



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK
25TH MARCH PALM SUNDAY
HOLY WEEK BEGINS

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 and Preacher
Reader

The Rev'd Colin Perkins
Rob Wilson

9.20 am BLESSING OF PALMS AND PROCESSION FROM THE BARBICAN OF ALNWICK CASTLE

HYMN 159 All glory, laud and honour, to thee Redeemer King

Introit Hymn 161 Ride on, ride on in majesty *(as procession enters church)*

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

President The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig

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.



1ST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a **Reader: Rosie Buxton**
(Page 691 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

Isaiah pictures a faithful servant of God who is deeply and unjustly humiliated but remains dignified in suffering. As we contemplate the mystery of the Cross, these words take on a profound meaning for us in the Passion of Jesus.

2ND READING Philippians 2:5-11 **Reader: Douglas Ramsay**
(Page 194 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

It is our faith that 'Jesus Christ is Lord', because he came from God in total self-giving, and overcame the humiliation of death on a cross by rising and ascending. He is indeed worthy of our adoration and worship.

GRADUAL	544	Morning glory, starlit sky
THE GOSPEL		The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
SERMON		The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig
PRAYERS	Intercessor	Annette Playle
OFFERTORY HYMN	147	My song is love unknown <i>Omit verses 4 & 6</i>
COMMUNION HYMN	423	And now, O father, mindful of the love
CLOSING HYMN	671	I will sing the wondrous story

11.15 am	LATE MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Leader	Emma Mavin
President	The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen

2.00 pm	HOLY BAPTISM	<i>Please pray for:</i>
		Emily May Wilson



6.00 pm	SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)
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Readings:	Isaiah 5: 1-7	<i>(Page 644 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)</i>
	Mark 12:1-12	<i>(Page 46 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)</i>
Reader:	Rosie Buxton	
Office	The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott	
Preacher	Annette Playle	
Hymns	721	Love divine all loves excelling
	69, vv 1-20	<i>(Page 429 of the small Prayer Book)</i>
	156	We sing the praise of him who died
	149	O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
	772	Rock of ages, cleft for me

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That we may walk with Christ during this Holy Week • Those whose lives are blighted by warfare and unrest • All who kindly volunteer to act as stewards and welcomers in our Church • St Michael's C. of E. Primary School – and especially the Holy Week Activity Day here on Tuesday • Thanks for the precious gift of Holy Communion |
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WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

This is Holy Week

Mon 26 th	7.30 pm	Devotional address and Compline
Tues 27 th	9.30 am	Gateway Planning meeting in Parish Room St Michael's Primary School Holy Week Activity Day, ending with Easter Worship at 2.00 pm
	7.30 pm	Devotional address and Compline
Wed 28 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Devotional address and Compline
Thurs 29 th		Maundy Thursday
	7.30 pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper, Foot-washing, Stripping of the Altar and Watch until 10 pm
Fri 30 th	2.00 pm	Good Friday Devotion
Sat 31 st		Holy Saturday
	7.30 pm	Easter Vigil, Lighting of the New Fire and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Next Sunday		1 st April	Easter Day	
8.00 am	Holy Communion		Isaiah 25:6-9 Acts 10: 34-43 John 20:1-18	CW 534 CW 535 CW536
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist	<i>Followed by Easter Egg hunt.</i>		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Ezekiel 37:1-14;	Luke 24:13-35	

Many thanks to all who came along to help make the **PALM CROSSES** on Wednesday, we broke all records for speed, dexterity and companionship. We made almost 250 in a little under two hours! Your efforts are much appreciated.

ST MICHAEL'S HOLY ISLAND DAY which was postponed because of the snow, has been rearranged for 5th May. If you would like to go please contact Sue Allen. We would love to see you there!

SPRING AT TRAIDCRAFT The new catalogue is out and, as always, full of lovely things. Please do pick one up on your way out of church this morning.

GREEN TOPS FROM MILK-BOTTLES

Once again, we have found somewhere that can make use of these tops. Please put them in the small kitchen as before, from where they will be collected. Many thanks

Plans are well under way for our **STEWADING SEASON** which begins tomorrow. Currently we are short of people to welcome visitors on Thursday and Friday afternoons. If you can help – either weekly or fortnightly – please speak with Cath McNally. Thank you



Our **EASTER DAY AFTERNOON TEA** takes place in the Parish hall **next Sunday at 4.00pm**. This lovely social occasion has now become a regular event in our annual round of social activities. Tickets (£7.50) are available today from Jean Darby.

Congratulations to the winners of the latest **PARISH HALL DRAW** on 18th March. They are: 1st – No 17, Paul Scott; 2nd No 26 – Annette Playle; 3rd – No 13 Albert Brown.

Parish Hall Caretaker

Applications are invited for the post of caretaker for St Michael's Parish Hall, Walkergate. Accommodation in the Parish Hall Flat is provided for a nominal rent. Apply in writing by April 3rd to: The Vicarage, Howling Lane, Alnwick, NE66 1DH

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Sun 1 st April	4.00 pm	Easter Day Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall
Sun 8 th April	4.00 pm	Easter Vestry & Annual Meeting, Preceded by tea & cake
Wed 11 th April	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union in church
Sat 14 th April	7.30 pm	Northumbria Sinfonietta concert in St Michael's
Mon 23 rd April	2.00 pm	Pastoral visitors meet at the Vicarage

If you are a UK taxpayer, St Michael's can benefit to the tune of 25p for each £1.00 donated by Gift Aid. Please use the brown envelopes which you will find at the end of each pew. Thank you.

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