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

**‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’**



**Sunday, 22nd MAY 2022**

**THE SIXTH 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 Canon Sue Allen*

**10.00am Parish Communion**

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

 *Officiant : Annette Playle*

**Acts 16 : 9 – 15**

Paul’s missionary work took him into northern Greece, as he and his companions felt themselves directed by the Holy Spirit. We know that Paul made many friends, as well as converts, in Philippi.

**John 14 : 23-29**

Jesus promised his Apostles that even when he had left them, his peace would remain, and the Holy Spirit would be sent in his name to be their teacher and guide.

**HYMNS AT 10.00am**

742 – O for a thousand tongues to sing

704 – Let all the world in every corner sing

236 – Breathe on me, Breath of God

490 – Glory to God, the source of all our mission

**CHANTS FOR 6.00pm**

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice.

Look to God, do not be afraid, lift up your voices the Lord is near, lift up your voices the Lord is near.

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy. Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

Sing Praises All You People, Sing Praises to the Lord.

(Laudate Omnes Gentes)

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

* Thankfulness for inspiring volunteers coaching sports in school and community.
* Children and adults recovering from life changing road accidents in our local and regional hospitals; that we may be patient and safe drivers and riders.
* That Russian soldiers will discover their common humanity with captured Ukrainian soldiers and civilians and will not brutalise people as a weapon of war.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

***Wednesday, 25th***

10.15am Holy Communion

***Thursday, 26th – Ascension Day***

9.30am Mini Michaels

7,30pm Said Eucharist

***Sunday, 29th THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

8.30am Holy Communion

 *President : The Reverend Gilly Maude / Preacher : Annette Playle*

10.00am Parish Communion

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2.00pm Baptism of Lillie Isabel Emily Brown

3.00pm Baptism of Maisie Rae Arya Matthews

6.00pm Compline & Address

*Officiant : John Cooke*

**LOOKING AHEAD**

***Wednesday, 1st June***

10.15am Holy Communion

***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.

**'Homes for Ukraine' in Alnwick**: for anyone hosting or planning to host a family or individual from Ukraine, you may like to know that a local support group has been set up. This is providing a forum for sharing practical advice and requests for help. For more information, or to let us know that you are hosting or wish to offer help, please contact Andrew or Michelle Duff by email or phone; duffandrew@btinternet.com or 07947600779.

**THIS WEEK’S ECO TIP**

**Saving water continued - in the garden**

* Wherever and whenever possible use 'free' water to keep your lawn and plants looking good.  Free water is rain water collected in water butts or grey water from your house, bath water or washing up water.  (When using grey water use immediately and not on your fruit or veg.)
* Water butts now come in a good variety of shapes and sizes to fit in with your garden and are not difficult to connect to your downpipe. Catching and using this free water can save you a considerable amount of money on your water bill!
* If you are not able to carry watering cans around your garden, there is such a thing as a water butt pump which will pump this collected water out through a garden hose.
* In prolonged dry spells there may be no option but to use a hose pipe connected to a tap but try to be mindful of how much water it uses.  Just 20 minutes hosing is about the same as an average person's use of water over two days.
* There are one or two things which will help us not to waste water unnecessarily when hosing:

Fix a trigger to the end of the hosepipe so that you can regulate the flow and direct the water exactly to where it's needed.

Water in the early morning or late afternoon when there will be less evaporation.

Use mulch or bark around plants and shrubs to keep the water in the soil.

Happy Gardening

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.

**Churchwardens**

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