

Gateway

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Churchyard Snowdrops - see page7

St Michael's, Alnwick
The magazine for the people of the Church and the Town



WEEKLY WORSHIP

SUNDAYS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

8.30am HOLY COMMUNION (Said)

A quiet celebration of Holy Communion with a sermon. Using Common Worship except for the third Sunday of the month when the Book of Common prayer is used.

10.00am THE PARISH COMMUNION

Usually sung with hymns and a sermon and using Common Worship. The main service of the day followed by tea/coffee and the chance to meet up with others.

On the first Sunday of the month the worship will be more informal, using a variety of resources and 'thinking outside the box'.

This service will be live-streamed on YouTube each week.

6.00pm EVENING WORSHIP

On the first Sunday of the month a traditional Sung Evensong according to the Book of Common Prayer with sermon.

On other Sundays a variety of worship including Compline and worship in the style of the Iona Community.

WEDNESDAYS ST. MICHAEL'S

10.15am HOLY COMMUNION

A said service followed by tea/coffee and the opportunity for fellowship. Once a month, in term time, we are joined by a class from St. Michael's Church of England Primary School and once a term the service takes place in the school.

DENWICK CHAPEL

A small chapel-of-ease built by the Duke of Northumberland in 1872. In normal times, a service of matins or Holy Communion once a month. Following the pandemic the provision of services is under review.

Thought for the Month

THE SHOPS have had Easter Eggs since Christmas week! No sooner was Christmas Day than market forces demanded we start thinking about the next major holiday. Unfortunately, for many people, that's just what Easter means - the next holiday but let's not be over pious about it! Like most people I too look forward to a break away. If the weather is good there's always plenty to do. Things in the garden are growing fast and the countryside looks inviting and I'm also partial to a chocolate Easter Egg!



For Christians though, Easter must mean first and foremost a real celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It really is worthy of a holiday; there can be no greater gift to celebrate! It means the promise to everyone that there is another life after this and the promise that good will eventually always triumph over evil. Ultimately, all things will be gathered together in Christ on the last day.

Several years ago a Sunday national paper ran a series of articles on some of the religions of the world, beginning with the Christian Faith. The writer made it quite clear that without Easter there would be no Christianity. If nothing had happened after the death of Jesus, his friends and disciples would simply have returned to their homes and taken up their old way of life, nothing else. As it was, however, those men and women were transformed from being frightened, disillusioned people into strong, brave people who were prepared to face death rather than denounce the truth of Jesus' resurrection. That takes courage, but it also witnesses to something tremendous...only a fool would die for a known lost cause!

The events of that first Easter more than 2,000 years ago seem far removed from the world of today. Alnwick is a long way from Jerusalem, both in time and space, so where is the relevance of the Resurrection? Many people are still searching for a "better life", and they can't always find it in wine bars, night clubs, exotic holidays or high-living. Perhaps we can help them, but only if we know from personal experience what we are talking about. There is a well-known modern saying that goes something like this ...

"If you were arrested for being a Christian, how much evidence would there be to convict you?"

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Principal Sunday Readings

Sunday	Holy Communion	Evensong
3rd April Passion Sunday	Isaiah 43. 16-21 Philippians 3. 4b-14 John 12. 1-8	2 Chron 35. 1--16 Luke 22. 1-13
10 April Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50 4-9a Philippians 2. 5-11 Luke 23 1-49	Isaiah 5. 1-7 Luke 20. 9-19
17th EASTER DAY	Isaiah 65. 17-end Acts 10.34-43 Luke 24.1-12	Isaiah 43. 1-21 John 20. 19-23
24th Easter 2	Acts 5. 27-32 Revelation 1. 4-8 John 20. 19 - end	Isaiah 52. 13-53 Luke 24.13-35

For Holy Week Service times see [page 17

From the Registers

Baptisms

27.2.22 Benjamin and Elliott Reid
23.3.22 Florence Isla Evans

Funerals

14.3.22 Clifford Stanley Pettit

A sobering thought when you consider it! A reliable witness is someone who can give a personal account of an event; how reliable are we when it comes to witnessing for Christ? Is our church a place where we come to worship the Risen Christ and openly declare that fact to our friends? Our answer and attitude to that question will have a profound effect on our worship and also on our friends!

