



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK
4TH MARCH THE THIRD 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 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.

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

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

President and Preacher The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen
Reader Mora Rolley

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

President and Talk The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen

Hymns

592 As the deer pants for the water
274 Father, we adore you
557 Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair
604 Brother, sister, let me serve you
713 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

1ST READING Exodus 20:1-17 Reader: Tamsin Hutton-Stott
(Page 68 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

Our weekly readings continue the theme of God's covenants with his people. He requires obedience to his commandments, the heart of the Jewish Law and a foundation of Christian moral principles.

2ND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 at 8.00 am only

(Page 162 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

To proclaim Christ nailed to a cross seems offensively foolish, says Paul, yet in reality it displays God's loving wisdom and mysterious saving power.

THE GOSPEL John 2:13-22

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

As we near the time to remember again the fateful confrontation between Jesus and the Temple authorities, we hear John's account of Jesus driving out all those who perverted the Temple's purposes for personal gain. From his resurrection perspective, John reflects on what this event means

4.00 pm

GATHERING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE from 8-14 years. 4 - 5.30 pm in the **Parish Hall**.

Please come for games and fun, with stuff to think about too.

For more information, please contact Sue Allen, Claire Mead or Henry Playle.

6.00 pm	SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)	
	<i>PROVISIONAL, DEPENDING ON WEATHER</i>	
Readings:	Exodus 5:1-6:1	<i>(Page 53 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)</i>
	Philippians 3:4b-14	<i>(Page 195 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)</i>
Reader:	Patricia Kind	
Office	The Rev'd Colin Perkins	
Preacher	The Rev'd Colin Perkins	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That we may continue to use Lent to grow closer to Christ
- All who are suffering as a result of the winter weather
- The Emergency Services
- A deepening of our prayer life
- Those who have nowhere to call home

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 5th 7 .00 pm **Deanery Synod in Church**
for 7.30 pm

Tues 6th 2.00 pm Lent Group in the Parish Room:
What makes for a healthy church?
7.00 pm Indoor Bowls in Parish Hall

Wed 7 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion with the Puffins (Reception class) from St Michael's C.E. Primary School
Thurs 8 th	7.30 am 9.30 am 12 noon 7.30 pm	Holy Communion, BCP followed by a light breakfast Mini Michaels in church Lent Lunch in the Costello Centre Lent Group at the home of Patricia Kind
Friday 9 th	3.00 pm	Re-arranged Memorial Service for Pat Walker

Next Sunday	11th March The 4th Sunday of Lent		
8.00 am	Holy Communion	Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	CW 467 CW 468 CW 469
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Matins at Denwick		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Exodus 6:2-13; Romans 5:1-11	

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.



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

Just a reminder that your help will be much appreciated if you can 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 21st March** and share expertise, tea/coffee and cake. There will be 200 crosses to make – the more, the merrier!



FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 12 th		Memorial service for Jim Reid
Tues 13 th	7.30 pm	PCC in the Small Hall
Wed 14 th	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union in Parish Room
Sat 17 th	10.00 am	Big Clean in church
Sun 18 th	12.30 pm	Sunday Lunch in Parish Hall
Wed 21 st	12 noon	Palm Cross making in Parish Room

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