

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

'ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE'



Sunday, 3rd April 2022

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF 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 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. You may remove your mask whilst seated, if comfortable, but please keep it on whilst moving around the church. Thank you.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

8.30am **Holy Communion**

President & Preacher : The Reverend Colin Perkins

10.00am **First Sunday Eucharist**

President : The Reverend Canon Sue Allen

Preacher : The Reverend Alison Hardy, Area Dean

6.00pm **Deanery Evensong**

Officiant : Deanery Clergy

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 11.15am

John 12 : 1-8

As Jesus prepared for what would be his last Passover, he stayed with friends in Bethany. We hear the only indication in all the Gospels that Judas Iscariot, the one of the chosen Twelve who would betray him, had not always been a good and honest friend.

HYMNS AT 10.00am

To start Passiontide

- 157 When I survey the wondrous cross (Verses 1, 3, 5)
805 There is a Redeemer
489 The Servant King
497 Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing

HYMNS AT 6.00pm

- 156 We sing the praise of him who died
144 How deep the Father's love for us
763 Praise to the Holiest in the height

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- God, are you calling ME to be a PCC member? Help needed - PCC short of members, when Churchwardens & PCC very busy, now carrying the extra load of the vacancy, parish profiles and interviewing for a new Vicar.
- That Russia may be honest in peace negotiators, and Ukraine and the International community remain questioning of Russian intentions.
- Give thanks for our skilful paramedics and ambulance crews.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 5th

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

Wednesday, 6th

10.15am Holy Communion

Thursday, 7th

9.30am Mini Michaels

Noon-1.30pm Lent Lunch in St James's Church Hall, Pottergate

Saturday, 9th

10.00am Big Clean in church * see overleaf

Sunday, 10th **PALM SUNDAY**

8.30am Holy Communion

President & Preacher : The Reverend Canon Peter Askew

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6.00pm Iona Style Evening Prayers & Address

Officiant : Annette Playle

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, 11th

7.30pm Eucharist with sermon *The Reverend Canon Philip Bourne & The Reverend Robert Chavner TSSF*

Tuesday, 12th

2.00pm Funeral of Bill Hugonin

7.30pm Eucharist with sermon *The Reverend Robert Chavner TSSF & The Reverend Canon Philip Bourne*

Wednesday, 13th

10.15am Holy Communion

2.00pm Mothers' Union meet in church

7.30pm Eucharist with sermon *The Reverend Martin Turner & Annette Playle*

Thursday, 14th *Maundy Thursday*

7.30pm Eucharist with sermon *The Reverend Canon Sue Allen*

Friday, 15th *Good Friday*

An hour before the cross *The Reverend Colin Perkins*

Saturday, 16th *Easter Eve*

11.00am Messy Church

7.30pm Easter Eve Service *The Reverend Alison Hardy, Area Dean*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15th -21st MAY

On Saturday, 21st May there will be a **plant stall in the Market Place** in aid of **Christian Aid**. As you think about planting seeds this season, please think about planting a few extra to put on the stall. Would you be prepared to help out on the stall for an hour or so? All enquiries to Michelle Duff 01665 605663.

In addition to the plant stall there will be a **glass and china stall**, which will be held in the **Fish Market on Saturday, 14th May** from 9.00am – 4.00pm. (The Fish Market is the covered area at the end of the Shambles.) We are hoping to collect good quality items (no cracks or chips please) to have a bumper stall. Please place your donations in the cardboard boxes at the back of church. The last Sunday for collection will be 10th April. As with the plant stall a few friendly faces are needed to help on the day, please speak to Sue Wiltshire if you are able to help. (Please note the stalls take place on consecutive Saturdays.) Thank you very much for your help.

THIS WEEK'S ECO TIP

One last thought on travelling

Public transport. If you are eligible, perhaps you could think about getting a bus pass. While the local bus services may not be all we would wish, you may find it a surprisingly liberating feeling to jump on, 'flash your pass' and not have to worry about parking at your destination.

Appreciating that for some people Covid concerns haven't gone away, others may feel that now is the time to take the plunge. A bus pass is completely free and can be applied for on-line or by post from Northumberland County Council.

It is good to know that 'taking the local bus currently emits a little over half the greenhouse gases of a single occupancy car journey and will help to remove congestion from the roads.'

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20200317-climate-change-cut-carbon-emissions-from-your-commute>


PLEASE HELP TO GET THE CHURCH READY FOR THE EASTER

CELEBRATIONS. On Saturday, 9th April from 10.00am, we are having a **Big Clean.** Please try to come along even if you can only spare half an hour. Cleaning utensils will be provided as will be refreshments. This is always a friendly occasion, and we end up with a sparkling church!

EASTER FLOWERS Contributions toward the purchase of flowers to decorate the church for Easter will be appreciated. Please give donations to either Pat Taylor or Lynne Moir.

Churchwardens

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Parish Website: www.alnwickanglican.com

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