The experience of sharing an important event with friends and like-minded people is surely one of the most fulfilling we can have; it not only strengthens our bonds but also helps shape who and what we are.



HOLY WEEK

During Holy Week we come to know better the mind of our Lord, as we experience the dramatic mood-changes of the week - the triumphal procession on Palm Sunday with its hubbub and high heartedness; the tension of Maundy Thursday evening with its emotional Last Supper, the stripping of the church and darkness of the Garden of Gethsemane; the

bareness of Good Friday as we come face-to-face with our Lord's bitter suffering and death; the expectancy of Holy Saturday as we watch and wait and prepare; and the sheer joy and splendour of Easter morning.

The week is a journey with important stages to go through. To share in the joy of Easter Day without having been through the darkness of Maundy Thursday evening or the suffering of Good Friday, seems to me to be missing a lot of the rich experience that Holy Week can bring to us.

In times of trouble or need we appreciate those who stick by us when the going is tough - not so much, perhaps, those who want to share only the good times with us. May I urge you to share in as many of the Holy Week services and events as you possibly can? I say this not only so that you may deepen your own sense of discipleship - though undoubtedly that is very important - not just because your clergy like to see lots of people in church, but because your presence and participation will help others in their worship and will help foster our feeling of togetherness as the body of Christian witnesses here, as we follow the world-changing events of Holy Week.

A very happy Easter to you all.

Fr Robert Chauver

Handel's Messiah

THE ORIGINAL idea was not Handel's, but his collaborator's, Charles Jennens, a passionate Christian who wanted to demonstrate that Jesus really was the 'Christ', or Messiah. This was being denied by Deists in the 18th Century, who believed God created the world and then stayed distant from it.

Jennens combed the Old Testament for texts which anticipated God's continuing activity in the world, with the expectation of greater things to come: Comfort ye my people; Every valley shall be exalted; And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed ... and so on. Then there were poignant passages anticipating suffering, with deep significance for Christians: Behold the Lamb of God; He was despised; Surely He hath borne our griefs.

Throughout the work, there is the strong sense that God is both omnipotent and also intimately involved with the human race: How beautiful are the feet; the kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ. The Hallelujah Chorus, the best known of the work, concludes the second part of 'Messiah', before the focus shifts mainly to the New Testament and Christ's resurrection and triumph: The trumpet shall sound; Death where is thy sting; and finally, Worthy is the Lamb.

Handel composed the music in 24 days, writing across the final manuscript, "To the glory of God". As he finished the Hallelujah Chorus, he said, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the great God Himself."

The work caused a stir by being presented in concert halls, rather than churches where some felt sacred works belonged. The first performance was in Dublin in 1742 and raised funds for charities. One of the soloists was Susanna Cibber, a woman of questionable reputation, whose rendering of "He was despised" so moved the Revd Patrick Delaney, that he cried out, "Woman, for this be all thy sins forgiven thee".

German-born Handel, who became a British subject and whose finances were sometimes precarious, didn't always get on with the wealthy Jennens, but the two men shared a single mission. The oratorio 'Messiah' is the result.



New Life in the Churchyard

THERE IS lots of encouraging progress towards making the churchyard more welcoming for both wildlife and people.

A magnificent display of snowdrops has greeted everyone walking around the north side of the church, on the far side from the main entrance.

Bulbs from previous years have been supplemented by those planted in December by church volunteers, the new wild daffodils will be in flower soon, and the bluebells are coming up.

Almost all the saplings planted by young volunteers from the Community Centre @NE66 are sprouting, and should grow to form a hedge to protect the drop beyond. The nettles from the bank are well on the way to being cleared to allow other wildflower plants to flourish in due course. These will attract insects for pollination, and to feed visiting birds. Some fallen wood has been left to provide insect nests, and plans are in hand to produce nesting boxes for birds and bats. We hope that volunteers from the wider community, as well as the church, will continue to be involved.

