

# Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick



## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 Candlemas

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        The Rev'd Colin Perkins  
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

Hymns    *All in the First Sunday Candlemas booklet*  
The Spirit lives to set us free  
There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son  
Longing for light, we wait in darkness  
Faithful vigil ended  
Jesus bids us shine with a clear, pure light

1ST READING        Malachi 3:1-5

*(Page 904 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

In today's Gospel, Simeon will greet the infant Jesus in the Temple. Malachi speaks of the Lord coming suddenly; he knows, like Simeon, that to encounter the Lord is a mixed blessing because we have to face his testing and purifying.

**2ND READING      Hebrews 2:14-18**

*(Page 216 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Christ became flesh and blood, like us, says this writer, and we shall hear how his parents did the same as for every first-born child in Israel. Jesus fully shared our human condition, so that he could unite us all in God.

**READING AT 9.30 am      Psalm 84**

**THE GOSPEL      Luke 2:22-40**

*(Page 56 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

As the Law requires, Jesus the first-born is brought to the Temple with a thank-offering. Two old and holy people, Simeon and Anna, perceive that this child is the fulfilment of ancient prophecies of redemption, but the glory will not be without pain and suffering.

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

**Readings:                  Haggai 2:1-9**

*(Page 893 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

**John 2:18-22**

*(Page 90 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

**Reader                          Rosie Buxton**

**Officiant and Preacher      The Rev'd Gerard Rundell**

### **Hymns**

813 Through the night of doubt and sorrow (Omit verses 7 &8)

Psalm 122                  *Page 514 of the small Prayer book*

676 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

651 Great Shepherd of thy people, hear

23 Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

- That as we shine in the world, our light may never go out
- St. Michael's C of E Primary School: its pupils, staff and governors
- Elizabeth, our Queen on the 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her accession (Wednesday)
- The people of Yemen
- A just settlement in the Brexit talks

## WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

|                         |          |  |
|-------------------------|----------|--|
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> | 7.00 pm  | St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall   |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>     | 10.15 am | <b>Holy Communion, with the Starfish<br/>(Yr 1 &amp; Reception) of St Michael's Primary School</b> |
| Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.30 am  | Mini Michaels  |
|                         | 7.00 pm  | Baptism Preparation meeting in Church  |
|                         | 7.30 pm  | 'Onward Call' weekly group. ( <i>See page 3</i> )  |
| Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>    | 12.30 pm | Sunday Lunch in Parish Hall  |

### Next Sunday                      10<sup>th</sup> February The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent

|          |                           |                          |        |
|----------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion            | Isaiah 6:1-8             | CW 794 |
|          |                           | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11    | CW 796 |
|          |                           | Luke 5:1-11              | CW 796 |
| 9.30 am  | Parish Eucharist          |                          |        |
| 11.15 am | Late Morning Worship      |                          |        |
| 11.15 am | Matins at Denwick         |                          |        |
| 6.00 pm  | Sung Evensong, (BCP 1662) | Hosea 1<br>Romans 6:1-11 |        |

Each Thursday there is a regular 'ONWARD CALL' discussion and prayer group. The group will meet weekly at 7.30 pm to discuss a passage of scripture, or a theme, and to spend time deepening our prayer life together. All are very welcome! Please speak to Gerard or Sue Allen if you're interested.

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### Yet more Generosity!

Thank you to all those of you who came to celebrate the 21 years of the SPITAK PROJECT. The Armenian nibbles and crafts were intended to be a free offering for your generosity over the years, but at the end of the day yet another £407 had been donated. Thank you all so very much.

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If you haven't yet added your name to the Parish Hall Draw list, application forms are still available for the 2019 PARISH HALL PRIZE DRAW, together with a list for you to add your name if you would like to become a member. The cost to join is an annual payment of £20; there is a draw each month giving you the chance to win one of the 3 prizes of £20, £10 and £5.

If you have any questions, please speak to Martin Downey.

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## FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>        | 11.00 am             | Messy Church in Church  |
| Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>        | 3.30 pm              | Fun Faith & Friends Pancake Party<br>in Parish Hall                       |
| Wed. 20 <sup>th</sup>       | 7.00 pm              | Christians Together in Alnwick<br>Annual General Meeting at St James' URC |
| Tues. 5 <sup>th</sup> March | 7.00 pm              | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party<br>in the Parish Hall                        |
| Wed. 6 <sup>th</sup> March  | <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> |   |
|                             | 10.15 am             | Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes                                   |
| and                         | 7.30 pm              |   |

### **CANDLEMAS – Malcolm Guite**

They came, as called, according to the Law. Though they were poor and had to keep things simple,

They moved in grace, in quietness, in awe, for God was coming with them to His temple.

Amidst the outer court's commercial bustle they'd waited hours, enduring shouts and shoves,

Buyers and sellers, sensing one more hustle, had made a killing on the two young doves.

They come at last with us to Candlemas and keep the day the prophecies came true

We glimpse with them, amidst our busyness, the peace that Simeon and Anna knew.

For Candlemas still keeps His kindled light, against the dark our Saviour's face is bright.

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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