

# Gateway

May 2020



New life

St Michael's, Alnwick

*The magazine for the people of the Church and the Town*



# WEEKLY WORSHIP

## SUNDAYS AT ST MICHAEL'S

8.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION (said)

A quiet early morning service (CW\*) with a sermon. On the third Sunday of the month we use BCP

9.30 am

THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Sung Eucharist (CW) with Junior Church for children, a robed choir and the largest congregation of the day. On the first Sunday of the month a 'First Sunday Eucharist' is especially welcoming to children.

11.15 am

LATE MORNING WORSHIP

A more flexible and varied service, which includes Holy Communion about once a month. The music includes traditional hymns as well as contemporary Christian songs. A small and welcoming congregation with some provision for children.

6.00 pm

EVENSONG

A traditional service of Evening Prayer (BCP) with sermon, choir, hymns and Anglican chant for Psalms and Canticles.

## WEDNESDAYS AT ST MICHAEL'S

10.15 am

HOLY COMMUNION

A said service of Holy Communion (CW) followed by coffee and the opportunity for fellowship. Once a month we are joined by a class from St Michael's Church School and once a term the service takes place in the school.

## DENWICK VILLAGE CHAPEL

A small chapel-of-ease built by the Duke of Northumberland in 1872

11.15 am on the Second Sunday of the month.

MATINS OR HOLY COMMUNION

\*CW – Common Worship, BCP – Book of Common Prayer (1662)

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# From the Vicar

St. Michael's Vicarage  
Alnwick

Dear People of Alnwick,

None of us has previously experienced such times as those in which we currently find ourselves. At the time of writing this letter it seems that 'lockdown' is likely to continue for several more weeks and, as we continue in this restricted way of life, I have been heartened to hear of, and experience, a number of simple, kind gestures – acts of love – which are taking place.

From the amazing achievement of Captain Tom Moore in his fundraising effort for the National Health Service to the kindness of the unknown person who left fresh eggs of the Vicarage doorstep, 'little things' can have a profound effect.

Do you perhaps remember, as I do, singing at Sunday School the hymn:  
*'Little drops of water, little grains of sand,  
make the mighty ocean and the beauteous land'?*

The third verse goes like this:  
*'Little deeds of kindness, little acts of love,  
make our earth an Eden, like the heaven above.'*

"Childish doggerel" you may say; and perhaps you're right. But the essence of the message is valid.

Adversity seems, somehow, to bring out the best in people – just as familiarity breeds contempt.

In a trice, it seems, we begin to value things which previously we took for granted or to which we never gave a second thought.

I have been overwhelmed at the positive response arising from the 'Spiritual Companion' we issued for Holy Week and Easter. Telephone calls, letters of appreciation and e-mails have flooded in from people saying how grateful they were to know that they were, in some way, 'joined' with other folk from St. Michael's in their Easter worship.

Yes, that booklet involved some effort and some expense ('though a very kind donation resulting from receiving the booklet largely covered the cost of postage) but, in relation to the response it felt negligible.

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# Principal Readings for this month

*Please note that during May, there are alternative readings for Holy Communion. The reading from Acts must be used as the 1st reading if a New Testament one is chosen or the 2nd reading if an Old Testament one is chosen*

Date	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer
<b>3rd</b>	Acts 2:42-47	Ezra 3:1-13
4th Sunday of Easter	or Genesis ch.7 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	Ephesians 2:11-22
10th Sunday of Easter	or Acts 7:55-60 Genesis 8:1-19 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	Zechariah 4:1-10 5th Revelation 21:1-14
17th 6th Sunday of Easter	or Acts 17:22-31 Genesis 8:20-9:17 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	Zechariah 8:1-13 Revelation 22:22-22.5
Thursday 21st	<b>Ascension Day</b> Acts 1:1-11 or Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	Daniel 7:9-14
24th Sunday of Easter	or Acts 1:6-14 Ezekiel 36:24-28 1 Peter 4:12-14 & 5:6-11 John 17:1-11	2 Samuel 23:1-5 7th Ephesians 1:15-23
31st Day of Pentecost	or Acts 2:1-21 Numbers 11:24-30 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39	Joel 2:21-32 Acts 2:14-21 [22-38]

And so I simply want to say to you this month what many have been saying since the early days of this epidemic: 'Be kind'.