To make the churchyard more welcoming for people we look forward to providing more seating, especially on the sunny south side of the church. Troughs will be filled with flowers, including some that are scented.

Please look at the display board in church for updates on the progress.

Sue Allen

UKRAINE

On Sunday 13th March there was a procession from the Market Place in Alnwick, leaving at 1.30pm, followed by a brief service at the War Memorial to show our local solidarity with the people of Ukraine. The Duke and Duchess of Northumberland were present.



Chris Friend from the Baptist Church spoke on behalf of Christians Together in Alnwick. The Ukrainian flag was raised, accompanied by the Duke's Piper's Northumbrian smallpipes.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons,
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of
comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom,
discernment and compassion to guide their decisions,
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in
fear, that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen,

*Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell*

Climate Change and Earth

Changing Together

Last month we considered a few things around washing machines. Here's one last 'utility room' thought before we move on.

Tumble dryers are very energy hungry beasts ! It is best to use only when absolutely necessary. If it is not possible to dry clothes in the fresh air, a 'pulley', freestanding, wall or 'over the bath' airer will do the job.

Unfortunately, it seems that tumble dryers are responsible for another problem - releasing microplastic fibres into the atmosphere. These tiny plastic particles are known to damage both human health and the environment.

While we all want to look clean and well presented, the most obvious way of cutting down on the CO2 emissions which our washing and drying habits create is to wash a *tiny* bit less. Would it be possible to wear that jumper/ blouse/ shirt just one more time before it goes into the laundry basket? If we can do this we will save money, the environment *and*, our clothes will last a little bit longer, it's a win,win, win!

Travelling- 3 thoughts

Can you leave the car behind today? No one needs to be told that transport accounts for large amount of CO2 being released into the atmosphere each year and generally speaking, the larger the car the higher the emissions. With a little bit of planning, if you are fit and well, is there one journey a week which you could cut out? Alternatively, could you allocate yourself a 'no car day' one (or two?) days a week?

Easy on the accelerator! With regard to fuel consumption, the most efficient speed depends on the car in question but it is typically around 55-65mph. Faster speeds will greatly increase your consumption. Slowing down will save the environment, wear and tear on your car and your pocket. Whoopee!

Switch off. When driving, switch your engine off while waiting at traffic lights or stuck in a queue etc, even if it is just for a few seconds. Research has found that levels of pollution at busy junctions could be halved by not allowing cars to idle (and this takes into account the extra emissions created when restarting). As with driving a little slower, you will save fuel and cut down on noise pollution too!

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>

Smile

Below are two extracts from the sermon preached in St Michael's church on Sunday 14th March by the Archdeacon of Lindisfarne, The Ven Dr Catherine Sourbut-Groves.

As we watch with horror the unspeakable suffering of the people of Ukraine, she urges us to refrain from sinking into despair.

(The scriptures which are referred to at various points are: Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke13:31-35, Gen15:1-12)

FROM THE moment humans chose to go their own way in the garden of Eden, God has sought to call us home again to himself, yet still we collectively go our own way. The whole of scripture reminds us of God's overarching, ultimately triumphant plan, to offer salvation of all of humankind. Through the patriarchs, through the prophets, through Jesus himself.

This story of salvation is the story within which we are called to live our lives, whatever else is happening. It can be tempting to allow the cruel twists of geo-political events to become the story within which we live. But this is a mistake. That way lies despair and powerlessness. We are called as the people of God to inhabit a bigger story – the story of God and his people, the story of redemption and salvation through Christ.

I remember before the fall of the Berlin Wall, in the 1980s, when I was a young modern languages student, reflecting with an East German friend about her experience of living under the shadow of Soviet dictatorship. Sometimes you could sort of forget it, she said, and get on with life, forget the tyrannical grip that sucked freewill out of your life. But actually it was always there as a back-drop. Even if you were sitting in the park reading the newspaper, for instance, you knew that the news presented to you was carefully selected by the government, and that the park might well contain spies watching the ordinary population for misdemeanours - especially if you were the kind of person who dared to get involved with any kind of protests.

