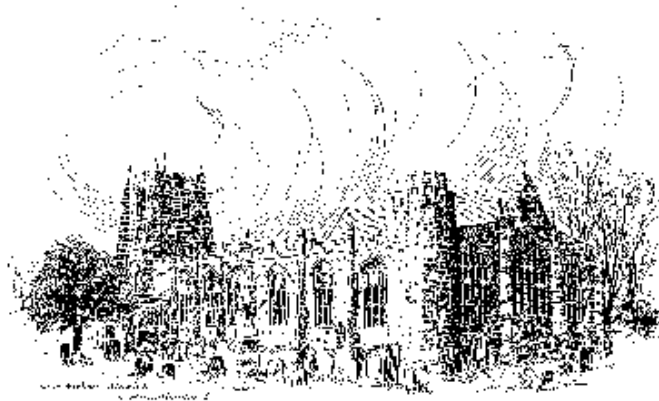


THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’



Sunday, 23rd July 2023
THE SEVENTH 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

- 8.30am** **Holy Communion**
President : The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne
Preacher : The Reverend Robert Chavner TSSF
- 10.00am** **Parish Communion**
President : The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne
Preacher : The Reverend Robert Chavner TSSF
- 6.00pm** **Evening Prayer**
Officiant : Annette Playle

Romans 8 : 12 – 25

Paul has been contrasting law and freedom, right and wrong. The logic leads him to a favourite phrase: God's Spirit makes us God's adopted children, who can use the name Jesus used – 'Abba', Father. Hold on to that, whatever turmoil the world contains.

Matthew 13 : 24 – 30, 36 – 43

The parable of wheat and tares seems simple to us because it is so familiar. But those who first heard it needed the explanation that the evil in this

world is allowed by God to exist alongside the good of the kingdom; but there will come a time when only the good survives.

HYMNS 10.00am

- 276 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
774 Safe in the shadow of the Lord
238 Come down, O Love divine
282 Come, ye thankful people, come

CLOSING ORGAN VOLUNTARY Recessional by Graham S Morrison (1949 – 2007)

For your prayers, this week ...

May Your church be a place of mercy and forgiveness.
May all who are anxious and distressed find in the
Christian community the peace and comfort which
You offer all your people.



We pray for all who are seeking new initiatives of
faith and service in the Church.

We pray for those faithful folks who struggle to see green shoots amid the
weeds which seem to choke the work of the Church.

We thank You for those who supply us with the necessities of life,
especially, today, we pray for farmers and all who bring us our food.
We pray for fair trading systems to ensure that those who produce food
are given a just reward for their labours. We pray for those in our
communities who struggle to feed their families and for an economic
system which is fair to them, too.



We pray for all victims of war and violence especially those
driven from their homes because of hatred or uprooted by
poverty to seek new lives elsewhere.

May Your people always be welcoming to those who are new
among us even if they are very different from us. May those
who claim to be Christians never stoke up hatred and division
in our communities.

We pray for doctors, both those who look after our bodies and those who tend minds. We thank You for all who work in healthcare especially at this time of stress on the health service.

Faithful God, may we keep close to You, as You are always close to us and in whose Spirit we bring these prayers. Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 25th

10.00am Funeral of Barbara Ann Hall

Wednesday, 26th

10.15am Holy Communion *The Reverend Canon Sue Allen*

Sunday, 30th **THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.30am Holy Communion
President : Reverend Mitch
Preacher : Annette Playle

10.00am Parish Communion
President : Reverend Mitch
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2.30pm Baptism of Owen Blair

6.00pm Evening Prayer
Officiant : John Cooke

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, 2nd August

10.15am Holy Communion *Reverend Mitch*

Saturday, 5th

2.00pm Celebration of Marriage – George and Jane Ives (see over)

Thanks to a generous legacy from Margaret McFarlane, we have been able, with the family's agreement, to order a purple silk frontal for the high altar.

We have also ordered a pulpit fall and an aumbry curtain in the same material at a cost of about £450. If you would like to contribute to these in memory of Margaret, please hand your donations to Jean Darby, Henry Playle or Richard Dale.

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

An Invitation

George and Jane Ives are having a celebration of their marriage on **Saturday, 5th August at 2.00pm**. All friends from St Michael's are welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards in the church hall.
Best wishes to all

George and Jane

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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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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