

# Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick

"All are welcome in this place"

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020  
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple  
Also known as Candlemas

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

## 9.30 am FIRST SUNDAY EUCHARIST *With children and young people in church*

President and Talk The Rev'd Gerard Rundell

Hymns *All printed in the Order of Service*

264 The Spirit lives to set us free  
805 There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son  
42 Longing for light, we wait in darkness  
Faithful vigil ended  
Jesus bids us shine with a clear, pure light

1ST READING Malachi 3:1-5 Reader: Emilia Grimes

*Page 904 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible*

In today's Gospel, Simeon will greet the infant Jesus in the Temple. Malachi speaks of the Lord coming suddenly. He knows, like Simeon, that to encounter the Lord is a mixed blessing because we have to face his testing and purifying.

2ND READING Hebrews 2:14-18 at 8.00 am only

*Page 216 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*

Christ became flesh and blood like us, says this writer, and we shall hear how his parents did the same as for every first-born child in Israel. Jesus fully shared our human condition, so that he could unite us all to God.

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

*Page 56 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*

As the Law requires, Jesus the first-born is brought to the Temple with a thank-offering. Two old and holy people, Simeon and Anna, perceive that this child is the fulfilment of ancient prophecies of redemption, but the glory will not be without pain and suffering.

## SERMON

The Rev'd Gerard Rundell

## INTERCESSOR

The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen

*After the Offertory, the service continues with the Eucharistic Prayer which starts on page 6 of the Candlemas booklet*

6.00 pm

### SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings:

Haggai 2:1-9

*Page 893 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

John 2:18-22

*(Page 90 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

358

Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Psalm

122 *Page 514 of the small Prayer Book*

608

Christ is our corner-stone

812

Through all the changing scenes of life

22

Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That, like Simeon and Anna, we too may recognise the great gift that Jesus is
- Our nation, following our exit from the European Union
- Thanks for the friendships and fellowship we enjoy at St. Michael's
- All affected by the outbreak of Coronavirus
- Our search for an Organist & Choirmaster

### WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 4th

3.00 pm

Julian Group for Contemplative Prayer  
in St Catherine's Chapel

7.30 pm

St Michael's Carpet Bowls in Parish Hall

Wed 5th	10.15 am	Holy Communion with Leopard Seals (Reception class) from St Michael's C of E Primary School
Thurs 6th	9.30 am	Mini Michaels in church
	1.00 pm	Funeral of John Foggin in church
	1.00 pm	'Places of Welcome' at the Community Centre
	7.30 pm	'Onward Call' discussion group at O'Neill's home

**Next Sunday                      9<sup>th</sup> February    The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

8.00 am    Holy Communion

Isaiah 58:1-9a	CW 62
1 Corinthians 2:1-12	CW 64
Matthew 5:13-20	CW 65

9.30 am    Parish Eucharist

11.15 am    Matins at Denwick

11.15 am    Later Morning Worship

6.00 pm    Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662) Amos 2:4-16; Ephesians 4:17-32

We look forward to our **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY** in the Parish Hall at 7.00 pm on 25<sup>th</sup> February. Do come along for a supper of savoury and sweet pancakes and some pre-Lenten fun!

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church – and please do encourage your friends to come along.

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Last year the **CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** was completely revised, so this year we simply require a minor revision to ensure that all who wish to be on the roll have completed the simple, but necessary, application form. Copies are available at the back of church and, when completed, should be returned in the box provided.

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This year we are revising arrangements for our **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS** which will take place after the 9.30am service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March. We hope that more people will find this a convenient time. We will be electing Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Representatives and members of the Parochial Church Council. Nominations forms for these posts will be available soon but, meanwhile, do make a note of the date in your diaries.

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The new **CHURCH FLOWERS** rota for 2020 is now in the Duty Book. Please put your name in if you would like to provide flowers for particular weekend to mark a special occasion.



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Many thanks to all who came along to help with the **BIG CLEAN** yesterday. We couldn't have got as much done without your help.

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**TOILET TWINNING ALERT.** Throughout February there will be a 'receptacle' at the back of church should anyone wish to make a donation towards the Twinning of the gents toilet in the hall. Sadly, due to a technical error on my behalf the last two poems and the final loo count which should be in February's magazine will now be in the March edition. Hope you can bear the suspense! Thank you, Sue Wiltshire.

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The **PARISH HALL PRIZE DRAW** application forms for 2020 are with Martin Downey. If you would like to be a member, please add your name to the list at the back of church. Membership is a one-off annual payment of £20; The draw is made once a month and there are 3 prizes - £20, £10 and £5.

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

Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12.15 pm 7.30 pm	Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lillian Forster Additional PCC meeting for approval of 2019 accounts.
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.00 pm	Christians Together in Alnwick A.G.M. in St Michael's
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb		<b>Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.</b> Holy Communion at 10.15 am and 7.30 pm (sung).

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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