And you knew you could not travel where you wanted, and you could not speak out about things you disagreed with, not without unwelcome and unpredictable consequences. My friend's father was a vicar; he preached the gospel. She mysteriously never got a place at any of the universities in East Germany in spite of excellent grades. The state controlled so many aspects of life: who was allowed a telephone in their apartment, who was allowed a car, a fridge. Anything that was in short supply – and that was most things – was controlled and allocated by the government. Tiny misdemeanours could

mean your life was less comfortable. Perhaps we have forgotten since the so-called end of the cold war how restrictive life was under the shadow of soviet dictatorship.

The challenge, said my East German friend, was to not allow the authority of the dictatorship to become the back-drop to all of life. The challenge was to remember that actually our lives are always framed by a story way bigger than human politics. The true backdrop to our lives is the story of God's plan of salvation for humanity. The politics may be the foreground drama, but the back-drop, the ultimate framing context, is always God and his story of his love for his people and his never-ending plan of salvation for all his children.

So even as we pray for Ukraine and for peace, we keep our focus on the one to whom we pray. One temptation to avoid is the temptation to despair. Today's scripture readings give us insight into how to remain strong and faithful to our inheritance of faith, whilst keeping our eyes open to the evils of this world.

Further on in her sermon she continues...

Instead, we resist despair, we remember to whom we pray. We remember who we are and whose we are. We remember that Jesus himself wept for us and for our suffering. He longs to draw us to himself. We are his children, the ones he longs to protect under his wings. My old friend from the former East Germany found ways to insist on living in the story of God, being in covenant relationship with him like Abraham in the book of Genesis, being a citizen of heaven as Paul describes in his letter to the Philippians, being gathered in safety under Jesus wings as he describes here in Luke's gospel. And she did that by finding tiny ways to help others, to make changes in her life, to listen for God's voice in all things, especially where the dictatorship tried to be the only voice.

We can do the same. We can listen for Jesus' voice in all things.

And I have heard Jesus rejoicing in recent times too. I went to the theatre last weekend. I saw a production of Schoenberg's 'Les Miserables' by Victor Hugo. There was a visceral collective reaction to the barricade scenes. At the end, when the standing ovation ceased, the lead actor announced a collection for Ukraine and received a second standing ovation. I hear the Barbour factory in South Shields is sending thousands of Barbour jackets to Ukraine and Lady Barbour herself is donating many thousands to the appeal. So many companies are pulling out of Russia – even MacDonald's and Coca-cola – among the first to profit from Glasnost and Perestroika 35 years ago.

Bless them. All over Europe ordinary people are opening their homes in Christ-like hospitality for fleeing families. Goodness is everywhere. Kindness and compassion are far more wide-spread than greed and cruelty.

And there are many things we can do in our own small ways, and you are probably way ahead of me in thinking of them. Even turning down the heating, putting on a jumper and getting our lofts insulated now becomes a part of our personal war effort against the Russian regime. We can ask our financial advisors to move our pension funds if necessary away from Russian owned companies. So many organisations are collecting money for the crisis in Ukraine – we can all give something. I heard of a coffee morning in a small village in the Tyne Valley raising nearly £1000 last weekend.

And we can pray for those brave souls who are called to the front line in various ways: British intelligence officers getting the truth into Russia, Russians who are willing to demonstrate and be arrested, Ukrainians standing firm and defending their cities. Jesus weeps over Mariopol and Kiev just as he wept over Jerusalem. But he also rejoices at the human heart and spirit that refuses to be cowed and refuses to be complicit. We are in covenant relationship with God. We are citizens of heaven. We are called to live under the protection of Jesus, straining for his voice in all things. May we ever remember the true story of which we are a part: the story of God's salvation of all God's people. May we say with Jesus: 'Blessed is she or he who comes in the name of the Lord'. Amen.

Contributed by Sue Wiltshire

Messy Church at St Michael's

WE MEET at the church at 11 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month. We begin with a Bible-based story, followed by several craft activities, and then have a light lunch together, finishing at about 12.30. Our target age-range is around 2-10, but we are flexible, and younger children especially are catered for.

An adult must stay with all children throughout. If you know a family who might be interested please feel free to invite them to join us.

