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

**‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’**



**Sunday, 24th JULY 2022**

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**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 Dr Philip Bourne*

**10.00am** Parish Communion

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

 *Officiant : Annette Playle*

**Colossians 2 : 6 – 15**

The purpose of this letter is to hold together the Colossian church in the face of a growing diversity of teaching. Avoid all pointless speculation, remain centred on Christ alone, says Paul.

**Luke 11 : 1 - 13**

When Jesus taught his disciples about prayer, the words in one form or another became central for every Christian. His lesson is that God our Father never refuses to listen or respond to his children

**HYMNS AT 10.00am**

696 Jesus, where’er thy people meet

628 Father of heaven, whose love profound

557 Beauty for brokenness

273 Father, Lord! We give you adoration

**CHANTS AT 6.00pm**

See separate sheet.

**Let us pray …**

*Eternal God, we may only see our small corner of this earth, you will see the whole expanse of countless universes, yet we are called to bring to you our prayers not only for ourselves, but for those around us.*

… In a world fraught with fear and violence and greed, let us pray that darkness is driven out by the light of compassion, of open-handedness, and of peace. Let these not be mere words we pray, but words we put into action through our support of causes, charities and individuals who make it their mission to be light-bearers in every dark place.

... for healers who practise their gentleness in every hurt place of heart and soul and body. Where the encouraging word, and the unflinching compassion brings hope like a cleansing flame into every wound.

... for teachers whose gift of thinking and words enrich our mind and help us grow and develop and mature. For those who taught us to pray, who formed the ideas and the rhythms and cadences that to this day give texture, colour and shape to the relationship we have with our living God.

... for our Queen and country, for all who are called to be the decision-makers in our society at every level. For politicians and economists. For artists and scientists. For farmers and business owners and those who provide our energy and secure our safety.

... for our world in its beauty and fragility, the astonishing resources, and the unsustainable demands we make on them. As we seek to form a new relationship with You, our God, and with our sisters and brothers, let us also seek to form a new relationship with this Earth we call our home. Nurturing it, tending it, stewarding its beauty and energy, not only for ourselves, but also for the generations still to come.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

***Monday, 25th***

1.00pm Funeral of Brian Mason

***Wednesday, 27th***

10.15am Holy Communion

***Saturday, 30th***

10.00am St Michael’s Market Stall (see below)

***Sunday, 31st THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY***

8.30am Holy Communion

 *President & Preacher : The Reverend Colin Perkins*

10.00am Parish Communion

 *President : The Reverend Martin Roff*

 *Preacher : To be confirmed*

6.00pm Compline & Address

 *Officiant : The Reverend Martin Turner*

**LOOKING AHEAD**

***Wednesday, 3rd August***

10.15am Holy Communion

6.00pm Flower Festival Preview Evening

***Thursday, 4th - Sunday, 7th***

10.00am – 4.00pm Flower Festival

**EVENSONG**
At the recent PCC meeting it was decided to make small changes to our Evening services. From August :
The first Sunday will be a sung Deanery Evensong.

The second and third Sundays will be said Evensong.

The fourth Sunday will be a rotation of Compline, Iona and Taizé.

Should there be a fifth Sunday, it will be a said Evensong.

**MARKET STALL**
We are having a Market Stall on **Saturday July 30th, Saturday August 13th
and Saturday August 27th**.
These stalls create an excellent fundraising and outreach opportunity for St Michael’s.
Please help to make sure the stall is well stocked for these dates. All things homemade, jams, baking, crafts and knitted items are needed. Please let us know if you need anything collected. Also, if you could spare a couple of hours to help man the stall please speak to Anne or Pat.

**FLOWER FESTIVAL**
This year’s Flower Festival is a joint event with St Paul's Church. It will be held in St Michael’s Church from **Thursday, August 4th until Sunday, August 7th**. It is not too late to sponsor an arrangement. Please speak to Michelle Duff. The preview evening will be on **Wednesday, August 3rd. Tickets £5**. The Festival will conclude with a Big Sing at 6.00pm on Sunday evening.
It's lovely to be able to hold a Flower Festival again so let's make sure it’s a memorable event.

**MORE SUMMER THOUGHTS**

Northumbrian water advise that our water usage has increased by 20% during this warm period.  While water reserves remain at the normal level for this time of year, we are being asked to be as mindful as possible as we go about our daily tasks.

**Churchwardens**

**Pat Taylor Anne Blades**

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