



## ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

**21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2018. THIRD SUNDAY OF 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 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: David Thorne: Mass of St Thomas*

President            The Rev'd Colin Perkins

### 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 young people and older children, Junior Church is in the Parish Room*

INTROIT HYMN            102 Jesus come! For we invite you

1ST READING            Genesis 4:17-20                        Reader    Richard Allsop

*(Page 4 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

Today's readings are linked by the idea of the great banquet of the Messiah's kingdom in heaven. Here, the legendary priest-king Melchizedek acts to seal God's covenant with Abram in an offering of bread and wine, accompanied by a blessing.

2ND READING            Revelation 19:5-10                    Reader    John Sawyer

*(Page 255 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

This vision is of the joy in heaven when all evil shall be defeated. It picks up an ancient image of faithful people as God's bride, called now to join the vast crowd at the wedding banquet of celebration.

**GRADUAL**      448 I come with joy, a child of God

**THE GOSPEL**                      John 2:1-11

*(Page 89 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

In the Gospel of John, the miracles of Jesus are signs – of who he is and therefore what God is like. The first sign occurs at a wedding banquet, where among his family and friends Jesus made extravagant quantities of water into the finest wine. The ordinary becomes the extraordinary.

**SERMON**                              The Rev'd Colin Perkins

**PRAYERS**                              Intercessor      Annette Playle

**OFFERTORY HYMN**              104 Songs of thankfulness and praise

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

**COMMUNION HYMN**              694 Jesus, Lord, we look to thee

**CLOSING HYMN**                  769 Rejoice! The Lord is King

**11.15 am**                      **LATE MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

Leader      Emma Mavin

Talk              Annette Playle

President The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen

**12.30 pm**                              **Sunday Lunch in the Parish Hall**

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

**Readings:**                      Jeremiah 3:21-4:2      *(Page 712 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*  
Titus 2:1-8 & 11-14      *(Page 212 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

**Reader:**                              Vivienne Graves

**Office**                                      The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig

**Preacher**                              The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig

**Hymns**                              827 Ye servants of God  
Psalm 33, vv1-12      *(Page 383 of the small Prayer Book)*  
826 Ye holy angels bright  
630 Father, Lord of all creation  
786 Sweet is the work

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That we may look for signs of glory in our world
- The unity of all Christian people
- All facing the prospect of unemployment
- Those who fear the winter weather
- Mini Michaels and Messy Church

### WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00 pm	Indoor Bowls in Parish Hall
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 am	The Feast of the Conversion of St Paul <b>Holy Communion in <u>St Michael's Primary School</u></b>
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Mini Michaels
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> <sup>h</sup>	1.30 pm	Funeral of Arthur Givens
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Messy Church in the Parish Hall

### Next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	CW 428
		Revelation 12:1-5a	CW 429
		Mark 1:21-28	CW 429
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	1 Samuel 3::1-20; 1 Corinthians 14:12-20	

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 for today to Thursday are as follows:*

#### ***NB Please note change of venue for Sunday***

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 pm	Songs of Praise at Shilbottle Community Centre Grange Road, Shilbottle, NE66 2XH
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.15 pm	Alnwick Baptist Church
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.15 pm	Quakers (at St. James' URC)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	St Paul's
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	6.15 pm	Closing service St Michael's

There has been a really good response to the request to knit '**BONDING SQUARES**' for use on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St Thomas' Hospital in London. Many thanks indeed to all who have helped. If you think you might be interested in helping with this very worthwhile project please take an information sheet from the craft table at the back of church.



It was very good to have **GERARD RUNDELL**, our future curate, together with Karen his wife and their children Theo and Phoebe with us last Sunday. They enjoyed meeting lots of people and are looking forward to joining us here at St Michael's in the Summer. Please keep Gerard in your prayers as he completes his studies and prepares for his ordination to the Diaconate.



Lent will be upon us very soon! More details of what will be happening will be published in our annual **LENT LEAFLET**. Before that, of course, we have **SHROVE TUESDAY** and our much-enjoyed **PANCAKE PARTY** in the Parish Hall. Please make a note in your diary and watch our for further details.

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

Tues 30<sup>th</sup>                      9.30 am              Gateway planning in Parish Room

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb              .time t b c              Pancake Party in Parish Hall

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