

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

'ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE'



Sunday, 2nd January 2022

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

A warm welcome to our worship today.
May you know the peace, the joy and the hope of Christmas
as we continue to celebrate the birth of the Christ-child

Government regulations have once again made mandatory the wearing of a face covering in church. Pews have again been taped off to create greater space and we would ask, please, that you continue to use the hand sanitizer provided on entering and leaving church.

Please note that our 10.00am service is usually 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 First Sunday Eucharist
6.00pm Evensong (BCP) & Address

Ephesians 1: 3-14 (At 8.30am only)

This letter begins with a hymn of praise to God for what he has done for us. The phrase 'in Christ' comes again and again: as God was in Christ Jesus, so we are one in Christ. God has made us his children and calls us to glory.

John 1: 1-18

In so few but beautiful words, John captures the majesty and the mystery of God disclosing himself; his divine Word is made flesh. Christ was from the beginning, is now, and all who believe this are children of God.

HYMNS AT 10.00am

66 Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King
82 See him lying on a bed of straw
715 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided

EVENSONG & ADDRESS

Psalm 90 Verses 1-12
68 In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan
741 O Christ the same, through all our story's pages
828 Ye that know the Lord is gracious

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- That God will walk with us throughout 2022
- The people of Afghanistan
- Those charged with finding the next Bishop of Newcastle
- Northumberland County & Alnwick Town Councils
- All Social Workers

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday

7.00pm St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall

Wednesday

10.15am Holy Communion

Thursday

9.30am Mini Michaels in church

Sunday

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (Transferred from 6th)

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.00pm Iona Style Evening Prayer & Address

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING'S READINGS

Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 12th 2.00pm Mothers' Union meets in church

Saturday 15th 11.00am Messy Church in church

Wednesday 2nd February 7.00pm PCC Meeting in church

As the country is urged to take extra precautions to contain the **OMICRON VERSION OF CORONAVIRUS** it is important, once again, to urge people in church to observe the **USE OF HAND SANITIZER AND THE WEARING OF MASKS** wherever possible. **SOCIAL DISTANCING** has been reintroduced in the pews once again and, for the time being, we will not meet to socialise over coffee at the end of our services. We must do all we can to protect the spread of this new strain. Thank you.

HELP IN THE SEARCH FOR THE NEXT BISHOP OF NEWCASTLE. The Committee working to a tight schedule on the Diocese's input to the search would like to hear by 14 January from anyone with views on the matter. If you have views and access to the internet, please consider responding to the Committee's survey at www.surveymonkey.de/r/V9FGYVV or emailing views to vis@newcastle.anglican.org

Alternatively, views sent instead by post (by 12 January) should be addressed to: Vacancy in See Committee Secretary, Church House, St John's Terrace, North Shields, NE29 6HS or, nearer home, Richard Allsop on 01665 510095 will try to deal with queries about this.

THIS WEEK'S ECO TIP

At its core, sustainability is about meeting our present needs without compromising the needs of future generations or those alive now in other parts of the world.

At this time of New Year's Resolutions, think about making one small change in your day to day living which would result in using slightly less of the world's resources as we move into 2022. It could be around the use of power in your home, eating a little less meat, using natural cleaning and beauty products or perhaps changing one journey a week. Choose something that is easy so that you will be more likely to keep up. There are lots of good ideas at www.countrylife.co.uk

A NOTE FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Next Sunday, 9th January, the Parish Eucharist at 10.00am will be Paul's last service with us. We would like to mark this occasion with a lunch afterwards. We shall be providing plated food to keep things as safe as possible.

We do hope as many people as possible will be able to stay and enjoy some fellowship together.

Anne and Pat

AS WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR

*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."*

And he replied:

*"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."
So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.
And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.*

Minnie Louise Haskins

*Love came down at Christmas. Love all lovely. Love divine;
love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign.*

*Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus: but wherewith for sacred sign?*

*Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.*

Christina Rossetti

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