

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’



Sunday, 16th July 2023
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP

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| 8.30am | Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>President & Preacher : The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne</i> |
| 10.00am | Parish Communion
<i>President : The Reverend Canon Sue Allen</i>
<i>Preacher : The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne</i> |
| 6.00pm | Evening Prayer
<i>Officiant : John Cooke</i> |

Romans 8 : 1 – 11

Paul has discovered that sin is never completely conquered. But the amazing consequence of faith in Jesus Christ is that God does not utterly condemn us. Our lives are quite different, because they are directed to God, and through his Spirit he gives us true life.

Matthew 13 : 1 – 9, 18 – 23

If you have ears, then hear a parable. God's presence and God's word are broadcast everywhere, like seed falling in every kind of soil and climate. To you it has been given to hear and understand and be fruitful.

HYMNS 10.00am

- 283 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
387 Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking
628 Father of heaven, whose love profound
588 And can it be that I should gain

For your prayers this week...

God - sower, reaper, gardener, harvester - we want to be part of a lively, outward-looking church which is guided and led by you. We want to be nourished within our church, and encouraged and enabled to reach out to others. But we can't do any of that alone. Raise up a good and loving and real church for us.

God - sower, reaper, gardener, harvester - help us to understand that it all starts with us; that we must dedicate ourselves fully to you with no strings attached, if your church is going to reflect your love - for it's us and people like us who form your church. Take us and plant us, nourish us and prune us, so that we're always ready and willing for your calling and your work.

God - sower, reaper, gardener, harvester - help us to dedicate ourselves so fully to you that your church reflects your love and is ready for your work. We pray especially today for your Church in Alnwick and the surrounding district, for the Diocese of Newcastle, for the Church of England and for the international Anglican Communion.

God - sower, reaper, gardener, harvester - how we long for your seed to fall on good soil, so that our world may be nourished as well as harvested, nurtured as well as pruned. You provide us with plenty of natural resources so that we can all eat. Teach us to be good stewards and responsible carers. We pray especially today for those in our world who are constantly hungry because of natural disasters and because we fail to care for them properly.

God - sower, reaper, gardener, harvester - when you lived on earth, you healed the sick and sent out your disciples to do the same. Give us such love and energy and courage that those who are in our presence are healed through your name. Touch those who are sick with your healing hands, that they may be restored to full health and strength again.

God - sower, reaper, gardener, harvester - give strength to the dying and to those who care for them. Support those who anxiously watch and wait, and hold in your strong arms those who are bereaved. May they know that you share their pain, and that there is no condemnation at all in Christ Jesus. We hold them in your presence, alongside those who continue to grieve on the anniversaries of the deaths of their loved ones.

God - sower, reaper, gardener, harvester - we can see the effects of good gardening in our own community, just as we can also see the results of poor gardening. Where the soil is poor, add necessary manure so that it may become enriched. Where the soil is thin, give increased depth. When seed falls on the path, protect it from vultures. And where there is good soil, encourage the growth that leads to the freedom and excitement of eternal life.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 18th

1.30pm School Leavers' Service - Rehearsal

Wednesday, 19th

10.15am Holy Communion *The Reverend Colin Perkins*

2.00pm School Leavers' Service

Thursday, 20th

9.30am Mini Michael's

Sunday, 23rd **THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.30am Holy Communion

President : The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne

Preacher : The Reverend Robert Chavner TSSF

10.00am Parish Communion

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6.00pm Evening Prayer

Officiant : Annette Playle

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, 26th

10.15am Holy Communion *The Reverend Canon Sue Allen*

Alnwick Food Bank

A message from the organisers :

Please keep donating non-perishable goods if you feel able to. There are collecting points at supermarkets (Sainsbury's, Morrison's, Lidl and Nisa) with lists of especially needed items. If you are likely to have a surplus of fresh garden produce which you would like to donate, please get in touch by email – alnwickdistrictfoodbank@gmail.com. This would be very welcome.

For financial donations please visit the website
www.alnwickdistrictfoodbank.co.uk

Thank you very much

AUGUST 2023 EDITION OF GATEWAY

If you have an article or a notice that you would like to be included in the August 2023 Edition of Gateway please send it to the editor, George Nasmyth, no later than Saturday, 22nd July.

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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