



## ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

**28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018. FOURTH 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

President      The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig  
Preacher      John Cooke  
Reader        Mora Rolley

### 9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

*Setting: David Thorne: Mass of St Thomas*

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### 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      742    O for a thousand tongues to sing

### 1ST READING

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

**Reader    Judy Jobson**

*(Page 181 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

Moses understands that so long as people find God threatening, and fear to meet him, they will need someone as a mediator. He gives God's promise to raise up a prophet like Moses himself, who will speak with divine authority.

### 2ND READING

**Revelation 12:1-5a**

**Reader    Cath. Hughes**

*(Page 250 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

The last of these Sunday word-pictures of visions revealed to John speaks of a mother bearing a holy child, the dragon of evil, and everything kept safe in the firm hand of God.

### GRADUAL

**723    Loved with everlasting love**

**THE GOSPEL****Mark 1:21-28***(Page 33 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

Mark begins Jesus' public ministry in a synagogue. When a man troubled in mind and body finds Jesus threatening, he is stilled with a word of divine authority. Everyone is amazed, and the reputation of Jesus for teaching and healing becomes widespread.

**SERMON****John Cooke****PRAYERS****Intercessor Patricia Kind****OFFERTORY HYMN****471 We pray thee, heavenly Father**

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

**COMMUNION HYMN****664 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds****CLOSING HYMN****563 Jesus Christ is waiting****11.15 am****LATE MORNING WORSHIP****Leader****Rachel Robinson****Talk****Emma Mavin****6.00 pm****SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)****Readings:****1 Samuel 3: 1-20***(Page 254 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)***1 Corinthians 14:12-20** *(Page 172 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)***Reader:****Susan Trafford****Office****The Rev'd Colin Perkins****Preacher****The Rev'd Colin Perkins****Hymns****94 As with gladness men of old****Psalm 34, vv 1-10** *(Page 385 of the small Prayer Book)***96 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning****103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness****602 Blest are the pure in heart****FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

- Single-parent families
- Service Industry workers
- Lonely people
- Magazine distribution
- Expectant mothers

## WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Gateway planning in Parish Room
	7.00 pm	Indoor Bowls in Parish Hall
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.15 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	9.30 am	Mini Michaels

### Next Sunday

### 4<sup>th</sup> February Candlemas

*Transferred from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>*

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Malachi 3:1-5	CW 430
		Hebrews 2:14-18	CW 431
		Luke 2:22-40	CW 432
9.30 am	First Sunday Eucharist		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Haggai 2:1-9;	John 2:18-22

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 – to date we have had 22 pairs. If you are still interested, you will find details in the Gateway.



The February edition of the **GATEWAY** is now available at the back of church, together with a thank-you letter to our wonderful band of distributors and the subscription payment cards for 2018.



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 at 7.00 pm. Please make a note in your diary. Tickets for the Pancake Party are available today from Jean Darby.

Ash Wednesday is now just a couple of weeks away, we need some of last year's Palm Crosses to make a supply of ashes, so please could you bring yours to church as soon as possible. Thanks.

This year we plan to make our own palm crosses - ready to be blessed and distributed on Palm Sunday. Please do come along and join in – if you don't know how or have forgotten, somebody will be there to show you how. Details of date and venue will be available next week.

**HOLY ISLAND DAY MARCH 10TH AT ST CUTHBERT'S CENTRE.** Around a dozen people are already signed up for this, but if you have not received a note or email to confirm, you are not on the list. More people are welcome; please let Sue Allen know, if you would like to join the group. Cost £8, please bring a packed lunch. Soup and hot drinks provided. Please share transport where possible. Offers of help with any part of the day welcomed.

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

Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	.7.00 pm	Pancake Party in Parish Hall
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Ash Wednesday
	10.15 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion with optional Imposition of Ashes
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30 am	Holy Communion, BCP and every Thursday in Lent
	12 noon	Meditation and Lent Lunch in the Costello Centre
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12.30 pm	Sunday Lunch in Parish Hall
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	6.30 pm	Christians Together in Alnwick
	for 7.00 pm	AGM at St James' Centre, Pottergate

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