



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

24TH JUNE 2018. THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

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 Win Nicol

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST *Setting: Peter Nardone: Mass of St. Cedd*

INTROIT HYMN 632 Fill thou my life, O Lord my God

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 40:1-11 Reader: Judy Jobson

(Page 677 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

Israel must prepare for God's appearing, says the prophet, for he will bring about their return from exile. His announcement became for Christians a prophetic text about John the Baptist, who proclaimed Jesus and prepared the way for his coming.

2ND READING Acts 13:14b-26 Reader: John Sawyer

(Page 128 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Paul and Barnabas have travelled from Cyprus into Galatia. Invited to speak to the Jews there, Paul proclaims Jesus their Messiah. Throughout history God has prepared his people and lastly came John, pointing them to Jesus.

GRADUAL 46 On Jordan's bank, the baptist's cry

THE GOSPEL Luke 1: 57-66 & 80

(Page 55 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

The son born to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age is named John, which means 'God is gracious'. It will be John's prophetic calling to prepare people for the coming of the Son of God.

SERMON The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

PRAYERS Intercessor Richard Allsop

OFFERTORY HYMN 595 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer E on page 11 of the Saints Days booklet.

COMMUNION HYMN 245 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

CLOSING HYMN 706 Let us, with a gladsome mind

11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Leader Emma Mavin

President The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen

Talk Anthony O'Neill

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings: Malachi, ch.4 *(Page 905 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*
 Matthew 11:2-19 *(Page 10 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Reader: Susan Trafford

Office The Rev'd Colin Perkins

Preacher Annette Playle

Hymns 319 Sing we the praises of the great forerunner
 Psalm 82 *(Page 452 of the small Prayer Book)*
 589 Angel-voices ever singing
 671 I will sing the wondrous story
 294 We love the place, O God

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That, like John the Baptist, we may point others to Christ
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- All preparing for Ordination this year – and especially Gerard, our Curate-designate
- All who have been sitting exams
- Those who help with Mini Michaels and Messy Church

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 26 th	9.30 am 2.30 pm	Gateway planning meeting in Parish Room 'Summer Flowers' Floral Art at St Aidan's, Bamburgh Tickets £10, incl Afternoon Tea
Wed 27 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion for the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. <i>Transferred from 29th</i>
Thurs ^s 28th	9.30 am	Mini Michaels in church
Sat 30 th June	12 noon 4.00 pm	Wedding of Anna Brown at Felton Ordination as Deacon of Gerard Rundell at St Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle

Next Sunday	1 st July	The fifth Sunday after Trinity
8.00 am	Holy Communion	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4 & 15-18 Matthew 10:40-42
		CW 245 CW 245 CW 247
9.30 am	First Sunday Eucharist	
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Jeremiah 11:1-14; Romans 13:1-10

The bus for Newcastle Cathedral for **GERARD'S ORDINATION AS DEACON** next Saturday (30th) will leave St Michael's at **2.30 pm** and return at approximately 5.30 pm. The cost is £12.30 at the moment but there are still five seats spare so this may go down. Please have a word with Pat Taylor TODAY if you haven't put your name down but would like to go along.

The weekend of 6th-9th September will see great excitement and activity across our Diocese as the **PATHWAYS MISSION** takes place. Headed by the Archbishop of York and a host of other bishops, the whole of the Diocese will be visited. Lots of activities are planned for **ALNWICK DEANERY** and more details will be made known soon. Please pray for this important initiative and keep the dates free.



God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, use our Pathways Mission to grow your Church in Newcastle Diocese in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you and in loving service to our local communities. Give vision to our planning and wisdom to our actions. Send us, empowered by your Holy Spirit, to bring hope to all we meet, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Have YOU purchased your ticket yet for our next social and fund-raising event? There is to be a **STRAWBERRY TEA** in the Parish Hall on Saturday 14th July 2.30-4.30 pm. There will be a Raffle and Tombola Stall (donations for both gratefully received) and a chance to catch up with folk over a pleasant and relaxed tea.

Tickets, priced £5.00, are available now. Please do come along – and bring your friends!

A very special **THANK YOU** from Margaret Riley ... to those who changed a bare empty flat into a fully equipped and furnished home, for someone who has discovered there are people who care.

‘BLAZE’ YOUTH ACTIVITIES On 7th July we have been invited to join in the Diocese of Durham Pulse Youth Pilgrimage to Holy Island. Transport will be arranged. It is open to School Years 7 and above. Sounds like a great adventure! For more information contact Claire Mead, 07525 748728, contagious.alnwick@gmail.com

Over the summer, St Michael’s will have three visits from the **ROYAL NORTHERN SINFONIA ORCHESTRA** who will perform concerts on Friday 20th July, Thursday 26th July and Friday 3rd August – all at 7.30 pm. More details very soon – but please make a note of the dates in your diary now.



FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

10 th July	7.30 pm	P.C.C. in church
12 th July	2.00 pm	St Michael’s C. of E. Primary School Yr 6 – Leavers’ Service and Tea in Church
14 th July	2.30 pm	Strawberry Tea in Parish Hall.

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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