Being kind, showing love in the simplest of ways can be profound beyond measure – and it is at the very heart of the Gospel.

With every blessing,

*Paul.*

Because of Good Friday you can look back and not be afraid.  
Because of Easter you can look ahead and not be afraid.  
Because of Ascension Day you can look up and not be afraid.  
Because of Pentecost you can look in and not be afraid.

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## From the Registers

### Funerals

*May the faithful departed rest in peace  
and rise in glory*

4th March	Ivy France
31st March	Robert Elliott
2nd April	Mary Hepple
8th April	Anne Banks
15th April	Mildred Meadows
15th April	Patricia Hirst
21st April	Jean Renner

## Thought for the Month

‘THIS IS a strange time.’ ‘Life is very different at the moment.’ I’ve heard those words spoken over and over these last few weeks, and they ring true. Certainly, it was the most unusual Holy Week and Easter I’ve known. That those momentous days in the church’s calendar should pass without us being able to gather together to celebrate is almost unthinkable. And yet, perhaps, even in the midst of all that’s been hard about this pandemic, Easter asks us to look for hope.

Easter is not just one great and joyful day, but also a season in the church’s year. This month sees us continuing to live in the joy and celebration of the resurrection of God’s son until Pentecost marks the coming of the Holy Spirit and the sending of the church. And indeed, more than that Easter is not simply a season but is also the life of the whole church. We are always shaped and formed by this joyful hope that God has offered us in Christ’s resurrection. We, the people of God, are always and forever grounded in the new life that Christ offers, as he bursts from a tomb that could never hold him.

So, as we live through strange and difficult times, what might we see if we view them through the lens of Easter. There is much hardship, there is much fear and anxiety. There will be very real death that surrounds us.

And yet Easter never lets death have the final word. So, what I want to ask is what signs of hope spring up?

It’s hard to say at this point. As I write we are still at the early stages of lock-down. We don’t know how that might end or what our world will look like on the other side. But already some things are coming clear. The community response here in Alnwick, as around the country, has been astounding. A huge proportion of the town has volunteered to help the vulnerable, offering collections for prescriptions, help at the Foodbank, and huge amounts more. Perhaps that sense of collective responsibility for the vulnerable among us will live on when life returns to normal?

Equally, we have emerged onto our doorsteps to applaud, to bang saucepans, to smile and cheer in thanks for our NHS and our key workers. For all those who have kept us safe, cared for, and fed us through this time. Professions that perhaps haven’t always been given the praise they deserve – delivery drivers, supermarket workers, refuse collectors – are now our national heroes. Perhaps that re-adjustment of what we value will last beyond this time? Perhaps we might even reflect that value in the ways we pay those we have recognised are ‘key workers’?

Even the church, forced to stop our Sunday gathering, has found

new ways to worship and join in prayer. Churches across the country have taken to their screens and a plethora of opportunities to join in worship online has emerged. At St Michael's we've gathered on Zoom to pray together, we've sent out paper resources for use at home, and we've done our own bit of YouTubing for families. But more than that, perhaps Christians have re-discovered or deepened our life of prayer. When we can only gather together in prayer, and not in person,

perhaps that prayer becomes more essential and more powerful. The church has been forced to look very different, but the light of Christ has been no dimmer, the hope of Easter has been no weaker.

I hope, whenever we look to a life that returns to normality, that these glimpses of hope and joy, even in the midst of a global pandemic, might shape how we continue to live in its aftermath.

