

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

'ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE'



Sunday, 16th January 2022

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

A warm welcome to our worship today

May you know the peace, the joy and the hope of this season
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 (BCP)
10.00am	Parish Communion
6.00pm	Compline & Address

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

We begin today a series of readings from this letter, in which Paul teaches the Corinthian Christians about the gifts bestowed on us by the Holy Spirit. They are so various that not one of us can say we have no holy gift.

John 2: 1-11

In the Gospel of John, the miracles of Jesus are signs – of who he is and therefore what God is like. The first sign is almost unnoticed. At a village wedding among his family and friends Jesus made extravagant quantities of water into the finest wine. The ordinary becomes the extraordinary.

HYMNS AT 10.00am

99	Hail to the Lord's anointed
238	Come down, O love divine
104	Songs of faithfulness and praise
690	Jesus is Lord

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Blessings on Paul and Jane Scott as they navigate moving home
- Thankfulness for the skills of all our local GP practice staff keeping us safe under great pressure
- For honesty and integrity in the lives of our leaders
- For the people of Syria, under bombardment, existing in ruins, lacking food, water and medicines.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 18th

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

Wednesday, 19th

10.15am Holy Communion

7.30pm Messy Church Meeting at home of Pat Taylor

Thursday, 20th

9.30am Mini Michaels in church

Sunday, 23rd **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.00pm Taizé Style Evening Prayer & Address

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING'S READINGS

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a Luke 4: 14-21

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, 29th January 2.00pm Baptism of Natalie Edwina Agan

Wednesday, 2nd February 7.00pm PCC Meeting in church

Wednesday, 9th February 2.00pm Mothers' Union 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.

THIS WEEK'S ECO TIP

Heating Continued : The idea that it is better to keep heating on all the time rather than switching it on and off throughout the day is a myth. When your heating is off you aren't using any power but radiators will stay warm and continue to heat your home for a while. So, if for example, you know you're going to be out for a couple of hours in the afternoon, it makes sense to turn your heating off half an hour or so before you leave. If you normally go up to bed about 10:30pm why not try turning your heating off at 9.30 pm or 10.00 pm.

Just now, more than ever, when there are so many restrictions and extra stresses around, it is of the utmost importance that we enjoy our homes and are comfortable in them but perhaps, with just a little thought, we can shave a fraction off the time that our heating is actually on each day. (With fuel prices spiralling perhaps we will save our pockets a little as well!)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

St Michael's Church	Saturday 15 th January	6.00pm
St James's, Shilbottle	SONGS OF PRAISE	
	Sunday, 16 th January	6.00pm
Alnwick Baptist Church	Monday, 17 th January	6.00pm
St Paul's Church	Wednesday, 19 th January	11.00am
* Methodist Church	Thursday, 20 th January	11.15am
(This meeting is via Zoom – joining details below)		
Salvation Army	Friday, 21 st January	11.30am
St James's URC	Saturday, 22 nd January	11.30am

* Zoom link details for meeting on Thursday, 20th are :

<https://zoom.us/join> - then enter

Meeting ID: 940 6260 5819 and Passcode: 063620

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM PAUL AND JANE


Paul & Jane would like to send a huge 'thank you' for the splendid send-off last Sunday.

It is difficult to find the right words to express how we feel. The warmth of the goodbyes, the generosity of your leaving gift, the lovely buffet lunch, the cards, the flowers for Jane and the memorable words from our Churchwardens Pat and Anne all combined to make a most memorable occasion. As we prepare to take our leave, we will take with us a great host of happy memories and assure you that Alnwick – and the people of St Michael's in particular – will always have a very special place in our hearts.

God bless you all.

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