**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK**

**‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’**



**Sunday, 6th February 2022**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

**A warm welcome to our worship today.**

*Although the government restrictions for Coronavirus have largely been lifted, we would ask, please, that whilst in church you continue to observe social distancing & hygiene conventions including hand sanitizing and the wearing of a face covering. Thank you.*

**TODAY’S WORSHIP**

 **8.30am Holy Communion**

**10.00am First Sunday Eucharist**

*President & Preacher : The Reverend Canon Sue Allen*

**6.00pm Deanery Choral Evensong**

*Officiant : The Reverend Robert Chavner, TSSF*

*Preacher : The Reverend Alison Hardy, Area Dean*

**Luke 5: 1-11**

This year’s Gospel readings are taken consecutively from St Luke. We take up his story very early in Jesus’s public ministry, around Capernaum and Lake Galilee. His call to Peter, James and John came when they were doing their everyday work.

**HYMNS AT 10.00am**

483 We are marching in the light of God

494 I, the Lord of sea and sky

While Communion is shared:

 'Courageous' (C) David Lyon (Satellite Worship.com)

578 God save our Gracious Queen

**WE PRAY :**

* We give thanks for the volunteers who have assisted the NHS in keeping the Covid vaccination process going so efficiently, saving lives.
* That the ‘glimmer of light’ in the conversation between our Prime Minister and the President of Russia, may burn into a flame of hope, avoiding war in the Ukraine.
* For all the people involved in the process of discerning who the next Bishop of Newcastle should be: asking ourselves if we have thoughts to contribute.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

***Tuesday, 8th***

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

***Wednesday, 9th***

10.15am Holy Communion

2.00pm Mothers’ Union meet in church

***Thursday, 10th***

9.30am Mini Michaels in church

***Sunday, 13th* THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

 *President and Preacher* *: The Reverend Alison Hardy, Area Dean*

6.00pm Iona Style Evening Prayer & Address

*Officiant : John Cooke*

**LOOKING AHEAD**

***Tuesday, 15th***

7.00pmSt Michael’s Bowls Club in the Parish Hall

***Thursday, 17th***

9.30am Mini Michael’s in church

***Saturday, 19th***

11.00am Messy Church

***Sunday, 27th***

2.00pm Baptism of Lilah Erin Scott

3.00pm Baptism of Benjamin and Eliott Reid

**ZOOM COMPLINE**

There is a compline service on Zoom each Thursday evening at 7.15pm.

If you would like to join in, details of the link are available from Annette Playle, email address rene.p@btinternet.com

**THIS WEEK’S ECO TIP**

**Producing beef is bad news for the climate crisis** we are battling with. According to a recent report in the Guardian Newspaper, beef production creates twice as much pollution as plant-based foods and accounts for 57% of **all** food production emissions. This does not mean we all have to become vegetarians or vegans but it does mean that we should cut back as much as we can on red meat. Thankfully, we live in a time when new delicious meat free recipes are being created all the time. If you don’t particularly like trying out new ideas perhaps ask someone you know, who is a vegetarian, for a quick, tasty tried and tested recipe. Another thought is to simply use a little less meat in a meat-based recipe and add a little more veg or some red lentils. This works well in a shepherd’s pie or stew. However much meat you eat at the moment eating just a little less will be a good thing for the planet.

**Although most coronavirus restrictions have been lifted**, we feel it is important to continue to urge people in church to observe the **USE OF HAND SANITIZER AND THE WEARING OF MASKS** wherever possible. We have removed most of the blue tape from the pews but have left it on the South Aisle pews.

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.

**A book has been compiled following installation of our ten bells**. There is a copy at the back of church for you to view. If you would like to order a copy, the cost is £25.00.

Please speak to Jean Darby, who is going to place an order.

**Churchwardens**

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