*Gerard Rundell*

## It's important to me ...

**B**ETWEEN 1960-67 I attended Bury Grammar School and it was there that I met an inspirational R.E teacher, Miss Carney. She ran a Bible Fellowship Group that I enjoyed along with my classmates. During these group meetings we used to sing a chorus to the tune of "Danny Boy". It was based on John:3 verse 16.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

This time at school had a massive impact on me and I look back on it as a milestone in my journey of faith. God sent Jesus, His son to earth to help us, show us how to live and lead us to eternal life with Him: but then to realise that God did it because He loved us is the most amazing thing.

Love is the best gift of all - during these strange and difficult days love is what is keeping us going. Love amongst families who are spending time together, love amongst friends and neighbours who are helping wherever and however they can, love amongst the nation for our front-line NHS staff, love amongst those doctors, nurses and care workers who are working so hard to look after all in their care.

I am sure it is love for each other that will bring us through this and it will be that love that will enable us to get back to a different "normal".

Incidentally, Miss Carney spent holidays in Rothbury in the 1960s and she recommended Alnwick College of Education to me. The rest as they say is history!

*Pat Taylor*

## Ordinary Christians (continued)

**S**OME PEOPLE make a sign of the cross on themselves on entering the church, or during the service at certain points. This is a visual aid which you may find valuable. I find it reminds me that I am covered by the sacrifice of Jesus. Others will say that it teaches about the Holy Trinity, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, because it is done by touching first the head, representing the Father, then the body, representing God the Son, then the shoulders, representing the Holy Spirit who empowers us to work for God. So if you wish to do it, use the right hand and touch your forehead, your body at about solar plexus level, left shoulder and right shoulder.

Traditionally people stood or knelt in church. The Book of Common Prayer nowhere tells us to sit, and until the last couple of hundred years most churches had no seats for the congregation anyway. The Jewish tradition is to stand to pray, except when showing particular humility by kneeling. In the C of E it is usual to stand to sing hymns, and also during the Gospel reading in Holy Communion and to say the Creed and certain short prayers which come while you are standing up anyway, and to sit to listen to other readings and sermons. For prayer I think it is good to kneel if at all possible. Some churches have the pews so close together that it is almost impossible to kneel unless one has very short legs. The alternative is to “sit and lean forward” which is known in the trade as the “shampoo position”. If you have to sit at least *think* kneeling (bend the knee of your heart, as one ancient writer put it). If you could actually see the Lord Jesus I bet you’d kneel!

Which brings me to the most important point about behaviour in church: we say “The Lord is here; his Spirit is with us”, but we don’t always behave as if it were true. If we could actually see him it would make a huge difference to our worship, how we sang the hymns, how we responded, how we paid attention. It would make a difference if the Queen were there. How much more it should in the knowledge that the King of Kings is present!

### **Do I have to worship God?**

A man once stood in front of one of the world’s greatest masterpieces of art and said, “I don’t think much of that”. He thought he was judging the picture, but in fact the picture was judging him, and showing that he didn’t know much about art.

In the same way, if we don’t worship God, it simply shows that we don’t know much about God.

Actually we *don't* know much about God: only what he has shown us by what we call Revelation. If he hadn't revealed himself to us at all we should know very little about him. Even so, we cannot understand God: if we could, he would not be God; but it is good to learn as much as we can about him.

## **Types of Revelation**

### ***Natural revelation:***

What we learn about God through nature. If a basic definition of God is the "First Cause" who brought everything else into existence, we can see from looking at what he made that he must be

- very powerful
- very big
- a lover of beauty and order
- interested in the smallest microscopic details as well as the largest astronomical phenomena.

### ***Revelation through ourselves***

What we can deduce from understanding ourselves. If human beings are the highest form of living things (which may be debatable but I think we are), then we mostly have some things in common including,

- a sense of fairness and justice
- the ability to love, even to love those who cannot love us in return
- a sense of responsibility (we know we ought to do some things even when we don't want to do them)
- a sense of humour and being able to laugh at ourselves.

These things operate against our own interests, much of the time, and I think they must come from the idea of the "image of God in us". That is the concept that when God made human beings he put in certain characteristics that would reflect his own nature to some extent. The things that most human beings share, but as far as we can see animals don't, are part of this "image of God" idea.

