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

**‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’**



**Sunday, 8th MAY 2022**

**THE FOURTH 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.**

*The wearing of a mask is a personal choice in St Michael’s*

**TODAY’S WORSHIP**

 **8.30am Holy Communion**

 *President & Preacher : The Reverend Martin Roffe/John Cooke*

**10.00am Parish Communion**

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

 *Officiant : Annette Playle*

**Acts 9 : 36 – 43**

After the resurrection, the disciples found themselves filled with the same teaching and healing power of Jesus himself. Peter’s gifts were such that, like his Master, he miraculously brought the dead back to life.

**John 10 : 22-30**

During Jesus’s human lifetime, most people did not perceive him to be the expected Messiah. In this reading, as so often, Jesus points to the things he does as signs of who he is. To those who see, and follow, there is his promise of eternal life.

**HYMNS AT 10.00am**

221 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

807 Thine forever! God of love

193 All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord

211 Now is eternal life, if ris’n with Christ we stand

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

* International assistance for the profoundly disabled children in Ukraine.
* Wisdom for the judges reconsidering criteria for ‘whole life’ prison sentences.
* For more recruits to our struggling hospitality sector.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

***Wednesday, 11th***

10.15am Holy Communion

2.00pm Mothers’ Union Meeting in Church

***Thursday, 12th***

9.30am Mini Michael’s

***Saturday, 14th***

9.00am China and Glass stall in the Fish Market (at the end of

 The Shambles) in aid of **Christian Aid**

***Sunday, 15th THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

 *President & Preacher : The Right Reverend Mark Wroe*

 *Acting Bishop of Newcastle*

10.00am Parish Communion

 *President & Preacher : The Right Reverend Mark Wroe Acting Bishop of Newcastle*

6.00pm Compline & Address

 *Officiant : John Cooke*

***CHRISTIAN AID WEEK begins***

**LOOKING AHEAD**

***Wednesday, 18th***

10.15am Holy Communion

***Thursday, 19th***

9.30am Mini Michael’s

5.30pm Wedding rehearsal in church

***Saturday, 21st***

9.00am Plant stall in Market Place in aid of **Christian Aid**

11.00am Messy Church – please meet in churchyard

2.00pm Wedding of Ben Goodall and Bella Robinson

***Sunday, 5th June***

6.00pm Service to commemorate our Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

On **Sunday June 5th at 6.00pm** there will be a service to commemorate our **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. It has been organised by the Lord Lieutenant’s Office and will be conducted by our Area Dean, the Reverend Alison Hardy. The acting Bishop of Newcastle, the Right Reverend Mark Wroe will be preaching. This promises to be a memorable service and everyone is invited. Please come along and join the Duchess, Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland for this special occasion.

We would like to begin our **social and fund-raising events** after the long break due to the pandemic. To this end we would like to form a **Fund Raising Committee**, to enable the load to be shared amongst as many people as possible. New people mean new ideas! Please think about this and if you feel you would like to help, please speak initially to one of the Wardens.

**Cherry Trees in the churchyard**. Eight new flowering Tai Haku cherry trees are now resplendent in the churchyard.  Thanks to the Sakora project for gifting them, to Janet Pibworth of Alnwick Town Council for all her help, to the Diocese and the PCC for speedy permissions, and to the volunteers who dug the holes and planted the trees.  Enjoy!

**Lost but hoping to find...** a small booklet from the 1960s on the history of the church, possibly left in church and in a transparent plastic envelope with the name and address of Paul & Eve Jarvis on it. It has a mainly white cover with a drawing of the church. Please let Paul or Eve know if you have seen it. Thank you.

**THIS WEEK’S ECO TIP**

**‘Failure of governments to value water leading to widespread waste,**

**UN says.**

**Misuse and subsidising of supplies for the rich also causing shortages and high prices for the poor and vulnerable’**

*The Guardian, March ’21*

**Saving Water continued - In the kitchen**

* Just as in the bathroom, sometimes water is wasted while waiting for the hot to come through. If you have a garden think about collecting this straight into a watering can. Alternatively (or in addition) collect it in a container to use throughout the day in the kettle, for washing and cooking vegetables, rinsing soapy dishes, watering plants or, as in last week’s suggestions, pop it down the loo to flush it. If you are someone who occasionally hand washes jumpers it can be used as the rinsing water. There are so many small and large tasks that we turn the tap on for every day without thinking. If we can use this ‘saved’ water for at least some of those jobs that will be a great thing.
* One more thought – ironically, we often waste water from the cold tap when running it to get a glass of cool drinking water. Perhaps try keeping a jug of water in the fridge for that refreshing drink.

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