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

**‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’**



**Sunday, 10th April 2022**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**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 Canon Peter Askew*

**10.00am Parish Communion**

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**6.00pm Iona Style Evening Prayers & Address**

 *Officiant : Annette Playle*

**Philippians 2 : 5-11**

It is our faith that ‘Jesus Christ is Lord’, because he came from God in total self-giving, and overcame the humiliation of death on a cross by rising and ascending. He is indeed worthy of our adoration and worship

**Dramatised reading of the Passion According to Luke**

**HYMNS AT 10.00am**

161 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

164 You are the King of glory (sung twice)

489 From heaven you came, helpless babe

147 My song is love unknown (omit verses 4 and 6)

**HYMNS AT 6.00pm**

147 My song is love unknown

748 O Jesus, I have promised

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

* That in the school holidays, our local children, parents and grandparents will be able to travel and enjoy spending time together this year.
* Ukrainians under expanding siege areas in the south and east of their country, that humanitarian corridors may be kept open for escape,
* The approaching local elections, that we may inform ourselves before we vote.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

***Monday, 11th***

7.30pm Eucharist with sermon : *The Reverend Canon Philip Bourne &*

 *The Reverend Robert Chavner TSSF*

***Tuesday, 12th***

2.00pmFuneral of Bill Hugonin

7.30pmEucharist 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 Natasha Schemanoff &*

 *Annette Playle*

***Thursday, 14th Maundy Thursday \* see overleaf***

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 Ceremonies & Renewal of Baptismal Vows :

 *The Reverend Alison Hardy, Area Dean*

***Sunday, 17th*  EASTER DAY**

8.30am Holy Communion

 *President & Preacher : The Reverend Martin Roff*

10.00am Parish Communion

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6.00pm Compline

 *Officiant : The Reverend Martin Turner*

**LOOKING AHEAD**

***Tuesday, 19th***

NoonAnnual Vestry Meeting of the Ancient Four & Twenty

***Wednesday, 20th***

10.15am Holy Communion

***Saturday, 23rd***

10.00am St George’s Day Service

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE** During the service at 7.30pm on Maundy Thursday, we hope to have a symbolic foot-washing. If you feel able to take part in this, please sign the sheet at the back of Church. It is three years since we were able to hold this service in its entirety so it would be wonderful if enough people felt comfortable enough to take part.

**GOOD FRIDAY** **A Good Friday Act of Witness** will take place in Alnwick Market Place at 12 noon, arranged by Christians Together in Alnwick. We will gather by a wooden cross and share some short dramatic readings and verses from a couple of traditional Good Friday hymns. The event should last around 30/35 minutes. Please consider joining in alongside friends from other local churches.

**Coffee Morning** at St. James' Church **10.00am** - **11.30am** on **Saturday, 23rd April**. Please come and support MACPI (Multi-Agency Crime Prevention Initiative). The aim of MACPI is to fund diversionary activities to steer young people away from crime, drugs and alcohol abuse.

**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**

**Water** According to a report in ‘The i’ newspaper, about three quarters of the British public are unaware of our need to save water. So why *do* we need to?

1.Our hotter climate, coupled with the ever-rising population, is putting our water supplies under serious stress.

2. Water leaving our homes from sinks, showers and bathtubs must all be cleaned. This is an energy-intensive process, so when we save water we are also saving energy!

**In the bathroom**

* **The easy fix:** We wash our hands on average between 6 to 10 times a day. Only turn the tap on as much as you need to. It is very easy to waste a great deal of water by rinsing our hands under a gushing flow instead of a trickle.
* **The medium fix:** Do you prefer a bath to a shower? Perhaps consider swapping at least one or two weekly soaks for a shower.
* **The longer fix:** Fit a water-saving shower head which will restrict the volume of water flowing through. (Please note: if you have an electric shower or a shower with low pressure this may not be suitable.)

P.S. Please don’t forget the ‘golden oldie’ - turning the tap off while brushing teeth. According to [www.savewatersavemoney.co.uk](http://www.savewatersavemoney.co.uk/) if every adult in the UK did this, we would save enough water to fill 180 Olympic swimming pools every day!

**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**

**Pat Taylor Anne Blades**

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**Parish Website:** [**www.alnwickanglican.com**](http://www.alnwickanglican.com)

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