*To be continued*

*Colin Perkins*

"Our language has wisely sensed the two sides of being alone. It has created the word 'loneliness' to express the pain of being alone. And it has created the word 'solitude' to express the glory of being alone.

*Paul Tillich*

# Mail coaches, letter carriers and naughty boys!

**H**OW EASY it is for us to stay in contact with our friends and family using all the electronic devices available today. Before the advent of the railway in Alnwick the source of communication between towns was through the post and stage coaches which crossed the country.

Until the introduction of the Penny Black in May 1840, letters from Alnwick to London took thirteen and a half hours and ten and a half hours to Edinburgh. They were franked with each town's stamp they passed through before arriving here.

At the start of the 1800's Mail and Union coaches would stop at the White Swan in Bondgate Within, their drivers easily recognised by their frock coat, broad brimmed hat, boots, neckerchief and having ruddy faces

and raucous voices, a trade mark of the job. These coaches were serviced by large numbers of men and boys employed as drivers, grooms and post boys. William Terry who originated from Kent was one such man, a former chaise driver and employed as a groom at the White Swan along with his sons. Whole families worked and lived together with many intermarrying. Their homes were close by either behind or close to the coaching inn.

Another colourful character was Ald Jack Kirkup for many



The Old Post Office Clayport St.



years a driver for White Swan. Other passenger coaches were also running, The Wonder from the Angel Inn and the Royal William which departed from the Black Swan daily to Morpeth and Newcastle..

In Alnwick during the 17th and 18th century Post Masters were often inn keepers who provided the stables and a change of horses to the mail coaches. The post then went on to be run by stationers, druggists and grocers. Mary Philadelphia Hodgson was a Post Mistress who in around 1800 ran the post from Pottergate, her brother was the Reverend Hugh Hodgson vicar of Eglington.



Following her death in 1826 William Carr held the office of Post Master until his death in 1833. He was succeeded by Robert Anderson who was to see the introduction of the Penny Black which revolutionised the postal system

The stamp was the first adhesive stamp bearing the portrait of the young Queen Victoria, which the sender had to pay the cost of delivery. It unified the postal system was economical and eliminated the recipient refusing to pay on delivery.

The Post Office which still stands at 1 Clayport Street to the west side of the Market place was built in the early 1800's. In 1834 the Post Master Robert Anderson oversaw the arrival from London and the South of the mail coach at 10.30 am in Alnwick.

The post from Edinburgh arrived at about 9am and letters were soon out for delivery.

The arrival and departure of these coaches must have caused great excitement to the children who witnessed it every day. One local lad James Crozer in the early 1820's was keen to run after these coaches when they stopped here from Edinburgh to change horses. In order to teach him a lesson a publican decided to lock him in his beer cellar to stop his caper! James took his revenge for being incarcerated by emptying all the beer barrels on the cellar floor. Despite this youthful exuberance, James went on to



become a successful chemist who travelled the world. For twenty five years he worked and visited India, Jamaica and China before returning to Newcastle to open a chemist shop. He was known to be extremely eccentric life style yet managed to successfully run his business until his death in 1888.

Another frequently seen character in the town was William Robson. He would have been working under Post Master Robert Anderson as a Letter Carrier in the town when the Penny Black was introduced. For thirty five years he delivered the post to the whole town and had seen many changes. Originally, he had been a shoemaker but when he was appointed letter carrier this became his full time employment. It was a responsible job and he was held in high regard, being known to be trustworthy and punctual in his duties. Before taking on the role of letter carrier he had been a Staff Sergeant in the Northumberland Light Infantry Regiment of Militia. His military rank was recognised until his death on 6th November 1849. Williams death may well have been related to the cholera epidemic of the previous month. William is buried in the churchyard where his mother Isabella Tyrie “midwife to the Regiment” and stepfather Alexander Tyrie are interred. His step father, also a military man, was the Hospital Sergeant in Alnwick and had been at the Battle of Bunker Hill in America.

