

# Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick

"All are welcome in this place"

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

A particular welcome if you are with us for the first time.  
Please do stay behind after the 9.30 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 and Preacher    The Rev'd Gerard Rundell  
Reader                        Win Nicol

**9.30 am**    **PARISH EUCHARIST**            *Setting: Thorne – Mass of St Thomas*

INTROIT HYMN    630    Father, Lord of all creation

President            The Rev'd Gerard Rundell

**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**            **Malachi 4:1-2a**            **Reader: Jean Darby**  
*(Page 905 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

In a time when religious and moral values seemed to have been lost, this  
writer encourages the hope of a day when the Lord will come, to destroy evil  
and heal the righteous.

**2ND READING**            **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**            **Reader: Judy Jobson**  
*(Page 204 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

This reading concludes the three Sundays' excerpts from Paul's letter to those  
who expected the Lord's return at any moment. He urges them not to wait for  
it in idleness.

**GRADUAL**    747    O God, you search me and you know me

**THE GOSPEL**

**Luke 21:5-19**

*(Page 81 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Luke, like Matthew and Mark, merges various sayings of Jesus about the destruction of Jerusalem with those about the end of time. The theme is of warning, and of God’s judgement. We may well take this passage as a call for trust in God when the world seems to be collapsing into chaos.

**SERMON**

The Rev’d Gerard Rundell

**PRAYERS**

Intercessor Annette Playle

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

563 Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets

*After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer E which starts on page 8 of the Kingdom Season booklet*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

661 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord

**CLOSING HYMN**

505 Tell all the world of Jesus

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

Leader

Michelle Duff

Talk

Claire Mead

President

The Rev’d Canon Sue Allen

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

Readings:

Daniel, ch.6

*Page 315 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23

*(Page 33 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Reader

Cath McNally

Officiant and Preacher

Annette Playle

Hymns

706

Let us with a gladsome mind

Psalm

97

*Page 470 in the small prayer book*

655

Have faith in God, my heart

815

Thy kingdom come! On bended knee

11

As now the sun’s declining rays

## WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	Pastoral Visitors meet at the Vicarage <i>Please note later time</i>
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	2.45 pm 7.00 pm	Contemplative Prayer Group in St Catherine's Chapel. St Michael's Indoor Bowls Club in Parish Hall
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Mini Michaels in church
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00 am	Messy Church in church
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm	Sunday Lunch in the Parish Hall

### Next Sunday      24th November      Christ the King

8.00 am    Holy Communion

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

CW 1086

Colossians 1:11-20

CW 1087

Luke 23:33-43

CW 1088

9.30 am    Parish Eucharist

11.15 am Later Morning Worship

2.00 pm & 3.00 pm      Holy Baptism

6.00 pm    Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)      1 Samuel 8: 4-20  
John 18:33-37

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- For greater trust in God in such uncertain times
- Thanks for all who helped with our Winter Market
- All affected by the flooding in South Yorkshire & Derbyshire
- Our 'Places of Welcome' project
- Honesty & integrity among all involved with the General Election

Many thanks to everyone who took part in yesterday's **WINTER MARKET** – the stallholders, makers of items to sell, helpers and those who came along to add their support. The exact total raised was not known at the time of going to print, but will be announced as soon as it is known.

We have **REAL ADVENT CALENDARS** for sale at the back of church. Priced at £3.99 they enable us to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. If you'd like one please collect and leave your money in the box beside the calendars which are at the back of church.

**PLACES OF WELCOME** is set to launch this Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November! We will be running weekly sessions at the community centre, Community@NE66. There is some more information on what a Place of Welcome is at the back of church.



Please do continue to pray as we get up and running. Also, part of the ethos is free drinks and food, so we'd love to be able to offer weekly homemade cake, biscuits, scones or snacks. If you'd be interested, please speak to Gerard.

This year we hope to help our Church School via an **ADVENT APPEAL**. In a recent review with the school's School Improvement Partner an issue was highlighted about the availability of reading books for children to take home at night in order that they could carry on with the phonics teaching they were receiving during the school day. We hope to be able to remedy this by inviting members of St. Michael's to sponsor a book – or books – at a cost of £5.00 each. During Advent you will be provided with an Advent Appeal envelope in which we invite you to place your contribution and return it to church in the knowledge that effective reading is one of life's basic skills and pleasures.

St Andrew's Day is traditionally held as a day of prayer for the mission of the church. So, the mission group would like to invite you to a **QUIET MORNING** on Saturday 30th November. It will be a time of quiet and reflection with a particular focus on prayer for St Michaels' mission in our community. More details to follow, but please put the date in your diaries.

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

Sat 30<sup>th</sup>

Quiet Morning in church

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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