

Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick

"All are welcome in this place"

Sunday 15th March 2020. The Third 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.

CORONAVIRUS

Please note that new instructions have been received from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

- Please refrain from shaking hands at the Peace.
- Holy Communion will be given in one kind only with the President only receiving the wine.
- The laying-on of hands is not permitted. This means that this evening's Service of Healing and Wholeness will need to be postponed and we will hold Evensong as usual.

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 Gerard Rundell
Preacher The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen
Reader Robert Peyton-Green

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST** *Setting: Gregory Murray – A New People's Mass*

INTROIT HYMN 4 New every morning is the love

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 **Isaiah 11:1-9** **Reader: Judy Jobson**
Page 650 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible

Many ancient prophets foretold the day of the Lord's coming. He will be within the dynasty of Jesse's great son David and once again there will be peace and harmony.

2ND READING **2 Corinthians 5:16-21** **Reader: Paul Jarvis**
Page 178 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible

Paul tells his readers that everything is made new by Christ. There is a new order in our relationships, because in Christ the world has been reconciled to God and us to each other. We are to carry this message of reconciliation.

GRADUAL **284** **For the fruits of all creation**

THE GOSPEL **Matthew 14:14-21**
Page 15 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible

Jesus seeks some peace, but people are too demanding – and the divine generosity can never refuse those in need. Echoing the ancient experience of manna in the wilderness, Jesus provides food for thousands of people – more than they could ever desire or deserve.

SERMON **The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen**

INTERCESSOR **John Cooke**

OFFERTORY HYMN **763 Praise to the Holiest in the height**

After the Offertory, the service continues with Eucharistic Prayer which starts on page 9 of the Lent booklet

COMMUNION HYMN **433 Broken for me, broken for you**

CLOSING HYMN **818 To God be the glory, great things he has done!**

11.15 am LATER MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Leader **Michelle Duff**
Talk & President **The Rev'd Canon Sue Allen**

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch in the Parish Hall

6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)

Readings: **Joshua 1:1-9**
Page 199 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)
Ephesians 6:10-20
(Page 192 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Reader **Stanley Trafford**

Officiant **The Rev'd Gerard Rundell**

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

Hymns

708 **'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee**

Psalm 40, vv 1-13 *p 395 of the small Prayer Book*

144 **How deep the Father's love for us**

752 **O love that wilt not let me go**

772 **Rock of ages, cleft for me**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That we may seek Christ's presence as we try to conserve God's world
- All affected by Coronavirus and those responsible for their care
- Our Churchwardens & newly-elected PCC
- Those whose lives are being torn apart in Syria and Yemen
- Thanks for our fellowship with one another

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 16 th	2.00 pm	Lent Course 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' in the Parish Room.
	7.30 pm	P.C.C. in Small Hall
Tues 17 th	11.30 am	Funeral of Noreen Stewart
	3.00 pm	Julian Group for Contemplative Prayer in St Catherine's Chapel
	7.00 pm	St Michael's Carpet Bowls in Parish Hall
Wed 18 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion
	12 noon	Ecumenical Lent Lunch in St James' URC
	7.30 pm	Alnwick Deanery Synod in Shilbottle Parish Room
Thurs 19 th	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 Susan and Anthony O' Neill
	7.30 pm	'A Feast for Syria' Planning Meeting at the Vicarage
Sat 21 st	11.00 am	Messy Church in church

Next Sunday 22nd March **The Fourth Sunday of Lent** **Mothering Sunday**

8.00 am	Holy Communion Genesis 18:1-15 <i>p. 14 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible</i> Romans 8:19-26 <i>p. 154 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible</i> Matthew 13:31-33 <i>p. 14 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible</i>
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist for Mothering Sunday
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662) Micah Ch.7; James Ch.5

St Michael's is responsible for the **ECUMENICAL LENT LUNCH** on Wednesday 1st April. Donations towards the cost of providing the soup ingredients, cheese, bread etc would be gratefully received and should be handed to Pat Taylor. Many thanks.

This year's first Parish Hall Prize Draw took place on 8th March. The lucky winners are £20 – No.20 D. & D. Ramsay; £10 – No 31 Ellen Brown; £5 No.37 Dawn McAuley

The response to last week's suggestion that we hold **A FEAST FOR SYRIA** has been tremendous! It will be in the Parish Hall on Friday 17th April at 7.30 pm. Tickets, priced at £10, will be available soon and all proceeds will be sent to Embrace the Middle East. Let's make this a really wonderful event as we remember the terrible situation in Syria over which we all feel so helpless. Here is something we can support and so help in some small way.

Don't forget that we will be making **PALM CROSSES** in church on **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.

Alnwick Lions Club is again inviting senior citizens to a free **AFTERNOON TEA** which includes local entertainers, bingo and a free raffle. All are welcome, but they would especially like to reach out to persons who may be alone and feel isolated at home. If you know of such a person perhaps you could facilitate their attendance. The event is at St James' Hall between 2 - 5 pm on Saturday 25 April. Please contact Bill McDonald for tickets: 01665 600830.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Mon 23 rd Mar	10.30 am	Dedication of Alnwick Cholera Outbreak Memorial in the Churchyard
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
Fri 17 th April	7.30 pm	<i>A Feast for Syria</i> in St Michael's 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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