

St Michael's Church, Alnwick
"All are welcome in this place"



Sunday 17th March 2019
The Second 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, BCP – in St Paul's Chapel**

President & Preacher The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Reader Win Nicol

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

INTROIT HYMN 708 Lift up your hearts! We lift them, Lord, to thee
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 Genesis 15: 1-12 & 17-18 Reader: Paul Jarvis
(Page 12 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

God's ancient covenant promise to Abram, sealed with a sacrificial offering, was that he would have more descendants than could be counted, and a vast country to call their homeland.

2ND READING Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 Reader: Nellie Shrimpton
(Page 196 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Paul's tone here is rather sharp, telling his Philippian converts to examine their way of life in the light of the cross, and remain faithful to their heavenly hope.

GRADUAL 380 Come, Lord, to our souls come down

THE GOSPEL **Luke 13:31-35**

(Page 73 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

God promised Abraham long ago a peaceful and fruitful land for his descendants. In due time, Jerusalem became its centre, and the Temple God's dwelling place. Jesus laments the way his people have treated this holy gift.

SERMON **The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott**

PRAYERS **Intercessor Richard Allsop**

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

COMMUNION HYMN **650** **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father**

CLOSING HYMN **806** **There's a wideness in God's mercy**

11.15 am **LATE MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

Leader Michelle Duff
President The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen
Talk Andrew Duff

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

3.30-5.00 pm. Fun, Faith & Fellowship. Party games & food at the Parish Hall. If the weather is fine we will go up to the Pastures and enjoy some outdoor games too! Please come prepared for this.

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

Readings: **Jeremiah 22:1-9 & 13-17**
(Page 734 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)
Luke 14:27-33
(Page 74 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Reader Jean Darby
Officiant Annette Playle
Preacher The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig

Hymns
489 From heaven you came, helpless babe
Psalm 135 verses 1-14 *Page 521 of the small prayer book*
116 Be thou my guardian and my guide
752 O love that wilt not let me go
131 O for a closer walk with God

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- The peace and security of Jerusalem
- That we may use Lent wisely
- Our Prime Minister & Government in these confusing days
- A deepening of our fellowship
- Those who lost their lives in the Ethiopian air disaster

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 18 th	3.00 pm	Thanksgiving for the life of Harry Bagley
Tues 19 th	2.00 pm	'Eavesdropping' Lent Study in the Parish Room
	7.00 pm	St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall
	7.00 pm	Messy Church Planning Group at Vicarage
Wed 20 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion at St Michael's Primary School
	12 noon	Lent Lunch at St James URC', Pottergate St Michael's turn to 'host'
Thurs 21 st	7.30 am	Holy Communion, BCP, followed by light breakfast
	2.15 pm	Thanksgiving for the life of Christine Rodwell
	7.30 pm	'Onward Call' discussion and prayer Homegroup
Sat 23 rd	10.00 am	St James' URC Coffee Morning

Next Sunday	24th March	The Third Sunday of Lent	
8.00 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 55:1-9	CW 823
		1 Corinthians 10:1-13	CW 825
		Luke 13:1-9	CW 826
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
2.00 pm	Holy Baptism		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Genesis 28:10-19a	
		John 1:35-51	

Over these first weeks of Lent, we continue to consider our **MINISTRY OF WELCOME** here at St Michael's. If you haven't already got one, as you leave church today 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.

Many thanks to all who supported our **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY**. A lovely evening of fellowship was enjoyed and, in the process, £211.00 raised for church funds.

Our Mothers' Union branch are beginning a project to produce a stock of **SMALL KNITTED TEDDY BEARS** that we may give to babies who come for baptism. They would be glad of help towards this aim. If you feel you would like to knit one or two to help build up our supplies this would be much appreciated. Knitting patterns are available this morning along with supplies of the necessary 'stuffing'. Thank you in advance for your help.

Many thanks to all those who kindly helped with; and supported the **PICTURE OPPORTUNITY** on Saturday March 2nd. Due to the generosity of those attending £260 was raised; and this has now been shared between the Playhouse Restoration Fund and St Michael's Tower Project. The remaining pictures are being donated to the British Heart Foundation.'

You will have noticed that the **STAINED GLASS WINDOW** beside the tower door has been removed for refurbishment. This coming Tuesday work will also commence on the **REMOVAL OF PEWS**: two at the front of the nave and (at a later date) one at the back. The platform at the front of the nave will be lowered to be flush with the existing floor. Please do be careful of hazards which may take you by surprise. As a result of this work **MINI MICHAELS** will not take place this week and the **WEDNESDAY MORNING EUCHARIST** was already planned as our termly visit to St. Michael's School.

There is a possibility of a **VISIT TO ARMENIA** in late May/Early June 2020. An Armenian travel advisor is happy to plan the visit for us in co-operation with Elya who spent a term at school in Alnwick and who would be our tour guide. The visit would be based in central Yerevan on a 3 or 4 star B&B basis, with visits to places of historical interest and a day in Spitak.. In order to assess the viability and costs of such a visit could you please contact me in the next 10 days if there is a possibility that you would like to join the group. Of course at this stage there is no commitment, only a genuine interest. Jean Darby.

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 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 25 th	11.00 am	Visit of children from Whittingham C. of E. Primary School
Tues 26 th	9.30 am	Gateway planning meeting in Parish Room
	7.30 pm	Mission Group at 10 Allerburn Lea
Wed 27 th	12 noon	Lent Lunch in St James' URC:

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