

Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick



Sunday 2nd December 2018 Advent Sunday

A particular welcome if you are with us for the first time.
Please do stay behind after the 9.30 am service today 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, to come forward for a blessing.

*Large print books are available, please ask a sidesperson.
We have a Loop System: please switch your hearing aid to the T position.*

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION – in St Paul's Chapel

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

9.30 am FIRST SUNDAY EUCHARIST *(with children and young people in church)*

President and Talk The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

The Advent Wreath *ADVENT 1*

Hymn 26 verse 1

God of Abraham and Sarah,
and all the patriarchs of old,
you are our Father too.
Your love is revealed to us in
Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of David.
Help us in preparing to celebrate
his birth
to make our hearts ready for
your Holy Spirit
to make his home among us.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the
world.
Amen.

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a King:
Be born in our hearts this Christmas,
be king of our lives today.
Amen.**

Hymns

- 28 Come and see the shining hope that Christ's apostle saw
27 Colours of day dawn into the mind
42 Longing for light, we wait in darkness
747 O God, you search me and you know me
39 Hills of the North, rejoice

1ST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16 *At 8.00 am only*

(Page 662 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

Parts of our book called 'Jeremiah' are from a later commentary on his work. Here, one such passage repeats the prophet's promise that a righteous king will be born of David's line. It is a fitting introduction to our preparation for the Saviour's birth

2ND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

(Page 201 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Paul prays he may have the opportunity to see these friends again, who are faithful under great hardships; and that they will continue strong and loving until that time when the Lord Jesus comes again.

THE GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36

(Page 82 of the New Testament in the pew bible)

In this new church year, the Gospel on most Sundays will be that of Luke. Jesus speaks in this passage of the future coming of the Son of Man. He expects a time of great distress before the end of the world, and the faithful must be alert and stand firm.

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings: Joel 3:9-21 *(Page 863 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

Revelation 14:13-15:4

(Page 252 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Reader Cath Hughes

Officiant and Preacher John Cooke

- Hymns 57 Ye servants of the Lord
 Psalm 9, vv. 1-8 *(Page 354 of the small Prayer Book)*
 685 Jesu, my Lord, my God, my all
 37 Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing
 21 O strength and stay, upholding all creation

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That we may stay awake and alert this Advent
- All who fear the onset of winter
- Those who have just had or are awaiting surgery
- Our Prime Minister & Government
- Alnwick & District Food Bank

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 4 th	3.00 pm	Prophets and Prayer in church
	7.00 pm	St. Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall
Wed 5 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion with the Marlins (Yr 6) from St Michael's Primary School
Thurs 6 th	9.30 am	Mini Michaels
	7.30 pm	Royal Northern Sinfonia concert in church Baroque Christmas by Candlelight
<i>Please note – if you have requested tickets for the concert, they will be available in church on Sunday. In addition, you can pay at the door.</i>		
Fri 7 th	8.00 pm	Prophets and Prayer in church

Next Sunday 9th December The 2nd Sunday of Advent.

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Malachi 3:1-4	CW 738
		Philippians 1:3-11	CW 739
		Luke 3:1-6	CW 740
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
4.00 pm	Carols at Denwick		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, (BCP 1662)	Isaiah 40:1-11	
		Luke 1:1-25	

CHRISTMAS CAKES will be available from Susan Trafford again this year. The prices are: 6" - £6.50; 7" - £9.75; 8" - £13.

Half of which goes to church funds. Please telephone her to order.

Our **ADVENT REFLECTIONS: 'PROPHETS & PRAYER'** got off to a splendid start last week. It's not too late to join – there are still three weeks left. Choose between Tuesdays at 3.00 pm or Thursdays at 7.30 pm (and swap between groups if necessary). Please note that for next week the evening service will be at **8.00 pm on Friday instead of Thursday**. This is a splendid opportunity to learn – and to be still before God in the run-up to Christmas.

Over the Christmas period **ALNWICK AND DISTRICT FOOD BANK** helps with providing families with children of school age with additional supplies. We would love to be able to provide chocolates or selection boxes for these needy children and hope you feel that you might want to help. Please leave any donations in the Food Bank box at the back of church. Thank you.



Two ways to help make St Michael's look wonderful at Christmas:

- 1 Our hard-working team of **FLOWER ARRANGERS** need donations of cash for flowers and, nearer the time, greenery from your garden for the arrangements. If you have any queries, or to donate cash, please contact Pat Taylor or Enid Brown. Thanks



- 2 Set an hour or so aside to come along and join in the **BIG CLEAN**, starting at 10.00 am on Friday 14th December. Cleaning materials and hot drinks provided – and there may even be some seasonal goodies to eat!



FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 10 th	11.30 am	Funeral of Duff Burrell at St Michael's Church
Tues 11 th	3.00 pm	Advent Reflection: 'Prophets and Prayer'
Wed 12 th	10.15am 6.30pm	Alnwick Deanery Mothers' Union Advent Eucharist Mayor's Carol Service
Thurs 13 th	7.30pm	Advent Reflection: 'Prophets and Prayer'
Fri 14 th	10.00am	'Big Clean' in Church
Sun 16 th	12.30 pm 6.00pm	Christmas Sunday Lunch Candlelit Carol Service 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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Curate: The Rev'd Gerard Rundell

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