

St Michael's Church, Alnwick

"All are welcome in this place"



Sunday 10th March 2019 The First Sunday of Lent

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	The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Preacher	John Cooke
Reader	Holly Petrie

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

INTROIT HYMN 436 Christians lift your hearts

President The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

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 Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Reader: Cath Hughes
(Page 188 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

The people of God are to have constantly in mind God's powerful wonders in history. In worship, they are to recite his great deeds and bring him offerings.

2ND READING Romans 10:8b-13 Reader: Douglas Ramsay
(Page 156 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

This short passage acts as a bridge between the Old Testament and Gospel readings. Paul has been contrasting the historic Jewish faith with our faith in Christ. They looked to God for miraculous works, and mistakenly relied on doing good deeds to win salvation, whereas we know we are saved simply by our faith.

GRADUAL 702 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

THE GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13 (*Page 58 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*)
Jesus has to face the temptation to reveal the power of God within him by a show of mighty supernatural force. He rejects that for the ways of gentleness and compassion.

SERMON John Cooke

PRAYERS Intercessor Douglas Ramsay

OFFERTORY HYMN 365 Let us build a house where love can dwell

COMMUNION HYMN 592 As the deer pants for the water

CLOSING HYMN 748 O Jesus I have promised

11.15 am	LATE MORNING WORSHIP
Leader	The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen
Talk	The Rev'd Gerard Rundell

2.00 pm	HOLY BAPTISM	
<i>Please pray for:</i>	Cassius and Elodie Quinn	

11.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT DENWICK	
President & Preacher	The Rev'd Colin Perkins	

6.00 pm	A CELEBRATION OF WHOLENESS AND HEALING	
Hymns		
357	Be still, for the presence of the Lord	
602	Blest are the pure in heart	
544	Morning glory, starlit sky	
24	The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended	

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| <p>FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our ministry of welcome to visitors, newcomers and each other• Our Church School: its pupils, staff and governors• All who work for peace and justice• The Church Mission Society• Marriage, family life and the work of the Mothers' Union |
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WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 12 th	2.00 pm	'Eavesdropping' Lent Study in the Parish Room
	7.00 pm	St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall
	7.30 pm	PCC meeting in Small Hall
Wed 13 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion
	12 noon	Lent Lunch at St James URC', Pottergate
	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union in church
	7.30 pm	Baptism Preparation in Parish Room
Thurs 14 th	7.30 am	Holy Communion, BCP , followed by light breakfast
	7.30 pm	'Onward Call' discussion and prayer Homegroup
Fri 15 th	7.30 pm	Alnwick Music Society Concert: The Magnard Ensemble
Sat 16 th	9.30 am	Alnwick Music Society: Children's Choir in church
	11.00 am	Messy Church in the Parish Hall

Next Sunday	17th March	The Second Sunday of Lent	
8.00 am	Holy Communion	Genesis 15:1-12 & 17-18	CW 820
		Philippians 3:17-4:1	CW 822
		Luke 13:31-35	CW 822
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Jeremiah 22:1-9 & 13-17	
		Luke 14:27-33	

It is St Michael's turn to host the **LENT LUNCH** at St James' URC on Wednesday 20th. Cash donations are now invited to buy the ingredients for this simple cheese-and-soup lunch; in addition, your time is needed on the day to serve and clear away afterwards. Please help if you can – speak to Pat Taylor if you have any queries.

Over the first three weeks of Lent, we will be considering our **MINISTRY OF WELCOME** here at St Michael's. As you leave church you will be given a small prayer card which is a copy of the Welcome Prayer in the church porch. Please take this home and use it each day in Lent.

LENT LEAFLETS are available today at the back of church. Please take one as an aide-memoire for your Lenten worship and other activities. Lent Savings boxes, supporting CMS, are also at the back of church – please take one.

On Tuesday we will begin our series of Lent Meetings in the Parish Room at 2.00 pm. Entitled 'EAVESDROPPING' we will be using extracts from an exciting new book with that title by the Rev'd Henry Martin, looking at some of the conversations Jesus had in the Gospels and how they might help us to pray.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2019, 12th-18th May Thank you very much to those people who have already agreed to help this year. If you feel that you are able to do a door to door collection or help for an hour or so with the 'bucket' collection in the centre of town, please speak to either Sue Wiltshire or Susan Trafford. If you have not collected before and would just like to have a chat about what's involved and then have a think about it, Sue or Susan would be glad to help. This one week in May is such an important one for Christian Aid as it allows them to continue with their life changing work. Thank you.

MESSY CHURCH takes place next Saturday (16th March). Please note that this session will be in the **PARISH HALL**, not in church.

Every six years, each parish is required to completely revise its **ELECTORAL ROLL**. Even if you have been on the roll for many years a new form, which is available today, must be completed. Please take yours and return it to the box provided at the back of church as soon as possible. As an addition – and to comply with recent Data Protection Legislation – we would ask that you complete the declaration on the reverse of the Electoral Roll form.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 18th	3.00 pm	Thanksgiving for the life of Harry Bagley
Wed 20th	10.15am	Eucharist in school
	12 noon	Lent Lunch in St James' URC: St Michael's turn to host
Thurs 21st	2.15 pm	Thanksgiving for the life of Christine Rodwell
Sat 23 rd	10.00 am	St James' URC Coffee Morning

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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