

Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick

"All are welcome in this place"



Sunday 29th December 2019
The First Sunday of Christmas

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 John Cooke
Reader Robert Peyton-Green

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

INTROIT HYMN 58 A great and mighty wonder

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 63:7-9** **Reader: Jean Darby**

Page 704 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible

The prophet's hymn of praise emphasises that it is always God himself,
no intermediary or other, who is the redeemer of his people in his love for them.

2ND READING **Hebrews 2:10-18** **Reader: Pat Taylor**

Page 216 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible

This unknown writer explains that because God in Christ shared all the experiences
we humans suffer, he is able to bring us with him into the Father's glory.

GRADUAL 90 Who would think that what was needed

THE GOSPEL **Matthew 2:13-23**

Page 2 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible

We shall hear at Epiphany-tide how important men from the east paid homage to the infant Christ. Today's Gospel tells a harsher tale, of Herod's fury at the possibility of a rival king. So the Holy Family become refugees, until the time when it will be safe to return.

SERMON **John Cooke**

PRAYERS **Intercessor John Cooke**

OFFERTORY HYMN **82** **See him lying on a bed of straw**

After the Offertory, the service continues with the Eucharistic Prayer which starts on page 9 of the Christmas booklet

COMMUNION HYMN **88** **What child is this, who, laid to rest**

CLOSING HYMN **66** **Hark! The herald angels sing**

11.15 am	LATER MORNING WORSHIP	Interactive-style
Leader	Rachel Robinson	

6.00 pm	SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)
Readings:	Isaiah 49:7-13 <i>Page 689 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)</i> Philippians 2:1-11 <i>(Page 194 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)</i>
Reader	Cath Hughes
Officiant	The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Preacher	Annette Playle
Hymns	
72	Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Psalm	132, vv. 1-7 <i>Page 519 in the small prayer book</i>
68	In the bleak mid-winter
63	'Glory to God!' all heav'n with joy is ringing
83	See amid the winter's snow <i>omit verses 3 & 4</i>

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 1st Jan **The Naming of Jesus**
 Holy Communion
 10.15 am

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That we may continue to rejoice in the birth of the babe in Bethlehem
- Thanks for 2019 and a spirit of hope for 2020
- All who travel at this holiday time - that they may do so safely
- All who work for justice and peace
- Thanks for the wonderful response to our Advent Appeal

Next Sunday **5th January The Epiphany of our Lord**

8.00 am Holy Communion

Isaiah 60:1-6

CW 39

Ephesians 3:1-12

CW 41

Matthew 2:1-12

CW 41

9.30 am First Sunday Eucharist

6.00 pm Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662) Isaiah 60:1-9; John 2:1-11

Our grateful thanks go to all who, in any way whatsoever, helped to make St Michael's so splendid for our **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS**. Whether by financial support or use of flower arranging skills, tree-decorating and crib-assembling, it all looks beautiful. Thank you!

Thank you, too, to all who responded to our **ADVENT APPEAL** for books for our Church School. By Christmas Day a magnificent **£495** had been raised! If you have a spare £5 and would like to round up our gift to £500 please use one of the white appeal envelopes at the back of church. With thanks in anticipation.

The Gate of the Year

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

Author: Minnie Louise Haskins

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Tues 7 th Jan	3.00 pm	Contemplative Prayer Group
Thurs 9 th Jan	9.30 am	Mini Michael's resumes
Tues 14 th Jan	7.30 am	P.C.C. meeting
Sat 18 th Jan		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Sun 19 th Jan	12.30 pm	Christmas Lunch in the Parish Hall
Sat 25 th Jan	11.00 am	Messy Church



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