THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK 'ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE'



Sunday, 13th February 2022 THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

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.

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

President : The Reverend Alison Hardy, Area Dean

10.00am Parish Communion

President & Preacher: The Reverend Alison Hardy, Area Dean

6.00pm Iona Style Evening Prayers & Address

Officiant : John Cooke

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

All Christian faith rests on the fact of Christ's resurrection. Paul now expands this truth. We would be the most foolish people to believe a lie, but it is certain that Christ was raised to life and we are therefore saved from the state of sin.

Luke 6: 17-26

Our readings continue week by week Luke's account of the Gospel events. Very many people demanded the healing touch of Jesus. The troubled and the poor heard his promise of blessing in his kingdom.

HYMNS AT 10.00am

All my hope on God is founded

Blest are the pure in heart

Brother, sister, let me serve you

676 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

This week we especially remember in our prayers:

- HM the Queen, giving thanks for her faith, which has informed and guided her life of duty and service to our country.
- Christians in the workplace, making difficult decisions when there is tension between company policy and Christian ethics.
- Volunteer drivers in and around Alnwick, driving the sick and elderly to health and other appointments.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 15th

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

Wednesday, 16th

10.15am Holy Communion

Thursday, 17th

9.30am Mini Michaels in church

Saturday, 19th

11.00am Messy Church

Sunday, 20th THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

President : The Reverend Gilly Maude

10.00am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Reverend Gilly Maude

6.00pm Compline & Address

Officiant : Annette Playle

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, 22nd

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

Thursday, 24th

10.00am Mini Michaels - meeting of helpers in church

Sunday, 27th

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

Washing machines.

As far as possible, wait until you have a full load and wash at the lowest temperature you can. The UK's consumer watchdog discovered that washing at 30° produces similar results to washing at 40° but uses about 40% of the energy.

For a washing machine that has been in use for 10 years, 80% of its carbon footprint was produced before it did its first wash in your home, i.e. in its manufacture and transportation. So, it's good to take care of your machine and makes it last as long as possible. The Energy Saving Trust (energysavingtrust.org.uk) has several tips:

- 1. Don't overload (while bearing in mind the above!). Some advice suggests only filling ¾ of the drum while instructions on other appliances allow leaving just a hand's width at the top of the load.
- 2. Clean the machine's filter every month.
- 3. They also recommend doing a monthly service wash, hot without clothes hard to do after trying to be energy efficient! Perhaps a short, hotish cycle once every few months would suffice...?

A few more washing machine thoughts next week

Available to order now for £25.00 is the 2nd edition of the illustrated book "St Michael's Tower & Restoration Project". The 1st edition of 10 was rapidly spoken for and because of concessions raised £75.00 + Gift Aid for the project. A sample copy can be seen in church.

Firm orders should be made to Jean Darby before the end of March.

There will be a meeting of **Mini Michaels' helpers** in church at 10.00am on Thursday, 24th February.

ASH WEDNESDAY

It is time to collect last year's palm crosses in order to burn them to make the ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday services on March 2nd. Please bring any crosses and put them in the basket at the back of church. Many thanks.

LENT LUNCHES

All are most welcome

Thankfully, we are now able to return once again to meeting up together for lent lunches. We will meet in St James's church hall every Thursday between 12noon and 1.30pm for soup, bread and cheese and a cup of tea or coffee. Please do come along and enjoy being with friends. (As before, there is a suggested donation of £3.50, or whatever you feel able to afford.)

Please see below for dates and host churches.

3rd March Alnwick Baptist Church

10th March St Paul's Church

17th March St Michael's Church 24th March Methodist Church

31st March St James's Church, Shilbottle 7th April St James's Church, Alnwick

NB All sessions take place in St James's church hall, Pottergate.

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