

Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick



Sunday 9th December 2018 The Second Sunday of Advent

A particular welcome if you are with us for the first time.
Please do stay behind after the 9.30 am and 11.15 am services 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 and Preacher The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Reader Mora Rolley

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

INTROIT HYMN 41 Lo, he comes with cloud descending

President The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

The Advent Wreath *ADVENT 2*

During the lighting of the Advent candles, we sing

Hymn 26, verse 2 Prophet voices loudly crying

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 Malachi 3:1-4 Reader: Dee Ramsay
(Page 904 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

This messenger expects the Lord to come suddenly, heralded by another
messenger to prepare his way. Christians see this fulfilled in John the Baptist,
who also warned people that to encounter the Lord is not an unmixed
blessing – always there is a testing and purifying we have to face.

2ND READING **Philippians 1:3-11** **Reader: Honey Hughes**
(Page 193 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Paul writes warmly to his dear friends in Philippi. In expectation of the day of Christ's coming again, he prays they may increase in love and understanding.

GRADUAL **263 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me** *Sung twice*

THE GOSPEL **Luke 3:1-6**
(Page 57 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

We read from Luke these coming months, but in all four Gospels John the Baptist appears as the messenger whom ancient Scripture had expected. He is the forerunner and herald of Jesus, preparing the way of the Lord by calling people to repent and be baptised.

SERMON **Annette Playle**

PRAYERS **Intercessor** **Annette Playle**

OFFERTORY HYMN **99 Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

COMMUNION HYMN **470 We come to this your table, Lord**

CLOSING HYMN **569 The kingdom of God is justice and joy**

11.15 am **LATE MORNING WORSHIP**

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

4.00 pm **CAROLS AT DENWICK**
OFFICIANT **The Rev'd Gerard Rundell**



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

Readings: **Isaiah 40:1-11**
Page 840 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible
Luke 1:1-25
Page 94 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

Reader: **Rosie Buxton**

Officiant and Preacher **The Rev'd Paul Scott**

Hymns **36** **Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes**
Psalm **75** *(page 434 in the small prayer book)*
610 **Christ is the world's true light**
816 **Thy kingdom come, O God**
18 **Light of gladness, Lord of glory**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That we may play our part in preparing the way of the Lord
- All who suffer as a result of the cold
- The people of Yemen
- The Mothers' Union
- St Michael's C. of E. Primary School

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 10 th	11.30 am	Funeral of Duff Burrell
Tues 11 th	3.00 pm	Prophets and Prayer in church
	7.00 pm	St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall
	7.00 pm	Messy Church planning meeting at the Vicarage
Wed 12 th	10.15 am	Alnwick Deanery Mothers' Union Advent Eucharist All welcome
	6.30 pm	Mayor's Carol Service in church
Thurs 13 th	9.30 am	Mini Michaels
	7.30 pm	Prophets and Prayer in church
Fri 14 th	10.00 am	Big Clean morning in St Michael's Church

Next Sunday 16th December The Third Sunday of Advent

8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP	Zephaniah 3:14-20	CW 741
		Philippians 4:4-7	CW 743
		Luke 3:7-18	CW 743
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Candlelit Carol Service		

Details of all our **CHRISTMAS SERVICES** are to be found in the new edition of 'The Cryer' and should have reached every household in the parish. Next Sunday evening will witness the beginning of St Michael's celebrations with our **CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE** at 6.00 pm. This is a wonderful way to begin our welcoming of the Christ-child and it is always a highlight of Christmas in Alnwick. Please do come and bring your friends with you – this is not a concert but, rather (and more appropriately) a real and meaningful act of worship.



Our **ADVENT REFLECTIONS: 'PROPHETS & PRAYER'** continues. It's not too late to join – there are still two weeks left. Choose between Tuesdays at 3.00 pm or Thursdays at 7.30 pm (and swap between groups if necessary). 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 this Friday. Cleaning materials and hot drinks provided – and there may even be some seasonal goodies to eat!



Congratulations to the winners of the most recent **PARISH HALL DRAW**. They are
1st £20 – No 46 Vivienne Graves. 2nd £10 – No 41 Judy Jobson
3rd £5 – No 33 Jean Collins.

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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