

Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick

"All are welcome in this place"

Sunday 9th February 2020
The 3rd Sunday before Lent

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 The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Reader Robert Peyton-Green

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

INTROIT HYMN 791 The God of Abraham praise *Verses 1, 8, 9 & 10*

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 58:1-9a** **Reader: Cath Hughes**

Page 698 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible

People ask why God does not reward their faithful attention to religious duties. The prophet's reply is that God's will can only be done in and through people who care about social justice too – obedient people who, in Jesus' words, shed light among their neighbours.

2ND READING **1 Corinthians 2:1-12** **Reader: Richard Allsop**

Page 163 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible

To his Christians friends, finding it hard to live with happy pagan neighbours, Paul explains how the joy of God revealed in Jesus Christ does not come from human wisdom or worldly ways, but by Holy Spirit speaking to human spirit. Spiritual perception discloses hidden truths of God's wisdom.

GRADUAL 800 The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want

THE GOSPEL**Matthew 5:1-20***Page 4 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible*

Just as Isaiah urged a deep concern for other people, Jesus requires us to go beyond our necessary worship and prayer. God cannot bring in his kingdom except in and through people who shed light to their neighbours, whose motives and intentions are deeper than obedience to religious rules.

SERMON**The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott****INTERCESSOR****The Rev'd Gerard Rundell****OFFERTORY HYMN****506 The church's one foundation**

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

COMMUNION HYMN**661 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord****CLOSING HYMN****476 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go****11.15 am MATINS AT DENWICK****Officiant****The Rev'd Colin Perkins****Preacher****The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott****11.15 am****LATER MORNING WORSHIP****Leader****Sue O'Neill****Talk****Anthony O'Neill****6.00 pm****SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)****Readings:****Amos 2:4-16***Page 865 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)***Ephesians 4:17-32***(Page 191 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)***Reader****Susan Trafford****Officiant****And Preacher****The Rev'd Gerard Rundell****Hymns****704****Let all the world in every corner sing****Psalm****4***Page 349 of the small Prayer Book***694****Jesus, Lord, we look to thee****725****Make me a channel of your peace****131****O for a closer walk with God**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That we may be salt and light to those around us
- Christians Together in Alnwick
- The ministry of Funeral Directors
- Our Prime Minister, Government and all Members of Parliament
- The Residential Homes in our town
- All affected by Coronavirus

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 11th	3.00 pm	Julian Group for Contemplative Prayer Group in St Catherine's Chapel
	7.00 pm	St Michael's Carpet Bowls in Parish Hall
	7.30 pm	Extra PCC meeting in Small Hall, for approval of 2019 accounts
Wed 12th	10.15 am	Holy Communion
Thurs 13th	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

Next Sunday 16th February The 2nd Sunday before Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion, BCP

1 Kings 3:3-12

CW 72

1 Kings 3:3-12

p. 315 in the Pew Bible

Matthew 6:25-34

CW75

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

11.15 am Later Morning Worship

6.00 pm Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)

Proverbs 8:1 & 22-31

Revelation ch.4

We look forward to our **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY** in the Parish Hall at 7.00 pm on 25th 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.

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.

LENT begins with Ash Wednesday on 26th February. Our LENT LEAFLET with full details of what will be on offer will be available next week.

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.

This year we are revising arrangements for our ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS which will take place after the 9.30am service on Sunday 1st 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. Nomination forms for these posts will be available soon but, meanwhile, do make a note of the date in your diaries.

TOILET TWINNING ALERT. Throughout this month 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. The last two poems and the final count will be in the March Gateway. Thank you, Sue Wiltshire.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Sat 22 nd Feb	11.00 am	Messy Church in St Michael's
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).
Sat 29 th Feb	1.00 pm	'Plant For The Planet' public event at the Duchess's Community High School. Organised by Friends of the Earth.

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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