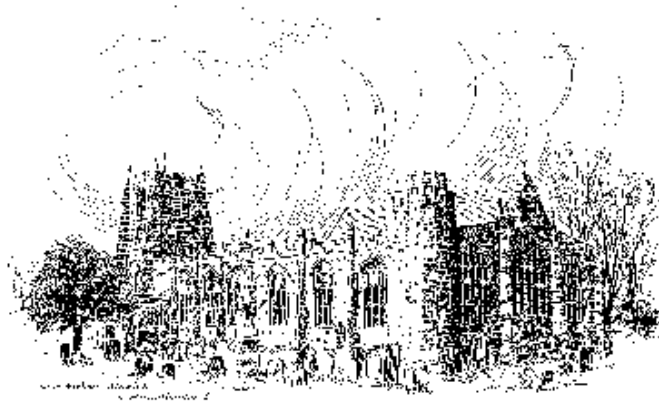


# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

## ‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’



**Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023**  
**THE EIGHTH 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  | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><i>President : Reverend Mitch</i><br><i>Preacher : Annette Playle</i>   |
| 10.00am | <b>Parish Communion</b><br><i>President : Reverend Mitch</i><br><i>Preacher : Annette Playle</i> |
| 2.30pm  | <b>Baptism of Owen Blair</b>   |
| 6.00pm  | <b>Evening Prayer</b><br><i>Officiant : John Cooke</i>   |

### Romans 8 : 26 – 39

Paul moves from the ethical teaching we have heard in recent weeks, to rejoice that we who can call God ‘Abba’, Father, want to talk to him, and his Spirit enables us to pray. We are one vast family of Christian brothers and sisters, and nothing – no created thing whatsoever – can separate this family from God’s love in Jesus.

## **Matthew 13 : 31 – 33, 44 – 52**

Most of Jesus's teaching about the kingdom of heaven came in parables. Not everyone could instantly understand them, but they were cherished by the first Christians. Here, he gives four such illustrations to show the immense value and the vast size of his kingdom.

### **HYMNS 10.00am**

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| 537 | For the beauty of the earth                                    |
| 144 | How deep the Father's love for us                              |
| 506 | The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord (omit v3) |
| 644 | God is Love: let heav'n adore him                              |

### **For your prayers this week...**

Everlasting God, may the worship of your Church throughout the world be attentive and expectant, ready to be set on fire again and again with the outrageous foolishness of loving, without exceptions and without limits.

Creator God, may all that encourages the people of the world in goodness, honesty and compassion be blessed and grow; and may all that encourages self-seeking and cruelty, prejudice and deceit, wither and be exposed as the unsatisfying sinfulness that it is. May we learn from one another's cultures and respect one another's differences.

Father God, we thank you for the joy of human love, and for all those among whom we live and work. We pray particularly for loved ones who we worry about - with their health, or circumstances, or life direction. We pray for those among our friends and families who do not know you, or whose faith has been shaken. We pray also for all whose backgrounds make belief in a loving God laughable or terrifying.

We pray for all who suffer mental or emotional anguish and those who despair. We pray for those facing another day of pain, another day of hunger, another day of fear.

Merciful God, gather into your eternal kingdom all who have come to the end of this earthly life and who rejoice to see you as you really are. We remember all whom we love but can no longer see, and thank you for your overarching love and undergirding faithfulness to us.

Gracious God, we remember with gratitude all who gave up so much to bring the good news to our country; and we pray that with us it may continue to be spread until the whole earth knows of your truth and love. Amen.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August

10.15am Holy Communion *Reverend Mitch*

### Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

8.30am Holy Communion *President & Preacher : Reverend Mitch*

10.00am Parish Communion *President & Preacher : Reverend Mitch*

6.00pm Deanery Evensong

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup>

10.15am Holy Communion *Reverend Mitch*

2.00pm Mothers' Union Meeting

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.

## Zoom cuppa on Sunday afternoon. 4.00pm on 6<sup>th</sup> August.

You are welcome to join in with this monthly opportunity to catch up with friends. This month you are invited to say a few words about a favourite hymn. Zoom joining details are available by email at [pineapple.sue@gmail.com](mailto:pineapple.sue@gmail.com) or phone Sue Allen on 01665 605361.

## An Invitation

George and Jane Ives are having a celebration of their marriage on **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**Notice for all who are currently on the reading or intercessions rotas - or anyone else who would like to be, or would like to know what would be involved:**

I am just taking over coordinating the rota for readers and intercessors, and I am not confident I have contact details for everyone who is on the rota.

If you could get in touch, either by collaring me after church on a Sunday, or by email to [jimoftroy@sky.com](mailto:jimoftroy@sky.com) so I know I have everybody's name and the means of getting in touch with them, that would be very helpful. Many thanks to Michael Carter who previously organised the rota.

Thank you,

Sal Howard

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