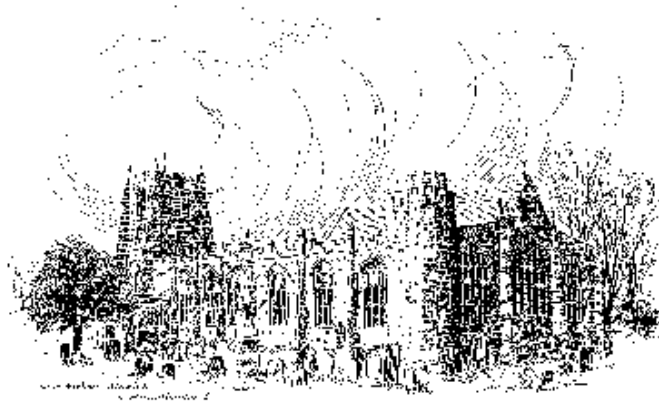


THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’



Sunday, 7th May 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 <i>President & Preacher : Bishop Mark</i>
10.00am	Parish Communion <i>President & Preacher : Bishop Mark</i>
2.00pm	Baptism of Isaac Andrew Guthrie
6.00pm	Deanery Choral Evensong for the Coronation

Acts 7 : 55 – 60

Stephen was the first Christian to follow his Master to execution. The Jewish leaders found the new teaching, that the crucified and resurrected Jesus is their true Messiah, was even more dangerous and heretical than Jesus's own life had been.

John 14: 1 – 14

Jesus taught his disciples how completely he and his heavenly Father are united. We are to believe and trust his promise, that to know him is to know God, and he is our way to the place prepared for us.

HYMNS 10.00am

203 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

622 Dear Lord, we long to see your face

448 I come with joy, a child of God

209 Love's redeeming work is done

HYMNS 6.00pm

584 All my hope on God is founded

Psalm 150

Coronation Anthem: The mountains shall bring peace (by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange)

739 Now thank we all our God

578 The National Anthem (God save our gracious King)

We are grateful to Janet Maloney and all who have formed a choir for this special occasion; and to Roger Harrison, the organist. Thank you!

Please pray this week for the King, the Queen Consort and the World...

For the King

Lord God, in your power you provide for your people
and rule over them in love:

Grant to your servant Charles, our King
the spirit of wisdom and government,
that being devoted to you with his whole heart,
he may so wisely govern,
that during his reign your Church may be protected,
and Christian devotion may continue in peace;
that so persevering in good works to the end,
he may by your mercy enter your everlasting kingdom;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

(Based on a prayer in the 1953 Coronation Service)

For the Queen Consort

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness:
hear our prayer and multiply your blessings
upon your servant Camilla the Queen Consort
as she offers herself with humble devotion to your service.
Defend her from all danger,
make her an example of virtue and godliness
and a blessing to the King and to his people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Based on a prayer in the 1953 Coronation Service)

Intercessions

In thanksgiving and hope, let us pray to the Lord:
for Charles the King and Camilla the Queen Consort,
that they may reign with wisdom and grace;
for all those entrusted with the responsibility of government,
that they may lead with vision and discernment;
for the Church of Christ here and across these islands,
that we may bear witness to the Gospel in our lives and our worship;
for all who are hungry, homeless and living with poverty,
that their needs may not be forgotten;
for the peace of the world,
that hatred, division and conflict might be things of the past.
Sovereign Lord, hear these prayers
which we offer in thanksgiving and hope.
May we, with all your people
ever seek to follow your ways of justice, mercy and humility
until that time when we win the unfading crown of glory.
We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 9th May

7.00am PCC Meeting in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, 10th

10.15am Holy Communion

2.00pm Mothers' Union Meeting in Church

Thursday, 11th

9.30am Mini Michael's

Saturday 13th

4.00pm Installation of The Reverend Christian Mitchell as Vicar of the Parish of Alnwick.

Sunday, 14th ***SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

8.30am Holy Communion

President & Preacher : Reverend Mitch

10.00am Parish Communion

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6.00pm Evening Worship

Sunday, 14th – Saturday, 20th Christian Aid Week

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, 17th

10.15am Holy Communion

Thursday, 18th

9.30am Mini Michael's

Saturday, 20th

10.00am Plant Stall for Christian Aid (see over)

1.00pm Full peal of bells by St Paul's Cathedral Ringers

Christian Aid Week starts next Sunday.

- Envelopes available in church next Sunday
- Raffle tickets on sale throughout the week from the box office and cafe at Alnwick Playhouse, at performance on Thursday 18th and today in church.
- Plant stall and refreshments at the home of Michelle and Andrew Duff, (between Barclays and Lloyds banks) Saturday 20th May 10-4pm

Greener Together

A little loo reminder. The regulator of the UK's biggest water company, Thames Water, is urging us all to only 'flush when you must'. Cathryn Ross has gone on record as saying that our current water consumption is 'unsustainable'. (The average person in the UK uses about 142 litres a day). In a recent edition of the *i* newspaper she says "The biggest thing that everybody can do to reduce their water consumption is shorter showers and not flushing the loo every time".

You can now give on-line to the church by scanning this QR code, or you are welcome to use our new cashless machine at the back of church. Thanks for your support.



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Thank you.

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