Dates for 2022 are:

April 16th May 21st June 18th July 16th August: no meeting
Thereafter to be arranged

Any alterations will be notified on Facebook.

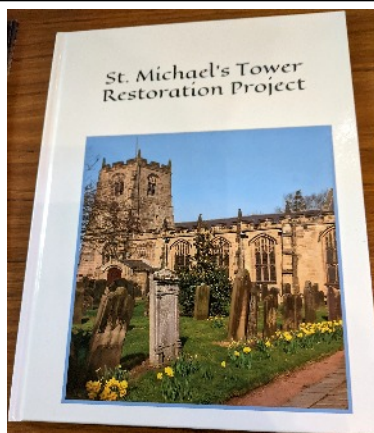
An Easter prayer

Karh Barth was the prominent Protestant theologian of his day. Much of his life was devoted to resisting the Nazis.

O LORD GOD, our Father, You are the light that can never be put out; and now You give us a light that shall drive away all darkness. You are love without coldness, and you have given us such warmth in our hearts that we can love all when we meet. You are the love that defies death, and you have opened for us the way that leads to eternal life.

None of us is a great Christian; we are all humble and ordinary. But your grace is enough for us. Arouse in us that small degree of joy and thankfulness of which we are capable, to the timid faith which we can muster...to the wholeness of life which you have prepared for all of us through the death and resurrection of your Son. Do not allow any of us to remain apathetic or indifferent to the wondrous glory of Easter, but let the light of our risen Lord reach every corner of our dull hearts.

ST. MICHAEL'S TOWER AND RESTORATION PROJECT is an A4 hardbacked book illustrating the project and listing the names of the donors and trusts that supported it. The 1st edition of ten was rapidly spoken for and because of concessions made by the printers raised £75 + Gift Aid for the project. It is available to order for £25 before the end of March. There is a specimen copy in church and an order form. Orders can also be made by contacting Jean Darby on 07975501596.



A MESSAGE FROM THE LORD'S PRAYER

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|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. Our Father in heaven, | A. Line 1. Word 2. Letter 2. |
| 2. Hallowed be your name. | b. Line 8. Word 4. Letter 2. |
| 3. Your kingdom come. | c. Line 6. Word 6. Letter 4. |
| 4. Your will be done | d. Line 11. Word 5. Letter 1. |
| 5. on earth as in heaven. | e. Line 9. Word 5. Letter 4. |
| 6. Give us this day our daily bread. | f. Line 2. Word 3. Letter 1. |
| 7. Forgive us our sins, | g. Line 12. Word 5. Letter 3. |
| 8. as we forgive those who sin against us. | h. Line 5. Word 2. Letter 2. |
| 9. Lead us not into temptation, | i. Line 7. Word 4. Letter 1. |
| 10. but deliver us from evil. | j. Line 10. Word 1. Letter 3. |
| 11. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, | k. Line 3 Word 3. Letter 4. |
| 12. now and for ever. Amen. | l. Line 4. Word 1. Letter 1. |

INSTRUCTIONS:-

Write down the letter from the word on the line in the order of the list on the right -hand side.

For example, line 8, word 3, letter 4 will be 'g'

You can check your answer on page 16

Christians Together Coffee Mornings

at

**St. James's Church Centre
Pottergate, Alnwick, NE66 1JW**

We warmly welcome you to join us for coffee, a chat and 'Thought for the day' between 10.00 and 11.30am on the following dates

1st March

7th March

4th April

25th April

9th May

23rd May

Children Welcome



Christian Aid Week 2022

15-21 May

Two events to support and enjoy!

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Glass and China Stall

on

Saturday 14th May

in

The Fish Market

(If you have any good quality items to donate and are unable to get them to church by the 16th April, please ring Sue Wiltshire 01665 604029)

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Plant Stall

on

Saturday 21st May

in

The Market Square

(If you are able, please continue to plant seeds and take cuttings to help to make a bumper stall)

Please come along, bring your friends and help to support the people of Zimbabwe as they face the threat of more intense weather conditions brought about by climate change.

