

Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick



Sunday 23rd December 2018 The Fourth 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 & Preacher The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Reader Hilary Atkin

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

INTROIT HYMN 51 The Lord will come and not be slow

President The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig

The Advent Wreath *ADVENT 4*

During the lighting of the Advent candles, we sing

Hymn 26, verse 4 Mary's gift beyond all telling

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

Micah 5:2-5a

Reader: Pat Taylor

(Page 880 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

Like so many of the prophets, Micah embraces both judgement and hope. In his poetic language, a new king will be born in David's birthplace, Bethlehem, and will lead his people in peace.

2ND READING**Hebrews 10:5-10****Reader: Douglas Ramsay***(Page 221 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

This writer puts words from Psalm 40 into Jesus' mouth, to show that Jesus came in complete obedience to God's will, and he abolished the old sacrificial systems by which people had approached God. He has consecrated us all in his own person.

GRADUAL The Magnificat

My soul doth | magnify the | Lord: and my spirit hath re|joiced
in | God my | Saviour.

For | he hath re|garded: the | lowliness | of his | hand-maiden.

For be|hold, from | henceforth: all gene|rations shall | call me | blessed.

For he that is mighty hath | magnified | me: and | holy | is his | name.

And his mercy is on | them that | fear him: through|out all | gene|rations.

He hath shewed | strength with his | arm: he hath scattered the proud
in the imagi|nation | of their | hearts.

He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat:
and hath exalted the | humble and | meek.

He hath filled the hungry with | good | things:
and the rich he | hath sent | empty a|way.

He re|membering his mercy | hath holpen his | servant | Israel:

as he promised | to our | forefathers, Abraham | and his | seed, for | ever.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son: and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be:
world without | end. | A|men.

THE GOSPEL**Luke 1:39-45***(Page 54 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

Luke weaves together the wonderful stories of the sons born to Elizabeth and Mary. The mother of Jesus visits the mother of John, and the two are joined in the joy of what God is doing.

SERMON**The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig****PRAYERS****Intercessor Douglas Ramsay****OFFERTORY HYMN****75 Long ago, prophets knew****COMMUNION HYMN****38 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding****CLOSING HYMN****41 Lo, he comes with clouds descending****11.15 am****LATE MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

Leader & President
Talk

The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen
Andrew Duff

6.00 pm SING EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings: Isaiah 10:33-11:10 *Page 650 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible*
Matthew 1:18-25 *Page 1 of the New Testament in the pew Bible*

Reader: Rosie Buxton

Officiant and Preacher The Rev'd Paul Scott

Hymns 50 The advent of our King
Psalm 127 *(page 516 in the small prayer book)*
34 Earth was waiting, spent and restless
692 Jesus, good above all other
782 Songs of praise the angels sang

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That, like Mary, we may say 'yes' to what God asks us to do
- The homeless
- All who travel: that they may do so safely
- That all may know the peace of Christ this Christmas
- Departed loved ones

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 24 th		Christmas Eve
	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 Eucharist for Christmas Day
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

Next Sunday 30th December

The First Sunday of Christmas

8.00 am	Holy Communion	1 Samuel 2:18-20 & 26	CW 762
		Colossians 3:12-17	CW 763
		Luke 2:41-52	CW 764
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Isaiah 61;	Galatians 3:27-4:7

Advance notice of **THE CONTAGIOUS EXPERIENCE**: 10:00-12:00, Saturday 12th January at Alnwick Methodist Church. Open to all - come along and enjoy cake & a cuppa as we share progress of the Youth and Schools work, Mighty Oaks coffee van, etc., and introduce some of the exciting resources being used.



Grateful thanks to those who have contributed towards the cost of **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** and to those who are responsible for **FLOWER ARRANGING**. It is much appreciated by those of us who can only stand in wonderment.

Paul & Jane, Gerard & Karen thank all the kind folk of St Michael's for their cards, thoughtfulness and good wishes at Christmas and hope all will know the true joys of the season.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

- Sun 6th Jan **The Feast of the Epiphany.**
First Sunday worship
- Tues 8th Jan 9.30 am Gateway planning meeting in the Parish Room
- Thurs 10th Jan 7.00 pm Baptism Preparation in church
- Tues 15th Jan 7.30 pm PCC in the Small Hall
- Thurs 17th Jan Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
- Sat 19th Jan 11.00 am – 1.00 pm Messy Church in St Michael's

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Curate: The Rev'd Gerard Rundell

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