

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

## ‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’



### Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

A warm welcome to our worship today.

We hope you will stay for tea/coffee after the 10.00am service.

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

#### TODAY'S WORSHIP

10.00am	<b>First Sunday Eucharist</b> <i>President &amp; Preacher : The Reverend Canon Sue Allen</i>
2.00pm	<b>Baptism of Alby Miller-Murphy</b>
6.00pm	<b>Deanery Evensong</b>

#### Matthew 2 : 1 - 12 (dramatised)

Only Matthew tells us how representatives of other strange religions came from the East to offer their homage to the one and only true God, the child who is king for ever over all earthly powers.

#### HYMNS 10.00am

82	See him lying on a bed of straw
800	The Lord's my Shepherd
103	O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
	Epiphany song (see over)

#### HYMNS 6.00pm

652	Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
109	When Jesus comes to be baptized

332        Freed in Christ from death and sin  
EPIPHANY SONG

*Star of wonder! Light to lead us!*  
*Show the way to find the Lord of lords,*  
*Star of wonder! Light to lead us!*  
*Show us how to find the Lord.*

We bring gold for a king, keep us serving,  
We bring gold for a king today.  
We bring gold for a king, keep us serving.  
Keep us serving Jesus every day.

*Star of wonder! Light to lead us . . . . .*

We bring incense today, keep us praying,  
We bring incense to him today.  
We bring incense today, keep us praying,  
Keep us praying to him every day.

*Star of wonder! Light to lead us . . . . .*

We bring myrrh now to help us remember,  
For the sacrifice that he made.  
We bring myrrh now to help us remember,  
to remember Jesus every day.

*Star of wonder! Light to lead us . . . . .*

We bring all that we have in his service,  
We bring all that we have today,  
We bring all that we are in his service,  
As we offer him ourselves today.

*Star of wonder! Light to lead us . . . . .*

**THIS WEEK, for your prayers ...**

**With the Magi**, we seek God's glory; those moments when we are shown that God is here with us.

God who made us all, each wonderfully different, we pray for followers of different faiths across the world. Give us grace to learn from each other.

Lead all who seek you in the ways of humility and peace.

We pray for the worldwide Church, for the Land of the Holy One and for the Diocese of Newcastle. Enable us to be a church where all are welcome and where God's glory is discerned and cherished in many different faces.



**God of Creation**, we thank you for the beauty of the skies, for the richness of creation and for moments when we feel close to each other and to you. Teach us to walk a different way in your world; to walk gently, cherishing all that you have made and seeing your glory all around us.

**God of mystery**, in challenging times it is hard to work out where you are and why you allow hardship and suffering. Give us strength to persevere even when we feel forsaken.

We pray for all who suffer today, and for those who care for them seeking to bring respite, healing and peace.

**God of life's surprises**, help us to cast aside feelings of gloom and doom and to dwell more on what brings joy and laughter.

God of serendipity,  
give us light hearts and playful spirits,  
penetrate our busy and oh, so serious lives with more  
giggles, balloons, picnics, cartoons and all that brings us joy and delight.  
In Jesus name we pray. Amen



## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

### **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am	Funeral of Ronald Donelly
7.00pm	St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall
7.00pm	PCC Meeting in Parish Hall

### **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup>**

10.15am	Holy Communion
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### Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Mini Michael's

### Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> **THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

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10.00am Parish Communion

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### **LOOKING AHEAD**

### Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup>

7.00pm St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall

### Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup>

10.15am Holy Communion

6.00pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - St James's Church

### Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Mini Michael's

11.00am Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Methodist Church

### Friday, 20<sup>th</sup>

11.00am Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Salvation Army

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

11.00am Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – St Paul's Church

11.00am Messy Church

### THE HOLY LAND - Lent 2024

Following our successful holiday/pilgrimage to Austria and the Oberammergau Passion Play, for those of you who may be interested, Philip and I are leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 4 – 11 March 2024, based in Jerusalem and Galilee. We would love you to join us. To register your interest, please let us know soonest and we can make sure you are included in the booking information mailing. Thank you. *Fr Robert*



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