

Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick

"All are welcome in this place"

Sunday 26th January 2020 - The Conversion of Paul

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 and Preacher The Rev'd Gerard Rundell
Reader The Rev'd Jane Scott

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

INTROIT HYMN 784 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

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 Jeremiah 1:4-10 Reader: Paul Jarvis
Page 708 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible

Like Paul centuries later, Jeremiah found himself directly confronted by the God who challenges, calls and enables people to speak for him wherever he may need them to go.

2ND READING Acts 9:1-22 Reader: Rosie Buxton
Page 123 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible

God sometimes calls unlikely men and women to his service. Even Saul, the vigorous opponent of those who followed the way of the Lord, may meet Jesus along his way. So Saul became Paul, a powerful witness to the Saviour of all.

GRADUAL PSALM 67

God be merciful unto 'us and 'bless us:
and shew us the light of his countenance, and be 'merciful 'unto 'us:
That thy way may be 'known upon 'earth:
thy saving 'health a'mong all 'nations.

Let the people 'praise thee O 'God: yea let 'all the 'people 'praise thee.
 O let the nations re'joice and be 'glad:
 for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the 'nations up'on 'earth.
 Let the people 'praise thee O 'God : let 'all the 'people 'praise thee.
 Then shall the earth bring 'forth her 'increase:
 and God even our own 'God shall 'give us his 'blessing.
 God 'shall 'bless us : and all the 'ends of the 'world shall 'fear him.
 Glory be to the Father, and 'to the 'Son: and 'to the 'Holy 'Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now and 'ever 'shall be:
 world without 'end, 'A'men.

THE GOSPEL **Matthew 19:27-30**

Page 19 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible

Jesus says that those who, for his sake, are prepared to give up everything of their former life, will find generous rewards in his kingdom.

SERMON **The Rev'd Gerard Rundell**

INTERCESSOR **Richard Allsop**

OFFERTORY HYMN **814** **Thy hand, O God, has guided**

After the Offertory, the service continues with the Eucharistic Prayer E which starts on page 11 of the Saints Days booklet

COMMUNION HYMN **679** **In Christ there is no east or west**

CLOSING HYMN **810** **Thou, whose almighty word**

11.15 am **LATER MORNING WORSHIP**

Leader **Michelle Duff**

Talk **The Rev'd Gerard Rundell**

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

Readings: **Isaiah 56:1-8**
Page 201 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)
Galatians 1:11-16a
(Page 215 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Reader **Susan Trafford**

Officiant
and Preacher **The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott**

Hymns

132 **O for a heart to praise my God**
 Psalm 119, vv 41-56 *Page 503 of the small Prayer Book*
 294 **We love the place, O God**
 682 **In the cross of Christ I glory**
 810` **Thou, whose almighty word**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

That, like Paul, we too may be witnesses to the Gospel
Thanks for signs of spring and the new life it brings
That we may take seriously the issues of climate change
The National Health Service
Alnwick Deanery: Alison, our Area Dean and Frances, our Lay Chair

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 28th	9.30 am	Gateway Planning meeting in Parish Room
	3.00 pm	Contemplative Prayer Group in St Catherine's Chapel
	7.30 pm	St Michael's Carpet Bowls in Parish Hall
Wed 29th	10.15 am	Holy Communion
Thurs 30th	9.30 am	Mini Michaels in church
	1.00 pm	'Places of Welcome' at the Community Centre
	7.30 pm	'Onward Call' discussion group at O'Neill's home
Sat 1 st	10.00 am	Big Clean in church.

Next Sunday 2nd February The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, *also known as Candlemas*

8.00 am Holy Communion

Malachi 3:1-5

CW 56

Hebrews 2:14-18

CW 57

Luke 21:22-40

CW 57

9.30 am First Sunday Eucharist

6.00 pm Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662) Haggai 2:1-9; John 2:18-22

Many thanks to all who have given warm clothing etc so generously to the **WEST END REFUGEE SERVICE**. For the time being we ask, please, that you don't bring anything more to church until their current supplies are used up. We will let you know when we can once again begin delivering.

We are going to have our first **BIG CLEAN** of 2020 this Saturday from 10.00 am. As usual all cleaning materials and refreshments are provided. **Please** come along and join us. As they say 'Many hands make light work'! Any queries please ask Cath McNally or Pat Taylor.



The '**ONWARD CALL**' discussion group meets this Thursday 23rd at 7.30 pm at Susan and Anthony O'Neill's house. Please speak to Gerard, or another member of the group, if you'd be interested in coming along.

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.

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.

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 a particular weekend to mark a special occasion.

A big thankyou from **ALNWICK & DISTRICT FOOD BANK** for all the food donated by St Michael's Church. At the moment we are short of: pasta sauce, jam (not home-made), tins of fruit, tins of sweetcorn.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Thurs 6 th Feb	1.00 pm	Funeral of John Thomas Foggin
Tues 11 th Feb	12.15 pm	Memorial Service for Lilian Forster
	7.30 pm	Additional PCC meeting for approval of 2019 accounts.
Wed 12 th Feb	7.00 pm	Christians Together in Alnwick AGM in St Michael's
	7.30 pm	Baptism Preparation in Church
Tues 25 th Feb	7.00 pm	Pancake Party in the Parish Hall
Wed 26 th Feb		Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. 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.

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Curate: The Rev'd Gerard Rundell

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