Post Master Robert Anderson resigned in 1847 and was succeeded by George Tate. He was a highly intelligent man who combined this role of supervising the Post with his historical and scientific interests. He was a Freeman of the town, wrote his own historical account of Alnwick, lectured at the Mechanics institute and was a founder member of the local Board of Health. When he died in June 1871 he was buried in St Michael’s churchyard.

As we stay in touch with our family and friends over this difficult time our Post Office has never seen such an increase in demand. Letter boxes are full of cards and letters as we stay in touch. For a few moments perhaps imagine



**POSTMAN**  
Letter Carrier 1800 with bell and satchel

those mail coaches dashing through the town, chased by children and the town coming alive to the change over of horses before setting off again.



William Carr, Postmaster

*Alnwick sketches with the kind permission of Barbara Woodhouse*

*Patricia Jones and Colin Watson*



# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## **Ex officio members**

Chairman: Rev'd Paul Scott  
Curate: Rev'd Gerard Rundell  
Churchwardens: (Mrs Jean Darby) Remains until May?  
Mrs Pat Taylor  
Mrs Anne Blades (elected 2020)

Deanery Synod Members: (elected in 2020 for 3 years)

Mrs Annette Playle  
Mrs Jean Darby  
Mrs Patricia Tweed  
Mrs Pat Taylor

Diocesan Synod - elected in 2018 for 3 years

Mrs Frances Allsop

## **Elected Members:**

Mr John Cooke (re-elected in 2018 for 3 years)  
Mrs Lindsay Johnston (elected in 2020 for 3 years)  
Mrs Rosemary Buxton (re-elected in 2018 for 3 years)  
Mrs Pam Straughan (re-elected in 2018 for 3 years)  
Mr Richard Allsop (re-elected in 2020 for 3 years)  
Mr Henry Playle (elected in 2020 for 3 years)  
Mrs Annette Playle (elected in 2020 for 3 years)  
Mr Richard Dale (elected in 2020 for 3 years)  
Mr Stephen Woodjetts (elected in 2018 for 3 years)  
Mrs Cath McNally (elected in 2019 for 3 years)  
Mrs Sue Oneill (elected in 2020 for 3 years)  
Mrs Anne Blades (elected in 2020 for 3 years)

Co-opted member - Mr Andrew Robinson

## **PCC Officers**

Vice Chairman: Mrs Jean Darby  
PCC Secretary: Mrs Rosie Buxton  
PCC Treasurer: Mr Richard Dale



## Christian Aid Week 10-16 May

**C**HRIStIAN AID Week is just a few weeks away. Obviously it is not going to be the usual week of door knocking and tin shaking, of coffee mornings and Big Brekkies. Last year these activities brought in £8 million from across the UK. Here in Alnwick nearly £4 thousand was collected. Where on earth is that amount of money going to come from this year, a year when a hundred times that much would not be enough to help some countries cope with covid-19?

A short while ago a walked into my kitchen and turned on the radio and caught the end of a programme discussing the epidemic with health workers and business people in Africa. I jotted down one or two sentences:

**Nigeria-** 1/3 of the people have no running water, they can't waste water on hand washing.

Shutting down the economy when it is so fragile will be a disaster.

Doctors will have to choose between PPE equipment and ventilators.

One particular hospital only had one ventilator.

Much of the power is solar power, including hospitals.

**Zimbabwe** 1 in 7 people have HIV.

Half the population have no access to running water.

To say it all seems impossible is an understatement but Covid-19 will come and doctors are planning for it as best they can. (It is already in several African countries).

For very many different reason this is a difficult time for everyone. Each one of us has our own personal challenges to wake up to each morning, whether mental or physical. As well as this, many will be looking to a time when things return to normal and wondering if our children or grandchildren may need some extra financial help.

