th January The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion | 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 [11-20] Revelation 5: 1-10 John 1:43-51 | CW 421 CW 423 CW 424 |
| 9.30 am | Parish Eucharist | | |
| 11.15 am | Late Morning Worship | | |
| 11.15 am | Matins at Denwick | | |
| 6.00 pm | Sung Evensong, BCP 1662 | Isaiah 60:9-22; | Hebrews 6:17-7:10 |

We look forward to receiving a visit from **GERARD RUNELL** (our prospective Curate) together with his wife, Karen and their two young children Theo and Phoebe **next Sunday** morning. Please do look out for them and extend a warm St Michael's welcome.

St Thomas' Hospital in London is in need of pairs 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.



The **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018**. This year's theme is "That all may be free". Once again Christians in Alnwick will meet to worship each day during this special week.

Details are as follows:

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| Thursday 18 th | 11.00 am- | Opening service : Methodist Chapel (after coffee morning) |
| Friday 19 th | 11.15 am | Salvation Army Hall (after coffee morning) |
| Saturday 20 th | 11.15 am - | St. James' URC, Pottergate (after coffee morning) |
| Sunday 21 st | 6.00 pm | Songs of Praise at St James' Shilbottle (jointly hosted by Gateway) |
| Monday 22 nd | 6.15 pm | Alnwick Baptist Church |
| Tuesday 23 rd | 6.15 pm | Quakers (at St. James' URC) |
| Wednesday 24 th | 11.00 am | St Paul's |
| Thursday 25 th | 6.15 pm | Closing service St Michael's |

We are fortunate that we have been offered a visit by Bishop John Packer to St Michael's on **Sunday 4th March at 9.30 am**. Bishop John will be happy to conduct a **SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION** that day. Please have a word with Paul as soon as possible if you would be interested in being confirmed.



FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

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| Mon 15 th Jan | 2.00 pm | Pastoral Visitors at the Vicarage |
| Tues 16 th Jan | 7.30 pm | PCC in Parish Hall |
| Wed 17 th Jan | 10.15 am | The Jaguars (Yrs 2 & 3) class of St Michael's Primary School join our church congregation for Holy Communion |
| Thurs 18 th Jan | 11.00 am 7.00 pm | Opening service at Methodist Church, for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. <i>See p.3 for full list</i> Baptism Preparation in church |
| Sun 21 st Jan | 12.30 pm | Sunday Lunch in the Parish Hall |
| Wed 24 th Jan | 10.15 am | Holy Communion in St Michael's Primary School |
| Sat 27 th Jan | 11.00 am | Messy Church in Parish Hall |



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