

*Alleluia!
Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
A very Happy Easter to you all*



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK
1ST APRIL 2018 EASTER DAY

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.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

President The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Preacher John Cooke
Reader Holly Petrie

**9.30 am PARISH EASTER EUCHARIST,
WITH BLESSING OF THE EASTER GARDEN**

INTROIT HYMN 218 Thine be the glory

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.

1ST READING Isaiah 25:6-9 Reader: Catherine Hughes
(Page 662 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

The prophet holds out God's promise of a joyful end to all human travail, when there will be feasting and rejoicing as death is destroyed for ever and God saves his people.



2ND READING **Acts 10:34-43** **Reader: Dee Ramsay**
(Page 126 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

This is a small part of the story of Peter and a centurion of the Roman occupying army, when the Gospel first reached beyond the Jews. The teaching sums up Jesus' old and new life.

GRADUAL **205 Jesus Christ is risen today**

THE GOSPEL **John 20:1-18**
(Page 111 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Mary Magdalene is sometimes called 'the Apostle to the Apostles', for she was the first to see the risen Lord and tell the others. But his appearance had changed, and only love speaking to love made him known to her.

SERMON **John Cooke**

PRAYERS **Intercessor John Cooke**

OFFERTORY HYMN **194 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise**

COMMUNION HYMN **212 New the green blade rises from the buried grain**

CLOSING HYMN **197 Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord**

4.00 pm **Easter Day Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall**

6.00 pm **SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)**

Readings: **Ezekiel 37:1-14** (*Page 820 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible*)
 Luke 24:13-35 (*Page 86 of the New Testament in the pew Bible*)

Reader: **Vivienne Graves**

Office **The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott**

Preacher **The Rev'd Colin Perkins**

Hymns **205 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia**
 66, vv 1-11 (*Page 424 of the small Prayer Book*)
 216 The day of resurrection
 200 Christ the Lord is risen again
 221 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- **Thanks for the triumph of Christ over death and the grave**
- **All who are visiting Alnwick over the Easter break**
- **Departed loved ones**
- **The ongoing situation in Syria**
- **Alan, our Organist and the Choir**

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wed 4th 10.15 am Holy Communion

Next Sunday 8th April The Second Sunday of Easter

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Acts 4:32-35	CW 538
		1 John 1.1-2.2	CW 539
		John 20:19-31	CW 539
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
11.15 am	Holy Communion at Denwick		
4.00 pm	Easter Vestry & Annual Meeting, Preceded by tea & cake		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Genesis 3:8-15;	Galatians 4:1-5

Our **STEWARDSHIP SEASON** began last week. 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



HOLY ISLAND Date - June 9th confirmed. A varied group from St Michael's is booked at the St Cuthbert's Centre for what should be an excellent day. As well as opportunities for prayer and reflection, there will be craft activities, walks, (orchids, history, birds), an opportunity to look more deeply at a Bible passage, and of course time to relax and chat. There will be the added bonus of being there when the tide is in. The cost is £8, and we are encouraged to share transport where possible. Please contact Sue Allen if you would like to go.

A message from Christians Together in Alnwick, via John Knight and Sue Wiltshire about **GREEN BATT GARDEN**. Could you spare an hour on Saturday 7th April to help to make this garden lovely? No experience necessary, please just come along, you would be much appreciated. Thanks

A sincere '**THANK YOU**' to all who have given so generously of their time, talents and money to help make St. Michael's look so splendid for this, the greatest day of the Church year. As we worship in the beauty of holiness we are reminded that all the effort is offered to the glory of God and the joyful celebration of his resurrected Son.

Many thanks to all who took **LENT BOXES** and have saved for the work of the **CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY**. It would be a great help if boxes could be returned to church as soon as possible.



This afternoon at 4.00 pm we have our **EASTER DAY AFTERNOON TEA** in the Parish Hall. Even at this late hour, we could still cater for one or two more. If you would like to come, please speak to Pat Taylor or Jean Darby.

You will be pleased to know that we have a new Ricoh **PHOTOCOPIER** in the parish office. Over the last three months or so, we have been helped by so many generous people and organisations to do printing and copying for St Michael's. Many thanks to everyone – those who have helped, and those who have been patient!



The April Prayer Diary and the Easter edition of **THE GATEWAY** (our Parish magazine) are now available at the back of church.

The revised **ELECTORAL ROLL** is on display today – please check your details for correctness, and inform Anne Cooke of any discrepancies. Note that no new names may be added now until after the APCM, which is at 4.00 pm next Sunday in the Parish Hall.

Please note that there is an intermittent problem with the office telephone. Until the problem is resolved, if you have difficulty getting through on the land line, please email or call the office on a Thursday between 10.00 pm and 4.00 pm using mobile number 07709564010.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Wed 11 th	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union in church
Fri 13 th	10.00 am	Contagious Easter Activity morning at Methodist Church
Sat 14 th	7.30 pm	Northumbria Sinfonietta concert in St Michael's
Thurs 19 th	7.00 pm	Baptism Preparation in church
Mon 23 rd	2.00 pm	Pastoral visitors meet at the Vicarage

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