

Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick

"All are welcome in this place"

Sunday 8th December 2019
The Second Sunday of 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 – in St Paul's Chapel**

President The Rev'd Gerard Rundell
Preacher Annette Playle

This morning, during the course of the Parish Eucharist we will dedicate the newly installed ROBERTSON MEMORIAL and re-hallow the recently restored ROBERTSON WINDOW.

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

INTROIT HYMN 39 Hills of the North, rejoice

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 11:1-10 Reader: Jean Sawyer

From the Good News Bible

Many ancient prophets foretold the day of the Lord's coming. He will be within the dynasty of Jesse's great son David and once again there will be peace and harmony. All peoples, and the natural world too, will be reconciled.

2ND READING Romans 15:4-13 Reader: Jean Darby

From the Good News Bible

Paul quotes the scriptures for evidence that Jesus always considered others before himself. So let all Christians now agree in a common hope, joy, and perseverance.

GRADUAL 46 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

THE GOSPEL**Matthew 3:1-12***From the Good News Bible*

The last of the old prophets, the one whom Jesus called greatest in his kingdom, was John the Baptist. John, like Paul, quotes Isaiah, to explain his function of preparing the way for the Lord's coming.

SERMON**Annette Playle****PRAYERS****Intercessor The Rev'd Gerard Rundell****OFFERTORY HYMN****75****Long ago, prophets knew**

After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer which starts on page 8 of the Advent booklet

COMMUNION HYMN**712****Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us****CLOSING HYMN****41****Lo, he comes with clouds descending****11.15 am LATER MORNING WORSHIP**

Leader

Sue O'Neill

Talk

Anthony O'Neill

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings:

1 Kings 18:17-39*Page 335 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)***John 1:19-28***(Page 88 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Reader

Jean Darby

Officiant and Preacher

The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Hymns

38**Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding**

Psalm

11 *Page 357 in the small prayer book***816****Thy Kingdom come, O God****729****My God, how wonderful thou art****713****Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy****WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Tues 10th

3.00 pm

Advent Group 'Journeying with the Wise Men'

7.00 pm

St. Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall

Wed 11th

10.15 am

**Mothers' Union Deanery Advent Service in Church
Followed by refreshments**Wed 11th

3.30 pm

Drop-in Festive Farewell to Claire Mead at Alnwick
Methodist Church

Wed 11th	6.30 pm	Alnwick Civic Carol Service in Church
Thurs 12 th	9.30 am	Mini Michaels in church
	1.00 pm	'Places of Welcome' at the Community Centre, Howling Lane
	7.30 pm	Advent Group 'Journeying with the Wise Men'
Sunday 15 th	12.30 pm	St Michael's Christmas Lunch in the Parish Hall
Tuesday 17 th	10.15 am	Funeral of Betty Taylor

Next Sunday 15th December. The Third Sunday of Advent

8.00 am Holy Communion

Isaiah 35:1-10	CW 9
James 5: 7-10	CW 11
Matthew 11:2-11	CW 11

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

11.15 am Later Morning Worship

4.00 pm Carols at Denwick

6.00 pm Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)	Isaiah 5:8-30
	Acts 13:13-41

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That we may take every opportunity to straighten the path for Christ
- All parliamentary candidates in the run up to the General Election
- Those who struggle in the dark days of winter
- The work of the Mothers' Union – locally, nationally & internationally
- A strengthening of our fellowship and a deepening of our prayer life

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We shall, as usual, be decorating the church for Christmas. If you are able to make a donation towards the flowers please see Enid Brown or Pat Taylor.

Many thanks

This Advent do take the opportunity to spend some more time in reflection, prayer and discussion with the Advent group **JOURNEYING WITH THE WISE MEN**. We are taking inspiration from the Magi, and spending time considering how prayer inspires and sustains our action. Tuesdays at 3.00 pm and Thursdays at 7.30 pm.

Our Choir are now preparing for our **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** on 22nd December at 6.00pm. Because of retirements and ill-health we're particularly short of men's voices. If you are able to read music at sight and could attend a couple of rehearsals beforehand we'd be delighted to hear from you. Please have a word with Enid Brown, Vivienne Graves or Jean Firth Thank You.



Please note that next Sunday (15th) at 12.30 pm we will be having our **CHRISTMAS LUNCH** in the Parish Hall. A good number of names are already on the list, but if you would like to join in please speak to Pat Taylor as soon as possible.

CLAIRE MEAD will be having a Drop In Festive Farewell at Alnwick Methodist Church, 3.30-5.30 pm this Wednesday (11th December) and it will be great to see you if you are free to come along for a hot drink and some festive nibbles. Everyone welcome! There will be cake!

Many thanks to those who came along to the **CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT** concert given by the Royal Northern Sinfonia Orchestra here on Friday. The programme was varied and most enjoyable – it was a pleasure to welcome them back to St Michael's

This year we hope to help our Church School via an **ADVENT APPEAL**. There is currently a shortage of books for children to take home each evening. 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. Appeal Envelopes will be available all through Advent. Please help if you can.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Sunday 15 th	12.30 pm	St Michael's Christmas Lunch in the Parish Hall
Tuesday 17 th	3.00 pm	Advent Group 'Journeying with the Wise Men'
Thursday 19 th	2.00 pm	St Michael's C of E Primary School
		Carol Service in church
	3.30pm	Apple Blossom Nursery nativity in church
Saturday 21 st	11.00am	Messy Christmas 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.

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Curate: The Rev'd Gerard Rundell

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