

Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick

"All are welcome in this place"

Sunday 23rd February 2020
The Sunday next 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 Annette Playle
Reader Lizzie Sharp

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

INTROIT HYMN 766 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

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 Exodus 24:12-18 Reader: Cath McNally

Page 72 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible

Our Old Testament reading is chosen for its likeness to today's Gospel. On the threshold of Lent we are reminded of the awesome holiness of God. The story of Moses tells how on a mountain-top he had a transfiguring experience, as if taken up into the glory of God.

2ND READING 2 Peter 1:16-21 Reader: Richard Dale

Page 154 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible

This letter, in the name of Peter, reminds Christians of the second century that Jesus was no ordinary man, but one whom his first disciples had seen transfigured in glory, as God disclosed him to be his Son. All the prophecies had therefore come true.

GRADUAL 279 Jesus, on the mountain peak

THE GOSPEL **Matthew 17:1-9**

Page 17 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible

The Lord's closest friends see him transfigured upon a mountain-top, in a disclosure of his true identity. In the presence of the figures of Moses and Elijah, a cloud of glory comes upon him and the voice of the holy one is heard.

SERMON **Annette Playle**

INTERCESSOR **Annette Playle**

OFFERTORY HYMN **612** **Christ triumphant, ever reigning**

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

COMMUNION HYMN **695** **Jesus, these eyes have never seen**

CLOSING HYMN **690** **Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it**

11.15 am **LATER MORNING WORSHIP**

Leader **Michelle Duff**
Talk **Andrew Duff**

2.00 pm **HOLY BAPTISM**

Please pray for
Stefan Kai Bush



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

Readings: **2 Kings 2:1-12**
Page 342 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)
Matthew 17: 9-23
(Page 18 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Reader **Jean Darby**
Officiant **The Rev'd Colin Perkins**
Preacher **The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott**

Hymns
637 From all that dwell below the skies
Psalm 84 *Page 453 of the small Prayer Book*
650 Great is thy faithfulness
486 Christ is the King! O friends rejoice
18 Light of gladness, Lord of glory

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That, through the love of Christ, we may be transfigured from glory to glory
- An end to knife crime and gun-related violence
- That we may keep Lent well
- Jean and Pat, our Churchwardens
- All who are travelling: that they may do so safely

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 24 th	7.00 pm	CINEMA NIGHT in the Parish Hall 'CHOCOLAT' starring Judi Dench and Johnny Depp
Tues 25 th	3.00 pm	Julian Group for Contemplative Prayer in St Catherine's Chapel
	7.00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party in the Parish Hall
Wed 26 th		Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at 10.15 am and 7.30 pm
Thurs 27 th	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 1st March The first Sunday of Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Page 1 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible

Colossians 1:15-20

Page 197 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible

Matthew 13:1-9

Page 13 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible

9.30 am First Sunday Eucharist

6.00 pm Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 & 16-25

Luke 15:1-10

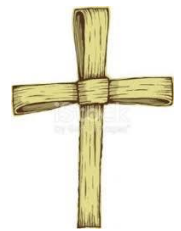
Today is the very last call to sign up for our **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY** in the Parish Hall. Savoury and sweet pancakes together with some pre-Lenten fun! Do come along!

ASH WEDNESDAY is a Red Letter Day in the church calendar and here at St Michael's there will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 10.15 am and 7.30 pm (sung). Please try to make attendance at one of these services a priority and so get Lent off to a good start.

This year we are revising arrangements for our **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS** which will take place after the 9.30 am service next 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.

The **PARISH HALL PRIZE DRAW** is due to take place later this month. A number of people (about 12) 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

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.



FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Sun 1 st March	11.00 am	Easter Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meeting in church.
Wed 11 th March	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union resumes after Winter break
Sat 4 th April	10.00 am	Big Clean in church
Sun 12 th April		Easter Afternoon Tea in Parish Hall
Sat 18 th April		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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