

Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick

"All are welcome in this place"

Sunday 16th February 2020
The 2nd 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, BCP– in St Paul's Chapel**

President The Rev'd Jane Scott
Preacher The Rev'd Gerard Rundell
Reader The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

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

INTROIT HYMN 360 Bring to the Lord a glad new song

President The Rev'd Gerard Rundell

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 **1 Kings 3:3-12** **Reader: Judy Jobson**
Page 315 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible

Jesus' teaching in parables reveals that there is only one thing worth having: he called it the kingdom of heaven. King Solomon called it wisdom and here he speaks to God for this above all else. Later Jewish thinkers came to speak of wisdom as a person of God.

2ND READING **Romans 8:18-25** **Reader: Jean Darby**
Page 154 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible

In Paul's thinking, the whole created order yearns for perfection just as we humans do. He can see, therefore, that in God's time both we and all nature will be brought to completion in a new kind of glory, free from death and decay.

GRADUAL **775** **Seek ye first the kingdom of God**

THE GOSPEL **Matthew 6:25-34**

Page 6 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible

Jesus uses a picture-language in a lesson about anxiety. Do not get over-anxious, don't let your worries dominate your life. God is the Creator and sustainer of everything there is, and his loving care can be trusted to meet all our deepest needs.

SERMON **The Rev'd Gerard Rundell**

INTERCESSOR **Richard Allsop**

OFFERTORY HYMN **471 We pray thee, heavenly Father**

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

COMMUNION HYMN **629 Father, hear the prayer we offer**

CLOSING HYMN **715 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided**

11.15 am LATER MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Leader Rachel Robinson
President The Rev'd Martin Turner
and Talk

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings: Proverbs 8:1 & 22-31
Page 865 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)
Revelation ch. 4
(Page 602 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Reader Cath. McNally

Officiant
And Preacher The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Hymns
276 Holy , holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Psalm 148 *Page 535 of the small Prayer Book*
786 Sweet is the work, my God, my King
604 Brother, sister, let me serve you
17 Hail, gladdening light, of his pure glory poured

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

That we may be conscious of God's deep love for us
A right use of power by those in authority
Those whose lives are restricted during winter weather
Alnwick & District Food Bank
The ongoing situation with Coronavirus
Thanks for our families and friends

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 18th	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
Wed 19th	10.15 am	Holy Communion
Thurs 20th	1.00 pm	'Places of Welcome' at the Community Centre
	7.30 pm	'Onward Call' discussion group at O'Neill's home
Sat 22 nd Feb	11.00 am	Messy Church in St Michael's

Next Sunday 23rd February The Sunday next before Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion

Exodus 24:12-18

CW 77

2 Peter 1:16-21

CW 78

Matthew 17:1-9

CW 79

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

11.15 am Later Morning Worship

2.00 pm Holy Baptism

6.00 pm Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662) 2 Kings 2:1-12

Matthew 17:9-23 (or 1-23)

As the beginning of Lent draws closer you are asked, please, if you would **RETURN YOUR PALM CROSSES TO CHURCH** in order that they be burned in time for Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

Do think about coming along to our **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY** on 25th March at 7.00 pm. You will be able to enjoy savoury and sweet pancakes and indulge in some pre-Lenten fun! Please 'sign up' on the sheet at the back of church.

Please take home with you one of our **LENT LEAFLETS** as you leave church today. It contains all that will be happening at St. Michael's during Lent – including our exciting Lent Course based on the well –known film **CHOCOLAT** starring Judi Dench and Johnny Depp.

Last year the **CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** was completely renewed, 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 which should be completed **TODAY**, please, and placed in the box provided.

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

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 24 th Feb	7.00 pm	“Cinema Night” in the Parish Hall, showing CHOCOLAT , including a disgusting amount of chocolate.....
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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Curate: The Rev'd Gerard Rundell

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