



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

25TH FEBRUARY 2018. THE SECOND 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.

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

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

President & Preacher The Rev'd Colin Perkins
Reader Holly Petrie

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST *Setting: Gregory Murray – A New People's Mass*

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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 593 At the name of Jesus

1ST READING Genesis 17:1-7 & 15-16 Reader Emma Mavin
(Page 13 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

This Lent our Old Testament readings pick out those moments in Israel's history when God seemed to have made new promises to his people, which the Bible calls 'covenant'. Here, the faithful Abraham and Sarah are promised descendants who will become a great nation and the Lord will be their God for ever.

2ND READING Romans 4:13-25 Reader Honey Hughes
(Page 150 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Paul reminds his readers of God's covenant promise to Abraham and Sarah. It was their faithfulness that was blessed by God. So too we receive blessing by our faith in Christ raised from the dead.

GRADUAL 727 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

THE GOSPEL Mark 8:31-38 (Page 42 of the New Testament in the pew bible)
As Jesus began to reveal his destiny, Peter could not bear it. But Jesus teaches that just as his way was one of suffering for others, so for us all selfishness must be renounced as we take up our own cross.

SERMON The Rev'd Colin Perkins

PRAYERS Intercessor Annette Playle

OFFERTORY HYMN 708 'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee

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

COMMUNION HYMN 130 My spirit longs for thee

CLOSING HYMN 341 We turn to Christ anew

11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP

Leader Claire Mead
Talk Emma Mavin

6.00 pm A CELEBRATION OF WHOLENESS & HEALING

See separate order of service

Reader: Stanley Trafford

Office & Preacher The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Hymns

644	God is Love: let heav'n adore him	
654	Hark, my soul, it is the Lord	
740	O changeless Christ, forever new	Omit verse 5
23	Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear	



FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That we may use Lent to grow in grace and holiness
- Greater respect for the sacredness of life
- Gerard, our curate-designate, and his family Karen, Theo and Phoebe
- Thanks for our Church School
- All who help in our local charity shops

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 26 th	2.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors at the Vicarage
Tues 27 th	9.30 am 2.00 pm	Gateway planning meeting in Parish Room Lent Group in the Parish Room: What makes for a healthy church?
Wed 28 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion
Thurs 1 st March	7.30 am 9.30 am 12 noon 1.15 pm 7.30 pm	Holy Communion, BCP followed by a light breakfast Mini Michaels in church Lent Lunch in the Costello Centre Memorial service for Pat Walker Lent Group at the home of Patricia Kind
Fri 2 nd March	1.15 pm 2.30 pm 7.30 pm	Funeral of Colin Lawson Women's World Day of Prayer At Abbeyfield, South Road At Alnwick Baptist Church

Next Sunday

4th March Third Sunday of Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	CW 464 CW 465 CW 466
9.30 am	First Sunday Eucharist		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Exodus 5:1-6:1;	Philippians 3:4b-14

Our **LENTEN OBSERVANCE** continues. Please don't forget the two **LENT GROUPS** running on Tuesday afternoons in the Parish Room and Thursday evenings at the home of Patricia Kind. Do try to make an extra effort to attend another act of worship. Perhaps **EVENSONG** on a Sunday or one of the two mid-week celebrations of **HOLY COMMUNION**. Saving for the work of the **CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY** is also commended and Lent Boxes are still available at the back of church.



Next Thursday (1st March) it is St Michael's turn to host the **LENT LUNCH** in the Costello Centre. We do hope that members of St Michael's will make a special effort to support this event. Donations towards the purchase of ingredients for soup-making would also be much appreciated. Please hand these to Pat Taylor.

The lucky winners of the February **PARISH HALL DRAW** are:
£20 – No.8 Anne Blades; £10 – No 18 Rachel Robinson £5 – No.40 Jean Goodfellow

This Friday (2nd March) is **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**. Here in Alnwick there are two possibilities to join in:

Abbeyfield at 2.30 pm

Alnwick Baptist Church at 7.30 pm

This year the service has been produced by the women of Suriname with the title "All God's Creation is Very Good!"



On **Saturday morning 17th March** we will have our usual **PRE-EASTER BIG CLEAN** in church. Please, please do come along – even if only for half an hour of dusting. We all like to have a clean church to worship in but it doesn't happen by magic! These events are relaxed, happy occasions with everything you need provided – including tea, coffee, biscuits etc.



A big part of getting ready for Easter is also for our flower arrangers to plan what displays we can have. Please help them by donating cash to purchase flowers – all contributions to Enid Brown or Pat Taylor. Thank you

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 5 th March	7.00 pm	Alnwick Deanery Synod in St Michael's Parish Hall
Wed 7 th March	10.15 am	Holy Communion with the Puffins Class (Reception) from St Michael's Primary School
Tues 13 th March	7.30 pm	PCC in the Small Hall
Wed 14 th March	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union in Parish Room
Sat 17 th March	10.00 am	Big Clean in church
Wed 21 st March	12 noon	Palm Cross making in Parish Room

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