April Fools' Day

I WAS ABOUT six when I began to enjoy April Fool's Day. My older brother was very clever at appropriate hoaxes, not only deceiving me but also mum and dad. On the whole my childish efforts were encouraged. The day was full of laughs, even at school, where the teachers would try to trick us and all day long no one quite believed anything they were told. So it went on, year after year, though I think it all seems as a bit unsophisticated for the modern generation.

You couldn't say that, though, about probably the most famous April Fool's effort of all time. In the 1960's BBC TV broadcast a feature on the spaghetti farms of Italy. Even those of us who bought our spaghetti in the supermarket from the pasta shelves began to wonder if we'd been wrong. Italian farmers explained their work and the progress of the spaghetti plants was carefully filmed, from planting to reaping. And all in the BBC's most serious documentary manner with Richard Dimbleby. It took a while to appreciate that this was Auntie playing games. Whatever next!

The odd thing is that no one is quite sure of the origin of this very British tradition. Most attribute it to changes in Britain's calendar in the 1700s, when New Year's Day moved from March 25th to January 1st. Not surprisingly, the change caused a lot of confusion and mistakes around the start of April. Others look further back, to the ancient Roman feast of Hilaria, when the goddess Cybele was celebrated with pranks and jokes around the spring equinox, March 25th. Either way a touch of hilarity at the end of Lent does not seem amiss. Go to Greece, where the resurrection of Jesus is celebrated with fireworks and parties to see how it might work.

Canon David Winter

Answer to 'A Message from the Lord's Prayer' on page 14

A HAPPY EASTER

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

HOLY WEEK

SERVICES

Monday, 11 th April	7.30pm	P Bourne & R Chavner
Tuesday 12 th April	7.30pm	R Chavner & P Bourne
Wednesday, 13 th April	7.30pm	M Turner & A Playle
Thursday, 14 th April	7.30pm	S Allen
Friday, 15 th April	2.00pm	C Perkins
Saturday, 16 th April	7.30p.	Area Dean

Could you contribute?

We need more people to write for Gateway, so do you have any stories, memories, jokes, hopes or poems which you could share?

Contributions should be in by halfway through the month for the next issue.

Please send to me at colinbperkins@talktalk.net (don't miss the 'b') or to 6 Ravensmede, NE66 2PX.

Many thanks.

Colin Perkins

Supporting Ukraine

We have been working with the Duchess's Community High School who are supporting the local effort to act in support of the crisis in Ukraine.

A huge thank you to everyone who has sent donations in this week and shown great support to this worthy cause.



Show The Love campaign

1st March 2022

In school we have recently been thinking about our environment and how we can protect it. We decided we wanted to support the campaign organised by the climate coalition, Show the love.

Our children made some #showthelove pieces of work which contained QR codes, these were then put around locally into shop windows! We asked all of the children to have a walk around the town during half term scanning the QR codes which took them to our online posters made by year 6!

Once the children had completed their forms they brought them back into school and popped them into our box in the hall. All children who participated received a prize.

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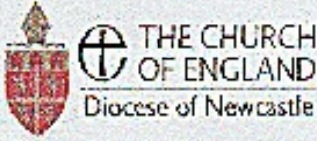
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can be arranged by contacting
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Please apply to the Churchwardens

To hire the PARISH HALL

Phone Mariana on 07562 418837 or E-mail bookstmichael@gmail.com



Staying connected during this pandemic

At the Cathedral

<https://www.newcastle.anglican.org/coronavirus/live.streaming>

Newcastle Cathedral ministry team

<https://www.facebook.com/NewcastleCathedral>. Facebook live stream of morning prayer led from home by one of the ministry team daily Monday to Friday at 8.30 am <https://tinyurl.com/NclCathedral>

Subscribe to their channel on YouTube for notifications of the Daily Reflections (also Monday to Friday).

At St Michael's Alnwick

The Church is now open for private prayer from 9 am to 4 pm. Entry through the Duke's Door.

On Sundays at 8.30 am, 10 am and 6 pm, we are able to worship in person in church. The 10 am Eucharist will still be live-streamed for all those joining us from home. On Wednesdays there is a celebration of the Eucharist at 10.15 am.

For other services see page 2.b

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