



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

4TH FEBRUARY CANDLEMAS

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 Colin Perkins
Reader Win Nicol

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

President The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen
Talk & Prayers The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen

The service will begin with a Celebration of Light.

As the candles are lit, the Response is

All: Shine your light upon us and guide us.

After all candles are lit:

We are in the light, the love and the glory of the Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: May all our lights together become one flame that warms the world to Christ.

Hymns

264 The Spirit lives to set us free
805 There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son
42 Longing for light, we wait in darkness
396 Faithful vigil ended
27 Colours of day

1ST READING Malachi 3:1-5 at 8.00 am only

(Page 904 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

In today's Gospel, Simeon will greet the infant Jesus in the Temple. Malachi speaks of the Lord coming suddenly; he knows, like Simeon, that to encounter the Lord is a mixed blessing because we have to face his testing and purifying.

2ND READING**Hebrews 2:14-18****Reader: Emilia Grimes***(Page 216 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Christ became flesh and blood like us, says this writer, and we shall hear how his parents did the same as for every first-born child in Israel. Jesus fully shared our human condition, so that he could unite us all to God.

THE GOSPEL**Luke 2:22-40***(Page 56 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

As the Law requires, Jesus the first-born is brought to the Temple with a thank-offering. Two old and holy people, Simeon and Anna, perceive that this child is the fulfillment of ancient prophecies of redemption, but the glory will not be without pain and suffering.

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings:	Haggai 2:1-9 <i>(Page 892 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)</i>
	John 2:18-22 <i>(Page 90 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)</i>
Reader:	Rosie Buxton
Office	John Cooke
Preacher	John Cooke
Hymns	628 Father of heaven, whose love profound
	Psalm 65 <i>(Page 423 of the small Prayer Book)</i>
	506 The Church's one foundation
	602 Blest are the pure in heart
	17 Hail, gladdening light, of his pure glory poured

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Those meeting at General Synod
- Cancer Research scientists
- The homeless in the cold weather
- Those living in pain
- That politicians work in harmony for the good of the people

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 6 th	7.00 pm	Indoor Bowls in Parish Hall
Wed 7 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion
Thurs 8 th	9.30 am	Mini Michaels
Sat 10 th	2.00 pm	Baptism of Jessica Lily Lambert

Next Sunday 11th February The Sunday next before Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	2 Kings 2:1-12	CW 449
		2 Corinthians 4:3-6	CW 450
		Mark 9:2-9	CW 450
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Holy Communion at Denwick		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	1 Kings 19:1-16;	2 Peter 1:16-21



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.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 14th February. Please help us prepare by bringing your **PALM CROSS** to church over the next two Sundays.

This year we will 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. We will meet in the Parish Room, at **12 noon, on Wednesday 21st March** and share expertise, tea/coffee and cake. There will be 200 crosses to make – the more, the merrier!

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.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

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

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