

Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick

"All are welcome in this place"

Sunday 1st March 2020
The First Sunday of Lent

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

9.30 am FIRST SUNDAY EUCHARIST

With children and young people in church

President The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Talk The Rev'd Gerard Rundell

Hymns

644 God is Love: let heav'n adore him
Sheet Creation sings the Father's song
533 All things bright and beautiful *Omit verse 4)*
538 Gracious God, in adoration
652 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

1ST READING Genesis 1:1-2:3 Reader: Francesca Inglis
Page 1 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible

This reading affirms God as Creator and sustainer of everything. We begin with the opening lines of the first book of the Bible and their poetic account of the origin of all things in the will of the Creator

2ND READING Colossians 1:15-20 at 8.00 am only
Page 197 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible

Paul's hymn to the sovereignty of Christ is rich in images of his work in creation and salvation.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9

Page 13 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible

If you have ears, then hear a parable. God's presence and God's word are broadcast everywhere, like seed falling in every kind of soil and climate.

11.00 am – Annual Parochial Church Meetings – in church

6.00 pm	SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)
Readings:	Deuteronomy 6:4-9 & 16-25 <i>Page 170 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)</i> Luke 15:1-10 <i>(Page 75 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)</i>
Reader	Vivienne Graves
Officiant & Preacher	The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Hymns	
128	Jesu, lover of my soul
Psalm 50	w 1-15 <i>p 407 of the small Prayer Book</i>
671	I will sing the wondrous story
129	Lord, teach us how to pray aright
702	Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That we may have a proper respect for God's wonderful creation
- Our Easter Vestry & Annual Parochial Church Meetings
- All who are worried about or suffering with Coronavirus
- Christians Together in Alnwick
- Thanks for Mini Michaels & Messy Church

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 2 nd	2.00 pm	Lent Course 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' in the Parish Room.
Tues 3 rd	3.00 pm	Julian Group for Contemplative Prayer in St Catherine's Chapel
	7.00 pm	St Michael's Carpet Bowls in Parish Hall
	7.30 pm	Mission Group meets at 10 Allerburn Lea
Wed 4 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion at St Michael's CE Primary School
	12 noon	Ecumenical Lent Lunch in St James' URC
	3.15 pm	Memorial service for Ivy France.

Thurs 5th	7.30 am	Holy Communion, BCP followed by light breakfast
	9.30 am	Mini Michaels in church
	1.00 pm	'Places of Welcome' at the Community Centre
	7.30 pm	Lent Course 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' at the home of Andrew & Michelle Duff
Fri 6 th	7.00 pm	World Day of Prayer at Alnwick Methodist Church: <i>Praying with Zimbabwe</i>

Next Sunday	8 th March	The Second Sunday of Lent
8.00 am	Holy Communion Jeremiah 12:7-13 Romans 1:20-25 Matthew 19:16-26	<i>p.724 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible</i> <i>p.148 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible</i> <i>p.20 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible</i>
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist	
11.15 am	Holy Communion at Denwick	
11.15 am	Later Morning Worship	
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)	Numbers 21:4-9 Luke 14:27-33

OUR EASTER VESTRY and ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS take place at 11.00 am this morning. Please do stay behind and hear about the life of St Michael's over the last year and receive reports and accounts. We will be electing Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Representatives and Parochial Church Councillors. This is the one opportunity in the year for questions to be asked and observations to be made in a public forum.

As part of our Lenten activities you are invited to take home a **LENT BOX** and save for the work of U.S.P.G. the Anglican Mission Agency partnering churches and communities across the world to strengthen faith and justice. Boxes are available on the table by the font.

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

The **PARISH HALL PRIZE DRAW** is due to take place shortly. A number of people who put their names on the list haven't yet paid the 'one-off' annual subs to Martin Downey. If you are one of these, please could you contact Martin as soon as possible. Thanks

What a splendid evening of feasting and fun we had at our **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY!** If you weren't there do make coming along a priority in 2021. Our thanks go to all who worked so hard to ensure we enjoyed ourselves – not least those who performed wonders in the kitchen!

This year we will be making **PALM CROSSES** ready for Palm Sunday. The palm leaves will be arriving near the end of March. We would like as many people as possible to come along and help. The date and time are **Friday 3rd April from 10.30 am**. It would be helpful if you could bring a small pair of scissors with you. If you haven't made these before, expert help will be 'on tap'. Drinks and light refreshments will be available. Any questions, please ask Joan Dunn.



TOILET TWINNING NEWS

Thank you so much to everyone. The response to the appeal to raise money to 'twin' the gent's loo in the hall has been absolutely fabulous. Over the course of February enough money was collected to twin **both** cubicles in the gent's and, in addition, the 2nd loo in the ladies can also be 'done'. (£190 was raised, it costs £60 per loo). This is just marvellous, **Thank you**.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Wed 11 th March	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union resumes after Winter break
	7.30 pm	Baptism Preparation in church
Fri 3 rd April	10.30 am	Palm Cross making in church
Sat 4 th April	10.00 am	Big Clean in church
Sun 12 th April	4.00 pm	Easter Afternoon Tea in Parish Hall
Sat 18 th April	7.30 pm	Northumbrian Sinfonietta Concert with Bradley Creswick (Leader Emeritus of RNS) 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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