

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’



Sunday, 12th March 2023
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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 **Parish Communion**
 President & Preacher : Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne
6.00pm **Said Evensong**

Exodus 17 : 1 – 7

Lent may mean some abstinence – but even in a desert we need water. This reading tells us how the Israelites were given water in their desert pilgrimage, when they looked to God to meet their need.

John 4 : 5 – 42

God miraculously provided water for the Israelites on their desert journey. Now we hear of Jesus as living water. Among the Samaritan people whom the Jews hated, he convinces them that he himself is the Messiah, the fulfilment of all their needs.

HYMNS 10.00am

4 New every morning is the love
591 As pants the hart for cooling streams
669 I heard the voice of Jesus say

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY**Prelude in F Minor BWV534 by J S Bach***For your prayers this week ...**

Gracious God, like a deer that longs for running streams, so our souls yearn for the love that comes from you - the love that wells up in us like streams of living water and brings life to us and to those around us. Help us to open our lives to you, to put down our roots in your Word, and to turn our hands both upwards and outwards that we may receive and give your blessing.

God of holy love, you have poured out living water in the gift of your Son, Jesus. Keep us close to him, and loyal to his leading, so that we may never thirst for righteousness, but live the eternal life he came to give us.

Almighty God, as Jesus welcomed an outcast woman and spoke with her without judgement, drawing her closer to you, so help us to accept and offer help to the outcasts and voiceless in our world today. Grant, O God, that we may be a people who in speaking truth do not condemn those of whom and to whom we speak. Help us to bring one another and all who thirst to the living water you desire to give them.

Loving God, as we are refreshed by your living water, so we turn our prayers towards the hunger and thirst of the wider world. Father, hear our prayers for those who suffer want and deprivation of body or of soul. We remember especially those suffering from the effects of war and natural disaster, as we plead on their behalf for an end to their struggles.

Compassionate Lord, there are many other concerns upon our hearts at this time - concerns for those who are close to us, and for those who are far away. We remember them in our hearts at this time, and we name some of them now within the silence of our hearts. O God we pray for...
(please list individuals and situations you are concerned about...).

Father God, all these things we ask of you in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord and our brother. Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 14th

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

Wednesday, 15th

10.15am Holy Communion

1.30pm Funeral of Alice Mason

Thursday, 16th

9.30am Mini Michael's

12 noon Lent Lunch in St James's Church Hall

Friday, 17th

10.30am Funeral of Rose Stewart

Saturday, 18th

11.00am Messy Church

Sunday, 19th

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Mothering Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher : Reverend Canon Sue Allen

10.00am **First Sunday Eucharist** – 'Say it with flowers'

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LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday 21st

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

Wednesday, 22nd

10.15am Holy Communion

Thursday, 23rd

9.30am Mini Michael's

12 noon Lent Lunch in St James's Church Hall

Saturday 25th

10.00am BIG CLEAN (see over)

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, March 26th** immediately after the 10am Parish Eucharist. New members are needed for the PCC. If you feel this is something you would like to be part of, there are forms at the back of church. Please take one. Any present member of the PCC will be happy to help if you have any questions.

Christian Aid Week 14th - 20th May 2023

For the last two years a very successful plant stall has been held during this important week and the response to the request to grow whatever you feel able has been marvellous. So, once again, even if all you have is a warm windowsill, please can you plant a few seeds or grow a few cuttings to help towards this year's effort. The money raised during Christian Aid week is needed more than ever. Thank you, Sue Wiltshire

We are having a **Big Clean** in church on **Saturday, 25th March** from 10.00am. Please try to come along even if you can only spare an hour. All cleaning materials will be provided and also refreshments. Please help us make St Michael's sparkling clean for the Easter Celebrations!

Copies of the **Annual Report** for the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** are at the back of church. Please take one before you leave church today so that you can read it before the meeting.

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Thank you.

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