

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



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. Passiontide begins

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 Annette Playle  
Reader Rob Wilson

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

INTROIT HYMN 763 Praise to the holiest in the height

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 43:16-21 Reader: Rosie Buxton

*(Page 682 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

The prophet speaks of hope in God: for Israel, the hope of past sorrows  
forgotten and restoration to a land of plenty. We Christians find in this poetry a  
foretaste of Jesus in his holy work of making all things new by death and triumph.

2ND READING Philippians 3:4b-14 Reader: Frances Allsop

*(Page 195 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Isaiah urged people not to dwell on the past, but take heart in the promise of God's  
radical new activity. In similar vein, Paul counts all his past as trivial compared with the  
marvellous knowledge of the resurrection and the hope of full union with Christ  
hereafter.

GRADUAL 144 How deep the Father's love for us

THE GOSPEL John 12:1-8 *(Page 102 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)*

As Jesus prepared for what would be his last Passover, he stayed with friends in Bethany. We hear the only indication in all the Gospels that Judas Iscariot, the one of the chosen Twelve who would betray him, had not always been a good and honest friend.

SERMON Annette Playle

PRAYERS Intercessor The Rev'd Gerard Rundell

OFFERTORY HYMN 157 When I survey the wondrous cross

COMMUNION HYMN 148 O dearest Lord, thy sacred head

CLOSING HYMN 477 Go forth and tell! O church of God awake!

**11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP**

Leader The Rev'd Natasha Schemanoff

Talk The Rev'd Canon Dennis Winter

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

Readings: 2 Chronicles 35:1-6 & 10-16  
*(Page 430 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*  
Luke 22:1-13  
*(Page 82 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Reader Rosie Buxton

Officiant  
& Preacher The Rev'd Gerard Rundell

Hymns 269 Can we by searching find out God  
Psalm 35, vv.1-9 *Page 386 of the small Prayer Book*  
143 Here is love, vast as the ocean  
571 We bring you, Lord, our prayer and praise  
786 Sweet is the work, my God, my King

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

- May we strive for the same love and devotion Mary of Bethany had for Jesus
- A just and stable outcome from the Brexit negotiations
- All on holiday at this time
- A greater respect for the sanctity of life and an end to indiscriminate killings
- The National Health Service

**WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> 2.00 pm Pastoral Visitors meet at the Vicarage

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> 2.00 pm 'Eavesdropping' Lent Study in the Parish Room  
7.00 pm St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall

Wed 10<sup>th</sup>      10.15 am    Holy Communion  
                   12 noon     Lent Lunch at St James URC, Pottergate  
                   2.00 pm     Mothers' Union meet in church  
                   7.30 pm     Baptism Preparation in church

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>     7.30 am     Holy Communion, BCP, followed by light breakfast  
                   7.30 pm     'Onward Call' discussion and prayer Homegroup

Sat 13<sup>th</sup>        10.00 am     "Big Clean" in church

Next Sunday		14 <sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday	
8.00 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 50:4-9a	CW 838
		Philippians 2:5-11	CW 839
		Passion according to Luke	
<u>9.20 am</u>	Blessing of Palms and Procession from the Barbican		
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
11.15 am	Matins at Denwick		
2.00 pm & 3.00 pm	Holy Baptism		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 20:9-19	

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!



Next Saturday morning 13<sup>th</sup> April we have our **BIG CLEAN** from 10.00 am. 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 sparkles 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.

Do come along to our **EASTER DAY LUXURY AFTERNOON TEA** in the Parish Hall at 3.30pm. A sumptuous array of sandwiches, scones, cakes and other goodies along with good company and a gentle 'brain-teaser' will make for a splendid afternoon. Make sure that your family, friends and neighbours know – and bring them along too! Admission is £6.00 per person.

Please note that **MINI MICHAELS** is now having its Easter break. We will meet again on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Please remember that the children of **MESSY CHURCH** have extended an invitation to everyone to come along to their Easter celebrations on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April from 11.00am – 1.00pm. Do, please, come along and see what they do: they will be greatly encouraged to see you there.

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Next Sunday is **PALM SUNDAY** and the beginning of **HOLY WEEK**. Do take home with you a copy of our '**HOLY WEEK COMPANION**' and remember, especially, that the Blessing of Palms will take place at the Barbican at **9.20 am** followed by a procession along Bailiffgate to enable the Eucharist to begin at 9.30am. Holy Week is the most important week in the Christian calendar and you are invited to participate in as much of the worship here at St Michael's as you can and so accompany Christ in the events of his suffering, death and resurrection.

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This Wednesday the **MOTHERS' UNION** meets in church at 2.00pm. There will be a short Annual Meeting followed by a seasonal reflection for Passiontide. We have been encouraged by several new faces coming along in recent months and continue to extend a warm invitation to anyone who would like to 'try us out' – with no obligation.

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On 14<sup>th</sup> April, the monthly Sunday afternoon meet-up for **ST MICHAEL'S YOUNG PEOPLE** and their friends will take place in St Michael's Church (rather than the Parish Hall) from 3.30 – 5.00 pm (start will be after the 3.00 pm Baptism). Some of the young people will be sharing ideas that they have put together following a Diocese of Newcastle meeting and Gerard will be leading other activities for the rest of the time.

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**CONTAGIOUS EASTER ACTIVITIES** will take place on Maundy Thursday (St James' URC, Pottergate) and Good Friday (St Paul's RC Church) from 9.30am-11.30am. Open to all in School Years 5-8. Children from local churches who are 7 or 8 years old are also very welcome. £1 subs per child for each session. There will be a mixture of activities such as craft, treasure hunt and more as we discover the wonder of the Easter story together. A completed consent form is needed to take part. This can be found on our website or completed on the day. Places allocated on a first come first served basis.

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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