THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK 'ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE'



Sunday, 21st May 2023 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A warm welcome to our worship today. We hope you will stay for tea/coffee after the 10.00am service.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: Reverend Mitch Preacher: John Cooke

10.00am Parish Communion

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6.00pm Evening Prayer : Reverend Mitch

Acts 1:6 - 14

After the disciples knew Jesus had parted from them for the last time, they continued with their prayer together as they waited for the new Spirit he had promised.

John 17: 1 - 11

On the night he was betrayed Jesus prayed not so much for himself but for those who would take up his work after his earthly life was over. His glory is now revealed in the world by those he calls his own.

HYMNS 10.00am 227 Crown him with many crowns (omit v 2) 698 King of glory, King of peace 486 Christ is the King! O friends rejoice (omit vv 2 & 3) 612 Christ triumphant, ever reigning CLOSING VOLUNTARY Mr Theo Saunders, His Trumpet Tune by Antony Baldwin

For your prayers during Ascensiontide...

Risen, ascended Lord, you came down to lift us up. You descended to earth that earth might ascend to heaven. You descended to the dead that the dead might rise to life.

In our struggles, lift us up; in our tiredness, lift us up.

Lift us Lord, out of darkness into light, out of despair into hope.
Lift us Lord, out of sadness into joy, out of failure into trust.
Lift us Lord, out of anger into forgiveness, out of pride into humility.
Lift us Lord, out of doubt into faith, out of loneliness into community.
Lift us Lord, out of death and into life.
Lift us into your heart to be with you for all eternity.
Amen.

(Adapted from Liturgies from Lindisfarne)

Lord of life,

we do not know the face of the future, any more than your disciples did.

Like them, we have many questions:

how to live,

how to bear witness.

Like them, we thirst for the spring waters of the Spirit to inspire us in our living to give us a heart language in our testimony.

You have been raised in glory,
that we might rise with dignity.
You live in power, that we might live in peace.
You are present everywhere,
that we might be fully present in our own lives.

This we believe.

This we step out on.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

(Inspired by Acts 1:9-11)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday, 24th

10.15am Holy Communion

Thursday, 25th

9.30am Mini Michael's

Friday, 26th

4.00pm Wedding of Jimmy Turrell and Natalie Raine

Saturday, 27th

3.00pm Wedding of Ross Wightman and Leander Grieve

Sunday, 28th PENTECOST

8.30am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Reverend Mitch

10.00am Parish Communion

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2.00pm Baptism of Mya Rose Tully

3.00pm Baptism of Roman Woodmass

6.00pm Evening Worship

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, 31st

10.15am Holy Communion

Saturday, 3rd June

12 noon Baptism of Tommy Costa

2.30pm Wedding of Scott Matthew Gibson and Ruth Anne Davies

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

A new supply of regular giving envelopes will be available at the back of the church for those who use envelopes as their preferred way of giving. Current envelopes will run out at the end of May. Following the closure of Barclays Alnwick branch in July, it will be more difficult for the Church to bank cash so you might like to think about using the Parish Giving Scheme instead, which avoids the use of cash. Please speak to Richard Dale (01665 606804) if you are interested.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE - 2024

Led by Robert Chavner and Philip Bourne.

The pilgrimage, in the week 4 - 11 March 2024, will include the sites where the most important events in Our Lord's life and ministry took place: in Jerusalem and the surrounding area and further north in Galilee. A visit to the Holy Land can be a life changing journey as well as a faith changing experience and lots of fun, too! Please do consider joining us for this trip of a lifetime. For details, brochure and booking form, please speak to Robert or Philip asap.





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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