



**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**PASSIONTIDE 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      The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott  
Reader                              Hilary Atkin

**9.30 am      PARISH EUCHARIST**

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      707   Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim**

**1ST READING      Jeremiah 31:31-34                              Reader: Cath McNally**  
*(Page 746 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

Our Lenten readings have illustrated God's historic covenants with his people. Now, we hear Jeremiah's prophecy of an entirely new covenant, not based on ancient Law so easy to break, but written deep in the hearts of everyone who longs to know and be known by God.

**2ND READING      Hebrews 5:5-10                              Reader: Richard Dale**  
*(Page 217 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

The task of the Jewish High Priest was to offer sacrifices to God on behalf of sinful people. This writer says that Christ, by offering himself to God through his life and death, has become the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

**GRADUAL              144   How deep the Father's love for us**

**THE GOSPEL****John 12:20-33***(Page 103 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

Jesus was human enough to be greatly disturbed at what he sensed lay before him. Yet he will glorify his Father's name, trusting in that power not only to lift him up but draw all people to himself.

**SERMON****The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen****PRAYERS****Intercessor Douglas Ramsay****OFFERTORY HYMN****489 From heaven you came, helpless babe****COMMUNION HYMN****O my Saviour lifted, from the earth for me****[WORDS INSIDE FRONT COVER OF RED PASSIONTIDE BOOKLET]****CLOSING HYMN****748 O Jesus I have promised****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

Leader	Emma Mavin
President	The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen
Talk	The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen

**12.30 pm****Sunday Lunch in Parish Hall****6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)**

**Readings:** Exodus 7:8-24 *(Page 55 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*  
 Romans 5:12-25 *(Page 151 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

**Reader:** Susan Trafford**Office** The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig**Preacher** The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig

**Hymns** 730 My God I love thee, not because  
 Psalm 132 *(Page 519 of the small Prayer Book)*  
 135 Take up thy Cross, the Saviour said  
 153 There in God's garden stands the tree of wisdom  
 148 O dearest Lord, thy sacred head

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

- That Christ may draw us, and all people, to himself
- Alison Hardy, the new Area Dean of Alnwick
- The plight of the people of Syria
- Those who make pilgrimage to Northumberland, the cradle of Christianity
- Alnwick & District Food Bank

**St Michael's Holy Island Day Postponed to 5<sup>th</sup> May.** The day that should have happened was 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 20th	2.00 pm	Lent Group in the Parish Room
	7.00 pm	Indoor Bowls in Parish Hall
Wed 21st	<b>10.15 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12. noon</b>	<b>Making Palm Crosses in Parish Room</b>
	2.00 pm	Funeral of Hilda Edridge
Thurs 22nd	7.00 pm	CTiA meeting at St Paul's
	<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
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer at Baptist Church

### Next Sunday                      25<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 50:4-9a	CW 479
		Philippians 2:5-11	CW 480
		The Passion according to Mark	CW 481
9.20 am	Palm Sunday Procession from the Barbican of Alnwick Castle		
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
2.00 pm	Holy Baptism		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Isaiah 5:1-7;    Mark 12:1-12	

Our thanks go to all who helped with yesterday's **BIG CLEAN** in church. Your time and commitment is much appreciated. Thanks, too, to those who were unable to be there but 'did their bit' quietly beforehand.



Tickets are now available for our scrumptious **EASTER DAY AFTERNOON TEA** in the Parish hall at **4.00pm**. Do come along and bring your friends. See Pat Taylor or Jean Darby to secure your ticket!

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

The **APRIL GATEWAY** will soon be going to print. Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> is the cut-off date for copy so there is still just time if you have any items for inclusion – please contact Joan Dunn or The Rev'd Colin Perkins. Of course, if you wish to submit pages for future editions, these are always most welcome, especially if they aren't tied to a particular time of year!

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> to: The Vicarage, Howling Lane, Alnwick, NE66 1DH**

### **A PRAYER FOR PASSIONTIDE**

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us,  
for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us.

Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,

may we know you more clearly

love you more dearly

and follow you more dearly

day by day

**Amen**

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

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day.	St Michael's School Holy Week and Easter Activity Day in church, concluding with Easter Worship at 2.00 pm
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> April	4.00 pm	Easter Day Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Evening	Northumbria Sinfonietta concert in St Michael's

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