



# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

**18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018. THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

## 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 Paul Scott  
Preacher      Annette Playle  
Reader        Rob Wilson

*Please note that during Lent, the Eucharist begins on page 15 of the purple booklet*

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      584    All my hope on God is founded

1ST READING                      Genesis 9:8-17                      Reader    Nellie Shrimpton  
*(Page 7 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

During Lent this year we hear from Israel's books of the Law those passages which tell of the covenant which bind God and his people together. After the great flood. Noah and his family set out on God's new beginning for humanity, under a covenant promising God's new blessing to all creation

2ND READING                      1 Peter 3:18-22                      Reader    Patricia Kind  
*(Page 232 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

The writer explains the symbolic meaning of Noah and the flood water. Through the water used in Christian baptism everyone is brought to God's safety, because Christ has died, Christ is risen and the power of his resurrection is present for us.

**GRADUAL** 131 O for a closer walk with God

**THE GOSPEL** Mark 1:9-15 (*Page 33 of the New Testament in the pew bible*)

This Sunday's readings have all the powerful image of salvation through water. We hear now Mark's account of the baptism of Jesus, then our Lord's call to repent and hear his good news. So begins our Lenten preparation, for those to be baptised at Easter, and for us all to reaffirm our baptismal covenant promises.

**SERMON** Annette Playle

**PRAYERS** Intercessor Tom Hutton-Stott

**OFFERTORY HYMN** 588 And can it be that I should gain

*After the Offertory, the service continues with The Eucharistic Prayer which starts on page 20 of the Lent booklet*

**COMMUNION HYMN** 752 O love that will not let me go

**CLOSING HYMN** 643 God beyond earth's finest treasures.

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

Leader Michelle Duff  
President The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen

**12.30 pm Sunday Lunch in Parish Hall**

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

**Readings:** Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:1-7 (*Page 2 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible*)  
Romans 5:12-19 (*Page 151 of the New Testament in the pew Bible*)

**Reader:** Catherine Hughes

**Office:** The Rev'd Colin Perkins

**Preacher:** The Rev'd Colin Perkins

**Hymns:** 115 Awake, our souls; away our fears  
Psalm 119, vv.17-32 (*Page 501 of the small Prayer Book*)  
763 Praise to the holiest in the height  
128 Jesu, lover of my soul  
119 Forgive our sins as we forgive

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That we may all know ourselves as God's beloved children
- Thanks for those who show us love & concern
- That we may use Lent to grow nearer to Christ
- The future of Oxfam following the recent troubles
- The National Health Service

### WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	Lent Group in the Parish Room: What makes for a healthy church?
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	6.30 pm	Christians Together in Alnwick AGM at St James' Centre, Pottergate
	7.30 pm	Craft, coffee, cakes and chat at the home of Michelle Duff
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>7.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion, BCP</b> followed by a light breakfast
	9.30 am	Mini Michaels in church
	12 noon	Lent Lunch in the Costello Centre
	7.30 pm	Lent Group at the home of Patricia Kind
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Messy Church in Parish Hall

### Next Sunday                      25<sup>th</sup> February    Second Sunday of Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Genesis 7:1-7, 15-16	CW 461
		Romans 4:13-25	CW 462
		Mark 8:31-38	CW 462
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Celebration of Wholeness and Healing		

Our grateful thanks to all who helped and supported our **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY**. Those who prepared the delicious food deserve our special thanks for enabling many to have a lovely evening of food and fellowship. An added bonus is that £324.50p was raised for church funds.

Michelle Duff writes:

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30 pm: **Coffee, craft, cakes and chat**. This week we will be starting on crochet, or bring your own craft or even just come for the cake and chat! For more details, phone Michelle.

It's still not too late to take a copy of our **LENT LEAFLET** and to decide how you will embrace this season during which we are all called to grow spiritually. You will see that there is plenty on offer! Our Early **THURSDAY MORNING CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)** – followed by a light breakfast – began last week and will continue right through Lent. Do consider signing up for our **TUESDAY AFTERNOON LENT SESSIONS 'WHAT MAKES FOR A HEALTHY CHURCH?'**: There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church today and it would be really helpful to have an idea of numbers likely to attend. If that is not convenient for you then there will be a Lent **HOUSE GROUP** at the home of Patricia Kind on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March. There is a separate sign-up sheet for this at the back of church today.

There is also a selection of possible **LENT READING** from local author and retired priest the Rev'd Richard Ferguson. Do have a look and see if anything whets your appetite. **LENT BOXES** for the work of the **CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY** are also available at the back of church. Do take one and help support this well-known and worthy mission society.

Next Sunday (25<sup>th</sup> February) Evensong will be replaced by one of our twice-yearly **CELEBRATIONS OF WHOLENESS AND HEALING**. This wonderful act of worship (which includes the laying-on-of-hands and anointing for those who wish) really is the Church of England at its best! A considerable number of folk have commented on how much it helps them – whether that be in their own circumstances or in bringing people on their heart for whom they have a concern. Do consider coming along.

Please do come along and join in with making our **PALM CROSSES** – 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 21<sup>st</sup> March** and share expertise, tea/coffee and cake. There will be 200 crosses to make – the more, the merrier!

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

Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors at the Vicarage
5 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 pm	Alnwick Deanery Synod in St Michael's Parish Hall
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 am	School of Prayer at Newcastle Cathedral

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