

St Michael's Church, Alnwick

"All are welcome in this place"



Sunday 31st March 2019 Mothering Sunday

A particular welcome if you are with us for the first time.
Please do stay behind after the 9.30 am and 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 & Preacher The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Reader Mora Rolley

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

INTROIT HYMN 136 Fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers

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 Exodus 2:1-10 Reader: Honey Hughes
(Page 50 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

The mother of Moses worked a deception to preserve her son's life, when
the Egyptians were controlling the population by killing every new-born
Jewish boy.

2ND READING Colossians 3:12-17 Reader: Nellie Shrimpton
(Page 199 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Paul writes of the compassionate gifts, forgiveness and love. These, received and
given always in the name of Jesus, are a vocation to us all.

GRADUAL 656 He's got the whole world in his hands

THE GOSPEL **Luke 2:33-35**

(Page 56 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

Jesus is the son of a human mother, just like us. In the Gospel, his earthly father and mother fade into the shadows as the nature of his life is hinted at. Yet we never forget his home, the love and teaching he received.

SERMON **The Rev'd Gerard Rundell**

PRAYERS **Intercessor John Cooke**

OFFERTORY HYMN **537** **For the beauty of the earth**

COMMUNION HYMN **592** **As the deer pants for the water**

CLOSING HYMN **645** **God is our strength and refuge**

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings: **Isaiah 40:27-41:13**
(Page 679 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)
2 Timothy 4:1-18
(Page 210 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Reader **Cath Hughes**

Officiant **The Rev'd Gerard Rundell**

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

Hymns

792 **The God of love my shepherd is**
Psalm 30 *Page 379 of the small Prayer Book*
421 **All for Jesus, all for Jesus**
747 **O God, you search me and you know me**
772 **Rock of ages, cleft for me**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- All Mothers – living and departed
- The work of Christian Aid
- All preparing for marriage
- Our school in this last week of the Spring Term
- Thanks for signs of springtime and new life

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 2nd **2.00 pm** **'Eavesdropping' Lent Study in the Parish Room**
 7.00 pm **St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall**

Wed 3rd **10.15 am** **Holy Communion**
 12 noon **Lent Lunch at St James URC', Pottergate**

Thurs 4th April 7.30 am Holy Communion, BCP, followed by light breakfast
 9.30 am Mini Michaels in church
 2.00 pm St Michael's School Easter Service in church
 7.30 pm 'Onward Call' discussion and prayer Homegroup

Fri 5th April 11.00 am Funeral of Peter Eckersley

Sat 6th April 1.00 pm Wedding of Callum Laidlaw & Natalie Brown

Next Sunday

**7th April The 5th Sunday of Lent
 (Passiontide begins)**

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 43:16-21	CW 834
		Philippians 3:4b-14	CW 835
		John 12:1-8	CW 835
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	2 Chronicles 35:1-6 & 10-16	
		Luke 22:1-13	

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 22nd April.

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. Many thanks to those who have already responded but we would still 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.

You will have noticed that the **STAINED GLASS WINDOW** beside the tower door has been removed for refurbishment. Work is almost completed on the **REMOVAL OF PEWS**: at the front of the nave, but please do be careful of hazards which may take you by surprise.

The April editions of **GATEWAY** and the **PARISH PRAYER DIARY** are both now at the back of church.

A plea via Sue Wiltshire – our local **OXFAM Shop** is short of books so, if you have any to spare, please take them there.

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.

As we enter the second half of Lent, we make our usual appeal for help with funding the purchase of **EASTER FLOWERS** to decorate St Michael's. Donations would be gratefully received over coming weeks and can be handed to Pat Taylor or Enid Brown.
Thank You!



On Saturday morning 13th April we have our **BIG CLEAN** from 10.00 am. Please, please come along and help – even if you can only manage half-an-hour. The recent work with the windows and pews has caused extra dust in church and, even though a small band of folk have tried to keep things at bay, we really need as many folks as possible to ensure St Michael's sparkled for Easter. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be available – and it's also a good time to 'catch up' as we sweep and clean together.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 8th April	2.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors meet at the Vicarage
Wed 10th April	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union meet in church
Sat 13 th April	10.00 am	"Big Clean" in church
Sat 20 th 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.

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Curate: The Rev'd Gerard Rundell

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