

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

'ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE'



Sunday 28th November, 2021

ADVENT SUNDAY

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.

For those who are concerned about sitting too close to others, there is greater space in the pews in the south aisle and on the blue chairs in the north aisle. Please continue to use the hand sanitizer provided and wear a face covering. Our 10.00am service is live-streamed. Should you wish not to be on camera please speak to a Churchwarden who will show you to a suitable seat. Thank you.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

8.30am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Communion
2.00pm	Baptism of Scarlett Grace Carr
6.00pm	Taizé Evening Prayer & Address

THIS MORNING'S READINGS:

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Parts of our book called 'Jeremiah' are from a later commentary on his work. Here, one such passage repeats the prophet's promise that a righteous king will be born of David's line. It is a fitting introduction to our preparation for the Saviour's birth.

Luke 21: 25-36

In this new church year, the Gospel on most Sundays will be that of Luke. Jesus speaks in this passage of the future coming of the Son of Man. He expects a time of great distress before the end of the world, and the faithful must be alert and stand firm.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- That we may begin a New Church Year with expectant hearts
- St Michael's C of E Primary School
- All who work for peace and justice
- The National Health Service
- Those who live alone

HYMNS 10.00am

- 39 Hills of the North, rejoice!
30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
34 Earth was waiting, spent and restless
632 Fill thou my life, O Lord my God

At the lighting of the Advent Candle:

Jesus bids us shine with a clear, pure light,
like a little candle burning in the night;
in this world of darkness we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

TAIZE EVENING PRAYER & ADDRESS

Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum, omnes gentes, alleluia!
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom
Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my
soul, who leads me into life

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday

- 7.00pm St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall
7.15pm Alnwick Deanery Synod at Longframlington

Wednesday

- 10.15am Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee

Thursday

- 9.30am Mini Michaels in church
4.00pm Singing practice for Carol Service in church

Sunday

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING'S READINGS

Malachi 3: 1-4 Luke 3: 1-6

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 8th December 10 15am Alnwick Deanery Mothers' Union
Advent Eucharist at St Michael's All welcome.
7.00pm PCC Meeting in church

Thursday 9th December 4.00pm Singing Practice for Carol Service

Sunday 12th December 4.00pm Carol Service at Denwick Chapel

ENORMOUS THANKS to all who helped in any way whatsoever with our **WINTER MARKET** last Saturday. It was a splendid occasion, blessed with a fine sunny morning and with a fantastic amount of team-work from so many people before, during and after the event. Everyone agreed that holding it in church was a major success – allowing space for ease of movement as well as allowing the stalls to display their goods to more effect. The incredible sum of **£2,475.76** was raised for much-needed church funds thanks to the support of so many townsfolk as well as our congregation.

We had a good response to our appeal for singers to lead our **CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE** in church on Sunday 19th December at 6.00pm.

Practices have been arranged for Thursdays at 4.00pm on 2nd, 9th & 16th December. If you missed last Sunday's meeting and would like to be part of this group, please let Paul know as soon as possible. Thank you.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS & MAKERS. Following last year's knitted angels, this year Christians Together in Alnwick proposes that we make **1,000 STARS** to distribute around town from 18th December. These will be packed in compostable bags, with a small printed greeting. The stars can be knitted, woven, cut-out or made from willow strips. Simple illustrated instructions can be downloaded from the website:

christianstogetherinalnwick.co.uk – or ask Andrew or Michelle Duff.

JANE SCOTT would like to say 'thank you' for the kindness shown to her from the folk of St Michael's following her broken ankle incident.

Flowers, visits, cards and lovely people providing 'meals on wheels' have helped Vicarage life to be more bearable than it might otherwise have been. Progress is being made – but sitting still is hard for someone who likes to be 'on the go'!

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP OF THE WEEKWhen it comes to buying your Christmas gifts try to look for ethnically sourced goods. We are lucky here in Alnwick we have a good variety of charity shops where new goods are often sourced sustainably.

ADVENT IS HERE! We are planning to make the church look especially beautiful for the Christmas Season. If you are able to contribute towards the cost of flowers, we would be very grateful. Many thanks
Lynne Moir and Pat Taylor

ADVENT CALENDAR

*He will come like last leaf's fall.
One night when the November wind
has flayed the trees to the bone, and earth
wakes choking on the mould,
the soft shroud's folding.*

*He will come like frost.
One morning when the shrinking earth
opens on mist, to find itself
arrested in the net
of alien, sword-set beauty.*

*He will come like dark.
One evening when the bursting red
December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield
the star-snowed fields of sky.*

*He will come, will come,
will come like crying in the night,
like blood, like breaking,
as the earth writhes to toss him free.
He will come like child.*

Rowan Williams

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