

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

## 'ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE'



## Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 Dr Philip Bourne*
- 10.00am    **Parish Communion (including blessing of the Peal Board)**  
*President & Preacher : The Reverend Robert Chavner, TSSF*
- 2.00pm      **Baptism of Alfie Stewart**
- 6.00pm      **Taizé Style Evening Prayers & Address**  
*Officiant : Annette Playle*

#### Acts 5: 27-32

During the Easter season, instead of reading the Hebrew Scriptures, we hear the effects of Christians preaching the truth of the resurrection.

The apostles were put in prison by the Jewish authorities for preaching the resurrection. This is Peter's defence of their action before the Sanhedrin.

God's witnesses cannot keep silent.

## John 20 : 19-31

On the first Easter evening, Jesus appears to his disciples with his habitual greeting of peace, and a gift of the Holy Spirit. Thomas must wait another week until he can see, believe, and adore.

### HYMNS AT 10.00am

194	Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise
197	Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
209	Love's redeeming work is done
678	In Christ alone my hope is found

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Give thanks for the new recyclable electric truck engines being developed in Washington, praying that manufacturing will stay here in the North-East.
- Ukrainian families waiting with hope and dread for news of their sons & daughters, the soldiers still fighting in Mariupol to protect civilians.
- That flat owners' cladding issues will be met by new laws, so that families will be released from years of financial stress and safety concerns.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Tuesday, 26th

2.00pm Funeral of Patricia Horsley

#### Wednesday, 27th

10.15am Holy Communion

#### Thursday, 28th

9.30am Mini Michael's

#### Sunday, 1st May      **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8.30am Holy Communion

*President & Preacher : The Reverend Colin Perkins*

10.00am First Sunday Eucharist

*President & Preacher : The Reverend Canon Sue Allen*

2.00pm Baptism of Frankie Turnbull

6.00pm Deanery Evensong

*Officiant : Deanery Clergy*

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup>

10.15am Holy Communion

### Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Mini Michael's

**The Peal Board** commemorating the first peal on our 10 bells, rung as a compliment to Paul on his retirement, is to be blessed at the 10.00am Eucharist this morning before it is hung in the ringing room. Do take this opportunity to see this exceptional piece of work. It was created and donated by third generation woodcarver Andrew Beckwith and is indeed a work of art. Andrew hopes to be with us for the blessing. We congratulate him and offer him our most grateful thanks.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> MAY

On Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May there will be a **plant stall in the Market Place** in aid of Christian Aid. Would you be prepared to help out on the stall for an hour or so? All enquiries to Michelle Duff 01665 605663.

Thank you....

for all the lovely china and glass items which have found their way from cupboards and shelves to the back of church. There is now enough for us to have a good stall on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May to help towards our Christian Aid giving this year.

Thank you again.  
Sue Wiltshire

## THIS WEEK'S ECO TIP

### Continuing with water saving ideas

The average person in the UK uses around 142L of water each day. According to 'Water UK' 46% of people believe they use just 20L which is the equivalent of a single 2-minute shower. The good news is that many are willing to change their habits to reduce their water consumption.

### LOOS -

**The easy fix** - only flush when you must! If you have a modern loo, you will be saving about 5L of water each time you don't flush, with an older loo it could be as much as 9L.

**The medium fix** - most sinks require you to run a little/a lot of cold water off before the warm comes through. Catch this and use it to flush with, (as long as it's cold and not lukewarm).

**The longer fix** - if you have an older loo, consider getting a CDD (water displacement device) to pop into your cistern to reduce the amount of water you use at each flush. The organisation 'waterwise' suggest that up to 5000 litres of water a year can be saved by doing this.

Northumbrian Water will mend your leaky loo completely free of charge and in addition have several water saving devices which they are happy to send out free of charge eg shower flow regulator, shower timer, water saving tap inserts and CDDs. (Phone 0901 545 6850 or go to [www.nwl.co.uk](http://www.nwl.co.uk) )


You may also like to visit [www.waterwise.org.uk](http://www.waterwise.org.uk) for lots of information and advice. They are an independent not-for-profit organisation and the leading authority on water efficiency in the UK.

**We are being offered a gift of 9 flowering cherry trees** like the ones in the Alnwick Gardens. They have to be planted by the end of April! After consultation with the Archdeacon and the Town Council, and if PCC members agree, there is a proposal to site them around the churchyard. The positions are indicated on the map on the notice board at the back of the church, and by labelled stakes.

If you have any questions or comments, please let Sue Allen or the Wardens know. We may be planting on Monday morning!

### Churchwardens

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

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