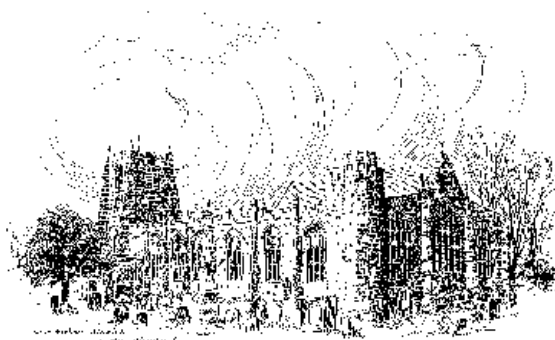


# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

## ‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’



### Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Mothering Sunday

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

- 8.30am            **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
                      *President & Preacher : Reverend Canon Sue Allen*
- 10.00am          **First Sunday Eucharist – ‘Say it with flowers’**  
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### Exodus 2 : 1 – 10

The mother of Moses worked a deception to preserve her son's life, when the Egyptians were controlling the population by killing every new-born Jewish boy.

### Luke 2 : 33 – 35

Jesus is the son of a human mother, just like us. In the Gospel, his earthly father and mother fade into the shadows as the nature of his life is hinted at. Yet we never forget his home, the love and teaching he received.

### HYMNS 10.00am

All our blessings all our joys (see overleaf)

725                Make me a channel of your peace

437        'Come to me', says Jesus  
136        Fathers and mothers

## All our blessings

*All our blessings, all our joys  
With thankful hearts we sing,  
Lord of life and Lord All love,  
Accept the praise we bring.*

1    For parents and for children,  
For husbands, wives, and friends,  
For those whose care enfolds us  
With love that never ends

2    For fellowship and friendship  
We both receive and give,  
For those who've shared our journey  
And taught us how to live.

3    For all who've shared our sorrow,  
Walked with us in our pain,  
Who've held our hand through darkness  
And showed us light again.

4    In sacrifice and service  
Your love is clearly shown,  
Your outstretched arms embrace us  
To bring us safely home

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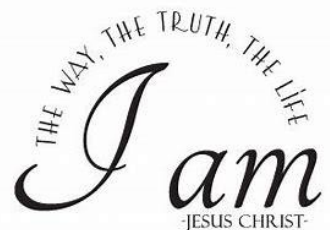
## For your prayers, this week ...

### A Prayer of Thanksgiving ...

We are grateful God, for Your leading and guiding.  
You are willing to get Your hands dirty for us  
to give us a glimpse of Your vision of the world.  
You do not hide who You are  
but You let us ask questions and come to the wrong conclusions!

You don't leave us where we are, but You invite us to  
speak out truth  
strive for peace  
fight for justice  
work for healing  
make disciples.

Thank You for trusting us to be Your co-workers in realising the dream of  
God. Amen.



## A Prayer for Others

Shepherding God, help us to be more aware of Your presence with us.  
As we move through life, may we live and move in You.  
Help us at each stage of our journey to recognise Your rod and staff  
comforting us.

We pray for all who seek green pastures  
We pray for all who seek still waters  
We pray for all who seek restoring of their soul  
We pray for all who seek right paths before them  
We pray for all who find themselves in dark valleys  
We pray for all who sit with their enemies around them



We pray that Your goodness and mercy will go before us,  
will follow us, will uphold us and comfort us, all the days of our lives.  
Amen

## A Prayer of discipleship ...

God of goodness send us out to tell truth, to do good, and to work for  
righteousness.  
Empower us to live as children of light in Your world. Amen

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

### **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10.15am Holy Communion

### **Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9.30am Mini Michael's

12 noon Lent Lunch in St James's Church Hall

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am BIG CLEAN (see over)

### **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup>** **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

8.30am Holy Communion

*President & Preacher : Reverend Alison Hardy, Area Dean*

10.00am Parish Communion

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Followed by **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Funeral of Sheila Vint

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup>

10.15am Holy Communion

2.00pm School Easter Service Rehearsal

### Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Mini Michael's

12 noon Lent Lunch in St James's Church Hall

2.00pm School Easter Service

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.

For those who collected their APCM packs last week, please note that there is a supplementary sheet with two late items available at the back of church.

We are having a **Big Clean** in church on **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

The **Food Bank** have put out an appeal for **Easter eggs** which will be given to families over the holiday. If you feel able to provide a chocolate egg for this appeal, please bring them into church by March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Aid for Ukraine** There is a collection point at The Willowburn Sports Centre for items which will be taken soon, by lorry, to Ukraine. Goods can be left until and including Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

New items : first aid kits and dressings, personal hygiene items, sanitary protection, mini toiletries, dried foods, high energy bars drinks and snacks.

Electrical items - lanterns, torches, power packs and batteries.

Underwear and socks.

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If you are a UK taxpayer, St. Michael's can benefit to the tune of 25p for each £1.00 donated by Gift Aid. Please use the envelopes available at the back of church.

Thank you.

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