Having said all this, if you feel that you are able to give a gift to Christian Aid this year, no matter how small, there are three ways you can do this:

1. Simply go to their website [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) and click on 'give money'.

2. Ring 020 7523 2269

3. Go to the website and donate to join in with the daily quizzes.

Please also note that each day throughout Christian Aid Week there is a special service to join in with on their website.

Thank you,

*Sue Wiltshire*

# They did it!



**P**ROSPECT COTTAGE has been saved by all who donated to Art Fund's plea to those who might care about the connections to the world of art, film and gardening. The target of £3.5 million pounds was raised just in time, the last 6% coming in on the last day (31st March). Over 8000 donations have now been received—some large, some modest; I would think that my contribution was tiny compared to most, but the reports and thanks I got (and continue to get) from Art Fund lifted my spirits and made me really feel a part of it all.

You can read online or from various publications about the history and development, by Derek Jarman and friends, of this abode. It will now be preserved and maintained by 'Creative Folkestone' (a local charity) with residences for artists, academics and gardeners.

A short, but informative, article appeared in The Times on 1st April this year, and a news snip in 'Hello' magazine mentioned the support of numerous celebrities from the art world, including costume designer Sandy Powell. It isn't yet clear whether this will be available as a holiday let, but if that happens... *Joan Dunn*

Definitely a different place to go for a peaceful holiday!

During this time when we are unable to produce a paper version of Gateway it is available on the Church's website, [www.alnwickanglican.com](http://www.alnwickanglican.com).

It would be very good to know how many are actually finding it there, so if you are reading this on line, would you be kind enough to drop an Email saying so, to [colinbperkins@aol.com](mailto:colinbperkins@aol.com)?

# Spring Greening

WHAT A strange month April has been with the ever-present threat of Coronavirus spreading, but in some ways, Mother Nature seems to have compensated by speeding up. During all these days and weeks I have deliberately slowed down – getting up a little later, preparing fiddly meals and, most of all, not going anywhere but sitting in my car watching my garden greening up and growing:

I have always loved trying to cultivate/propagate things, by rooting cuttings, saving seeds, just letting things look after themselves. Last year I planted some wallflowers in a patch; didn't dig them up—just deadheaded them. Now they are in full bloom and twice the size of this year's stock. I also had two pots of senetti, which are supposed to be frost tender; their flowering season was extended by deadheading, but they also were just cut hard back in late Autumn; now they are sprouting and have also (I think) self-set around the edge of the pots. It will be interesting to see what colours they might be.



Earlier this year I popped some camellia cuttings into water in a dark plastic watering can (that excludes the light from the bit where roots might form) and, against all the rules, the flower buds have swollen and are bursting into life!



To sum up then, April has been, for me, strange but magical. By Easter day there weren't many of us in my street, but we were enough to make a joyful noise, singing two well-loved hymns at our garden gates, joined by a robin singing in the trees and numerous sparrows making a racket in the hedges; all around signs of fresh, bright leaves and fragrant flowers.

To God be the glory!

*Joan Dunn*

# QUIZ

## Show your 'age'

Eg Hot drink= Beverage

- 1 Fierce
- 2 Warehouse
- 3 Electric Force
- 4 To persuade
- 5 Solitary abode
- 6 Spying
- 7 Big balloon
- 8 Attendants
- 9 For poor passengers
- 10 Elevation to the Lords

## Parts of the Body

Eg A place of worship =Temple

- 1 A tropical tree
- 2 What a physician does
- 3 A shell fish
- 4 Mark Anthony wished to borrow (Julius Caesar)
- 5 The Isle of Man has one more
- 6 A large chest
- 7 What all soldiers must be
- 8 They are found in Schools
- 9 Some people have a lot of this
- 10 There was one in the Garden of Eden

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## Answers to last month's quiz

### Cats

- a CATerpillar
- b CATastrophe
- c CATaract
- d CATafalque
- e CATacomb
- f CATalogue
- g CATcall
- h CATamaran
- i CATapult
- j CATegory

### Dogs

- a DOGma
- b DOGgeared
- c DOGgerel
- d DOGged
- e DOGstooth
- f DOGsbody
- g DOGleg
- h DOGgo
- i DOGgone
- j DOGfight

“Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day. It is a choice based on the knowledge that we belong to God and have found in God our refuge and our safety and that nothing, not even death, can take God away from us. Joy is the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing - sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war or even death - can take that love away.”

