

# St Michael's Church, Alnwick

"All are welcome in this place"



## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019 The Third 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 & Preacher The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott  
Reader Mora Rolley

### 9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

INTROIT HYMN 641 Glorious things of thee are spoken  
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 Isaiah 55:1-9 Reader: Judy Jobson  
*(Page 696 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

We can hear these ancient prophetic words as a summons for ourselves,  
to put God first, to seek him and listen to him. Like Jesus in today's Gospel,  
Isaiah calls us to repentance, for God is great and freely forgiving.

2ND READING 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Reader: John Sawyer  
*(Page 168 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

This passage is a reminder of the fate of the people who were determined to rebel  
against God. We, says Paul, should be strong to resist anything tempting us away  
from the life to which Christ calls us.

GRADUAL 629 Father, hear the prayer we offer

**THE GOSPEL**      **Luke 13:1-9**

*(Page 72 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

Jesus refers to some recent events in warning of the need for repentance. A parable suggests that God always allows us the second and third chances to turn to a truly fruitful life.

**SERMON**                      **The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig**

**PRAYERS**                      **Intercessor    Annette Playle**

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

**COMMUNION HYMN**    **464**      **Sweet Sacrament divine**

**CLOSING HYMN**        **805**      **There is a Redeemer**

**11.15 am**                      **LATE MORNING WORSHIP**

Leader

Rachel Robinson

Talk

The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen

**2.00 pm**                      **HOLY BAPTISM**    *Please pray for:*  
**Olivia Rose Bouttell**



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

Readings:

**Genesis 28:10-19a**

*(Page 25 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

**John 1:35-51**

*(Page 89 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Reader

Officiant

John Cooke

and Preacher

Hymns

755      **Oft in danger, oft in woe**

Psalm 12      *Page 358 of the small Prayer Book*

128      **Jesu, lover of my soul**

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

22      **Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise**

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

- That all might be welcome in this place
- Those who are suffering in Zimbabwe & Mozambique
- Our search for a new Organist & Choirmaster
- Those who receive Holy Communion at home
- The Church Mission Society – our Lent charity

## WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Visit of pupils from St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School, Whittingham, to St Michael's
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Gateway planning in Parish Room
	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	Mission Group meet at 10 Allerburn Lea
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 am	Holy Communion for The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Transferred from 25th</i>
	12 noon	Lent Lunch at St James URC', Pottergate
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 am	Holy Communion, BCP, followed by light breakfast
	7.30 pm	'Onward Call' discussion and prayer Homegroup

Next Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> March	Mothering Sunday	
8.00 am	Holy Communion	Exodus 2:1-10	CW 830
		Colossians 3:12-17	CW 832
		Luke 2: 33-35	CW 833
9.30 am	First Sunday Eucharist		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Isaiah 40:27-41:13	
		2 Timothy 4:1-18	

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. If you haven't already done so and are interested, please contact me in the next week 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.

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Good news for our Parish Hall Caretakers Flori & Paul who are expecting a third baby in the summer – but sad news for us as they will need larger accommodation than the Parish Hall Flat can provide. We are therefore looking for a new **PARISH HALL CARETAKER**. If you know of anyone who has the necessary skills and might be interested in finding out more, please ask them to be in touch with the Vicar or Churchwardens who can supply further details and arrange for a viewing of the accommodation. Written expressions of interest should be sent to the Vicarage by 12.00 noon on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

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You will have noticed that the **STAINED GLASS WINDOW** beside the tower door has been removed for refurbishment. Work has commenced on the **REMOVAL**

**OF PEWS:** at the front of the nave. Please do be careful of hazards which may take you by surprise.

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At last week's **MESSY CHURCH** the children made invitations inviting members of the Sunday congregations to join them for their Easter Celebrations which will be here in church on Easter Eve 20<sup>th</sup> April. There are invitations at the back of church so, please, do take one and consider coming along at 11.00 am that day. The children would be delighted to see you – and you might be pleasantly surprised at what they get up to!

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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 of your help.

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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. 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.

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

Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> April	2.00 pm	St Michael's School Easter Service
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> April	1.00 pm	Wedding of Callum Laidlaw & Natalie Brown
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 am	"Big Clean" in church
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00 am	Messy Church Easter Celebrations in church. All welcome

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.

**Vicar: The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott**

**Curate: The Rev'd Gerard Rundell**

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