

Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick



Sunday 16th December 2018 The Third 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, BCP – in St Paul's Chapel

President The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Preacher The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen
Reader Mora Rolley

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

INTROIT HYMN 45 O come, O come, Emmanuel

President The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

The Advent Wreath *ADVENT 3*

During the lighting of the Advent candles, we sing

Hymn 26, verse 3 John the Baptist, by his preaching

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 Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Reader: Jean Sawyer
(Page 891 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

This prophet of the 7th Century BC is mostly a voice of doom, but this
passage ends his work on a note of hope. God will always preserve a remnant
of the faithful through the worst of times and come in his own person as king
and saviour.

2ND READING **Philippians 4:4-7** **Reader: Paul Jarvis**
(Page 196 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

'The Lord is near' wrote Paul. He means that the coming in glory of the resurrected Jesus will happen soon. During the time of waiting, be joyful, be peaceable, be prayerful, be thankful.

GRADUAL **46 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry**

THE GOSPEL **Luke 3:7-18**
(Page 57 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

As we heard last Sunday, Christians understood John the Baptist as the one to whom ancient Scripture had pointed as God's messenger preparing the way for Jesus. John's teaching provoked controversy, but his proclamation of repentance and baptism gained him many disciples.

SERMON **The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen**

PRAYERS **Intercessor John Cooke**

OFFERTORY HYMN **497 Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing**

COMMUNION HYMN **566 Put peace into each other's hands**

CLOSING HYMN **30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

11.15 am **LATE MORNING WORSHIP**

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

12.30 pm **Christmas Sunday Lunch in the Parish Hall**

6.00 pm **CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE**

See separate booklet for Carols and readings

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That we may watch and wait for Christ with expectant hearts and minds
- Our Prime Minister and Government
- Those who have to work – providing essential services over Christmas
- The poor and destitute
- Alnwick Deanery – Allison Hardy, our Area Dean and Frances Allsop our Lay Chair

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 18 th	3.00 pm 7.00 pm	Prophets and Prayer in church St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall
Wed 19 th	10.15 am 3.30 pm	Holy Communion Apple Blossom Day Nursery Nativity service in church
Thurs 20 th	9.30 am 2.30 pm 7.30 pm	Mini Michaels St Michael's CE Primary School 'Walkabout' Nativity, ending in church Prophets and Prayer in church
Fri 21 st	3.00 pm	Thanksgiving for the life of Geraldine Shell

Next Sunday 23rd December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00 am Holy Communion

Micah 5:2-5a

CW 744

Hebrews 10:5-10

CW 746

Luke 1:39-45

CW 746

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

11.15 am Late Morning Worship with Holy Communion

6.00 pm Sung Evensong, BCP 1662 Isaiah 10:33-11:10;
Matthew 1:18-25

Please come along to our **CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE** this evening. It is one of the loveliest acts of worship of the year and marks the beginning of our Christmas celebrations. It is also an ideal opportunity to invite members of your family, friends and neighbours to hear afresh the true meaning of Christmas.



Your response to the appeal for **CHOCOLATES AND SELECTION BOXES** for the Alnwick and District Food Bank Christmas parcels has been phenomenal! Thank you so much.



Grateful thanks to all who have already given so generously towards the cost of **FLOWERS FOR THE DECORATION OF ST MICHAEL'S AT CHRISTMAS**. If you haven't yet done so and would like to help out in this way, please give your contribution to Pat Taylor or Enid Brown

A huge thank you to those who helped with Friday's **BIG CLEAN** here in church. It adds an extra dimension to our Christmas worship to know that all is 'spic and span'!



FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 24 th	4.30 pm	Christingle and Family Carols
	11.30 pm	Christmas Midnight Mass
Tues 25 th		Christmas Day
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.30 am	Parish Christmas Eucharist
Wed 26 th		St Stephen's Day
	10.15 am	Holy Communion
Thurs 27 th		St John the Evangelist
	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Fri 28 th		The Holy Innocents
	9.30 am	Holy Communion



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Vicar: The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Curate: The Rev'd Gerard Rundell

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