

# Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick

**"All are welcome in this place"**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Epiphany Sunday**

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

**9.30 am            FIRST SUNDAY EUCHARIST**

*(with children and young people in church)*

President  
and Talk            The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

## **HYMNS**

94            As with gladness, men of old

105          We three kings of Orient are

Booklet      Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord

775          Seek ye first the kingdom of God

96            Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

**1ST READING            Isaiah 60:1-6            Reader: Sophie Johnston**

*(Page 700 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

In Isaiah's vision of God's light shining into the world's darkness,  
symbolic gifts are brought to God from East and West as tribute and  
praise. So our Gospel's Magi visitors to the stables are foreshadowed.

**2ND READING            Ephesians 3:1-12            At 8.00 am only**

*(Page 190 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Riches beyond imagining, says Paul, are found in Christ. Though he is in  
prison for his faith, his gospel cannot be confined – the good news that  
God's purposes, once so obscure, are now made clear for Jew and  
Gentile alike.

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

*(Page 1 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Only Matthew tells us how representatives of other strange religions came from the East to offer their homage to the one and only true God, the child who is king for ever over all earthly powers.

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

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-9

*Page 700 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*

John 2:1-11

*(Page 89 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Reader Jean Darby

Officiant and Preacher John Cooke

#### Hymns

103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Psalm 96 *Page 469 of the small Prayer Book*

95 Bethlehem, what greater city

635 For the healing of the nations

15 Glory to thee, my God, this night

### WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 7th	9.30 am	Gateway planning meeting in Parish Room
	3.00 pm	Contemplative Prayer Group in Church
	7.00 pm	St Michael's Indoor Bowls Club: Match in Parish Hall
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 am	<b>Holy Communion with pupils from St Michael's CE Primary School</b>
	7.30 pm	Craft Night at the home of Michelle Duff
Thurs 9th	9.30 am	Mini Michaels in church
	12.30 pm	Thanksgiving for the life of Brian Aitman
	1.00 pm	'Places of Welcome' at the Community Centre

#### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That, like the Wise Men, we may offer our gifts to Christ
- The people of Australia affected by the bush fires
- Our Church School at the beginning of a new term
- A spirit of hope as we enter a new decade
- The National Health Service
- Thanks for the re-opening of Alnwick Playhouse

## 12<sup>th</sup> January. The Baptism of Christ

8.00 am Holy Communion

Isaiah 42:1-9 CW 43

Acts 10:34-43 CW 44

Matthew 3:13-17 CW 44

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

11.15 am Later Morning Worship

1.15 am Holy Communion at Denwick

6.00 pm Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662) Joshua 3:1-8 & 14-17  
Hebrews 1:1-12

The final total raised from our **ADVENT APPEAL** is a truly magnificent £535.00. Every penny of this will be used to purchase essential reading books for St Michael's C. of E. Primary School.

Your generous response to this appeal, providing support for our school, is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who gave!

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**CRAFT NIGHT** at Michelle Duff's house on Wednesday 8th January at 7:30 pm. We will be making a needle-felted brooch. Tel 01665 605663.

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Congratulations to the winners in the **DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> PARISH HALL DRAW**. They are: £20 no 30 – Jean Collins; £10 No.14 – Anne Blades; £5 No 19 – Annette Playle.

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

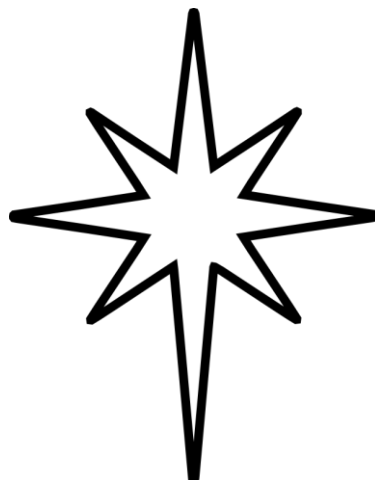
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.30 am	P.C.C. meeting
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	12.30 pm	Parish Lunch in the Parish Hall
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00 am	Messy Church

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**

## BE OUR DAILY STAR



God of all heaven and earth,  
from the breath of your love  
came the creation of the world.

We are amazed at the vast beauty of the night sky  
and at the intimate nature of the love you have for us your  
children.

Be our daily star.

Guiding our lives to search for kingdom love.  
May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do,  
forever trusting, hoping and believing in your word.

Lift our eyes today to see your eternal love  
shining brightly, leading us home.

Amen

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