

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK



Sunday 12th September, 2021 THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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.

We have now removed the social distancing tapes 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	The Parish Communion
1.00pm	Baptism of Ezra Oliver Gale Patten
6.00pm	Iona Style Evening Worship & Address

THIS MORNING'S READINGS:

James 3: 1–12

This general letter of instruction in Christian behaviour now tells us to take great care not only in what we may teach others but in everything we say. Our tongue can be greatly influential for good or for ill.

Mark 8: 27-38

Mark has already shown that opposition to Jesus simmered beneath all the popularity. Now we come to a turning point in his Gospel. He introduces the darker themes of cross and rejection – which in some way every disciple must expect to face.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- That we may look for, and expect to see, Christ in others
- The return of Mini Michaels & Messy Church
- Elizabeth, our Queen
- Preparations for our St. Michael's Day celebrations
- All who work for justice and peace

HYMNS 10.00am

- 805 There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son
754 O worship the King, all glorious above
748 O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end

IONA STYLE EVENING WORSHIP & ADDRESS

- 569 The kingdom of God is justice and joy
566 Put peace into each other's hands

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday

- 10.00am Preparation morning for Mini Michaels
1.30pm Funeral of Geoff Brown

Tuesday

- 7.00pm Bowls Club in the Parish Hall

Wednesday

- 10.15am Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee

Thursday

- 9.30am Mini Michaels in Church

Saturday

- 11.00am Messy Church in Church

Sunday

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30am Holy Communion
10.00am The Parish Communion
6.00pm Compline & Address

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING'S READINGS

James 3: 13-4: 3 & 7-8a Mark 9: 30-37

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 29th September St Michael's Day 7.00pm Bells Dedication Service with Mark, Bishop of Berwick

Saturday 23rd October Climate Action Day in the Northumberland Hall
(More details later but please make a note of the date)

Saturday 20th November 11.00am St Michael's Winter Market in church

A massive 'thank you' to all those who have responded to our appeal for **TOILETRIES** to support the work of the **WEST END REFUGEE SERVICE** in Newcastle. The first huge batch will be delivered tomorrow – but please continue to bring toiletries to church when you can and place them in the box at the back of church. WERS works on Tyneside to create a better life and future for refugees and asylum seekers. Their doors are open to whoever needs help, supporting people who have escaped from trauma from all over the world. This small act of generosity can make a tremendous difference to those who find themselves in such desperate circumstances.

It is so good that our Children's Activities can begin again this week: **MINI MICHAELS** on Thursday and **MESSY CHURCH** on Saturday.

We want everything to be 'spic & span' and so will be meeting in church at 10.00am tomorrow to clean toys, organise craft materials etc. If you can spare an hour we would be most grateful.

OUR INDOOR BOWLS CLUB also re-starts on Tuesday evening. We meet every Tuesday from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Parish Hall and look forward to welcoming members back and hope that anyone interested in the club but has not yet joined, would come along on any Tuesday evening. The cost of membership is £15 for the season September to December and £15 for the season January to April, and £1 whenever you come on a Tuesday! There are light refreshments, and new members would find a friendly group, willing to help and encourage them. For more information contact Alan Craig, tel: 01665 602806.

The **ANGEL TREE QUIZ** was won by Frances and Richard Allsop. Well done and thank you to all who took part.

Donations from all over the county so far have reached £666.

There is still time to donate. The box is in church with instructions, Angel Tree is a charity run by Prison Fellowship for the children of prisoners at Christmas. Thank you, *Rachel Robinson.*'

This phase of our **TOWER PROJECT** is almost at an end and we expect all the contractors to be off site by the end of this week. We really will need a **BIG CLEAN** in church before the Dedication Service on St Michael's Day and so we have set aside Saturday, 25th September to do this. Please come along from 10.00am and help – even if you've not done so on previous occasions. All you need in the way of cleaning equipment and materials will be provided, as well as tea, coffee and something tempting to eat. Many hands really do make light work.

At the PCC meeting on Wednesday evening it was agreed that we should definitely hold 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.

St. Michael's Day (Wednesday 29th September) is drawing ever nearer and we look forward to our **SERVICE OF DEDICATION** at 7.00pm that evening. Please do all you can to be present as we celebrate our patron saint by the dedication and ringing of our new peal of ten bells. Bishop Mark will be with us and has already said how much he is looking forward to the occasion. We are also expecting a number of guests who have helped us achieve this historic moment in the life of our church and our town so it promises to be a most memorable event.

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