



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK
11TH MARCH MOTHERING SUNDAY
(THE FOURTH 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 at 8.00 am today
the Eucharist begins on page 15 of the purple booklet

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

President and Preacher The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig
Reader Win Nicol

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

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 136 Fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers

1ST READING Exodus 2:1-10 Reader: Nellie Shrimpton
(Page 50 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

The mother of Moses worked a deception to preserve her son's life, when the Egyptians were controlling the population by killing every new-born Jewish boy.

2ND READING Colossians 3: 12-17 Reader: Frances Allsop
(Page 198 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Paul writes of the compassionate gifts, forgiveness and love. These, received and given always in the name of Jesus, are a vocation for us all.

GRADUAL 800 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want

THE GOSPEL**John 19: 25b-27***(Page 111 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

Mary, who gave birth to Jesus, is there to watch his ugly death. Every mother's heart can suffer with her. In his last agony, Jesus' love for his mother ensures that she is not left alone.

SERMON**The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott****PRAYERS****Intercessor Richard Allsop****OFFERTORY HYMN****537 For the beauty of the earth****COMMUNION HYMN****575 When I needed a neighbour were you there,
were you there?****CLOSING HYMN****638 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising****11.15 am MATINS AT DENWICK****Office & Preacher: The Rev'd Colin Perkins****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP**

Leader Rachel Robinson
Talk Annette Playle

2.00 pm HOLY BAPTISM *Please pray for:***Charlie Jorge Robinson****6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)**

Readings: Exodus 6:2-13 *(Page 54 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*
Romans 5:1-11 *(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 138 **Our Father God in heaven**
Psalm 127 *(Page 516 of the small Prayer Book)*
589 **Angel-voices ever singing**
650 **Great is thy faithfulness**
675 **Immortal love, for ever full**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Thanks for all mothers – living and departed
- That people everywhere may learn to live in harmony and with mutual respect
- All who live in residential homes in our town
- Our Big Clean on Saturday
- The Church Mission Society

St Michael's Holy Island Day Postponed to 5th May. The day that should have happened yesterday has been postponed because of the weather. Although inevitably some people are disappointed, it means that if you were due to miss out, you could now come. Please contact Sue Allen – we would love to see you there!

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 13 th	7.00 pm	Indoor Bowls in Parish Hall
Wed 14 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion
	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union in the Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Craft night at the home of Michelle Duff
Thurs 15 th	7.30 am	Holy Communion, BCP <i>followed by a light breakfast</i>
	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
Fri 16 th	11.00 am	Funeral of John Ronald Graham
Sat 17 th	10.00 am	Big Clean in church
Sun 18 th	12.30 pm	Sunday Lunch in Parish Hall

Next Sunday

**18th March The 5th Sunday of Lent
Passiontide begins**

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	CW 474
		Hebrews 5: 5-10	CW 476
		John 12: 20-33	CW 476
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Exodus 7:8-24;	Romans 5:12-21

The Tuesday Lent Group. will **not** meet on March 13th but will have its final meeting on **Tuesday March 20th at 2.00 pm** in the Parish Room. The Thursday evening group will meet as usual this Thursday 15th at the home of Patricia Kind.

Christians Together in Alnwick next meeting will be held on **March 21st at St. Paul's starting at 7.00 pm**. Anyone is welcome to attend should they so wish. A copy of the AGM Minutes is on the Notice Board at the back of church

This Saturday morning 17th March we will have our **PRE-EASTER BIG CLEAN** in church. Please do come along – even if only for half an hour of dusting. These events are relaxed, happy occasions with everything you need provided – including tea, coffee, biscuits etc. Your donations towards the purchase of **FLOWERS FOR EASTER** would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Enid Brown or Pat Taylor. Thank you

Plans are well under way for our **STEWARDSHIP SEASON** which will begin at the end of the month. 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

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

Please make a note in your diaries about our **EASTER DAY AFTERNOON TEA** in the Parish hall at **4.00pm on Easter Day – 1st April**. This lovely social occasion has now become a regular event in our annual round of social activities. More details soon – but do reserve the date!

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Wed 21 st	12 noon	Palm Cross making in Parish Room
	7.00 pm	CTiA meeting at St Paul's
Fri 23 rd	7.30 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer at Baptist Church
Sat 30 th	11.00 am	Messy Church in Parish Hall
Sun 1 st April	4.00 pm	Easter Day Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall
Sat 14 th April	Evening	Northumbria Sinfonietta concert in St Michael's

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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please telephone Martin Downey on either 01665 603271 or mobile 07375800702**

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