

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’



Sunday 3rd October, 2021

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A warm welcome to our worship today.

We hope you will stay for tea/coffee after the 10.00am service –
but please try to gather in groups of no more than six.

The social distancing tapes have been removed from the main body of the nave but, for those who remain concerned about sitting too close to others, greater space remains in the pews in the south aisle and on the blue chairs on in north aisle. Please continue to use the hand sanitizer provided and wear a face covering.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

8.30am	Holy Communion
10.00am	First Sunday Eucharist
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP) & Address

THIS MORNING'S READINGS:

Joel 2: 21-27 (At 8.30am only)

Although most of this prophetic writing is of doom and ruin, the poetry also has its inspiring affirmation of God's love, to be shown in abundant harvests that produce more than enough for all.

Matthew 6: 25-33

Jesus pronounces the natural world to be full of wonder, full of food and drink for its creatures and splendid to look at. We should praise God for his bounty, and try to set aside worries about our future.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- That we may eradicate all stumbling blocks to faith
- Our Tower Project celebrations
- Respect for the whole of creation
- Thanks for Michael and all the Angels
- The National Health Service

HYMNS 10.00am

656	He's got the whole world in his hand <i>Verses 1,5 & 6 only</i>
290	We plough the fields and scatter <i>Verses 1 & 3 with choruses</i>
416	Glory to God
546	O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
284	For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God
484	You shall go out with joy

EVENSONG (BCP) & ADDRESS

Psalm 67

282	Come, ye thankful people, come
761	Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore him
16	God, that madest earth and heaven

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday

11.00am	Funeral of Irene Dodds
7.00pm	Bowls Club in the Parish Hall

Wednesday

10.15am	Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee
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Thursday

9.30am	Mini Michaels in Church
2.00pm	Funeral of Jim Hart

Sunday

	NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8.30am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Communion
2.00pm	Baptism of Everly Rose Blair
6.00pm	Iona Style Evening Worship & Address

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING'S READINGS

Hebrews 4: 12-16 Mark 10: 17-31

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 13th October 2.00pm St Michael's Primary School Harvest Service in church

Saturday 23rd October Climate Action Day in the Northumberland Hall

Saturday 20th November 10.00am St Michael's Winter Market in church

We **GIVE THANKS TO GOD** for a splendid **CELEBRATION SERVICE** for our **TOWER PROJECT** on Wednesday evening.

Our **HARVEST GIFTS** this year will be donated to **ALNWICK FOODBANK**.

It seems that we are constantly appealing for support for all sorts of good causes – and there is a limit to our giving. This is just to let you know that on Saturday 9th Paul & Jane will be taking part in a **SPONSORED WALK FOR THE ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY**. If you feel you would like to make a contribution to their efforts it would be gratefully received. Thank you.

We urgently need 5 or 6 more **HELPERS AT MINI MICHAELS**. We meet every Thursday during school term time from 9.30a.m. to 11.00a.m.

Mums or dads or grandparents come with children aged under 4 years, and they are always responsible for their children.

The particular help we need is in two areas:

The **FIRST** is in the preparation and provision of refreshments for the adults. We provide tea and coffee and biscuits for them. We prepare and give out to the children plastic cups of water. We really need 2 people each week to do this

The **SECOND** urgent need is for help with welcoming the parents and children. When they arrive we need to make sure that they sign in. At the moment that can be between 16 and 24 parents with children. It is also important to have someone on duty by the door to see that no child goes outside alone. It is also important to see that no visitor comes into the church during the Mini Michaels session.

There are **OTHER THINGS**, which are:

Help with **READING A STORY** from one of the many children's books we have in church. There are usually between 2 and 5 children who come to listen to a story.

Leading the **"COMMUNITY NURSERY RHYME SINGING"**!

Help with some of the **CRAFT WORK** we do with the children, along with the help of the mums.

But, our immediate and urgent need is for helpers with the refreshments and helpers with the welcome.

The more helpers we have the better it is for each session, and it means there could be a rota to ensure we can cover times when people are away, or simply cannot commit to every week!

It is an important part of the **CHURCH'S OUTREACH INTO THE COMMUNITY** as we make adults and children welcome and provide an opportunity for mums to meet other mums in a welcoming and happy place! **IF YOU FEEL YOU CAN HELP** please have a word with the vicar, or any of those who already help at Mini Michaels.

If you were intending to support the **ANGEL TREE PROJECT** which helps supply Christmas presents for the children of prisoners, today is your last opportunity. The box is on the table at the back of church. Thank you.

After a long break due to Covid restrictions **ST MICHAEL'S MOTHERS' UNION** will resume meeting from November. We will have a short service in church followed by an informal gathering on Wednesday 10th November at 2.00pm. We hope to see existing members and extend a warm and sincere invitation to others to join in our small but friendly group. On Wednesday 8th December at 10.15am our branch will, as usual, host the **ALNWICK DEANERY ADVENT SERVICE**.

We look forward to our **WINTER MARKET** once again this year. Saturday 20th November was chosen and, because there is more space, it was also agreed to hold the event here in church rather than in the Parish Hall. Please do make a note of the date in your diaries now and be prepared to help out as we try to recover from all the recent restrictions. It is, of course, our major fundraising event of the year and we need all the support we can get. In advance of the day, raffle tickets will be available soon and we ask that you will take some to sell among your friends and neighbours.

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