*Henri Nouwen*

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## Smile

### **Across the Miles**

It is very unlikely that artist Gerry Hofstetter could have foreseen his latest commission. Every night Since March 24<sup>th</sup> the Swiss light artist has been beaming flags from nations all around the world, onto the side of the country's most famous mountain, the Matterhorn. The flags of France, India, Japan, the US, Germany, the UK, Portugal, Spain, and many others, have been blazing out into the night, in all their glorious colours, in a lovely act of solidarity with those who have been badly affected by the virus.

### **A Good Investment**

Bill Gates is funding the building of factories for seven of the most promising corona virus vaccine candidates, even though, in the end only two will be picked, meaning billions of dollars will be wasted. His philanthropic organization, the Gates Foundation, has long standing expertise in infectious diseases and Mr Gates believes that 'is early money can accelerate things'

*(Taken from the website [www.goodnewsnetwork.org](http://www.goodnewsnetwork.org) )*

Contributed by Sue Wiltshire

# Calendar of Events in May

Please note that all events have had to be postponed because of Government restrictions.

Hopefully these will restart when the pandemic is under control.

Tuesdays 3.00 pm Julian Group for Contemplative Prayer in St Catherine's Chapel

Thursdays 1.00 pm 'Places of Welcome' at the Community Centre

Thursdays during term time

9.30 am Mini Michaels in church

7.00 pm Rock Solid Youth Group at Alnwick Methodist Chapel

3rd Wednesday of each month

2.00 pm Mothers' Union in church

Saturday —once a month

11.00 am Messy Church in St Michael's

Wednesday once a month

7.30 pm Baptism Preparation in Church

# Parish Information

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## MOTHERS' UNION

Meets in church at 2.00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month from March to December

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(Mobile) 07732431056

## BAPTISMS and WEDDINGS

Currently not available Until further notice

## COMMUNION for the SICK and HOUSEBOUND

can be arranged by contacting

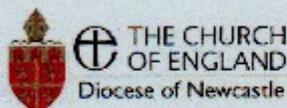
The Vicar 01665 603078

Or

Pat Taylor 01665 603811

For more information on St Michael's,  
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**In place of the usual 'Noticeboard' here are some video links to online video worship (live and pre-recorded) in Newcastle Diocese.**

*Despite our church buildings being closed, there are 'virtual' services of worship you can join as*

*many churches use video streaming as a way of keeping in touch. The list below is a selection from the Diocesan list, which is being regularly updated. If your church is doing something online and isn't listed on the Diocesan streaming page, please let them know.*

*If you would like to see the full list, go online to:*

[https://www.newcastle.anglican.org/coronavirus/live\\_streaming/](https://www.newcastle.anglican.org/coronavirus/live_streaming/)

Contacts, Web addresses and some information

**St Michael's, Alnwick Gerard Rundell**

Family home church: Sunday mornings c.10.00 am on YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOOiWZZ99702zSji9dYceBg>

**St Cuthbert's Amble John McDermott**

<https://www.facebook.com/ambleparishchurch/>

**Morpeth**

**Simon White**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0w6odLI4wSm-Etl1BFWdJQ>  
We have a 10.00 Sunday reflection and 4.00 Teatime church on our YouTube channel

**Newcastle Cathedral**

<https://www.facebook.com/>  
of morning prayer

**Cathedral ministry team**

[NewcastleCathedral/Facebook](#) live stream

led from home by one of the ministry team daily Monday to Friday at 8.30 am

<https://tinyurl.com/NcICathedral>

Subscribe to our channel on YouTube for notifications of the Daily Reflection (also Monday to Friday)

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☎The Parish Office 602797 (Thursdays, or leave a message)

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