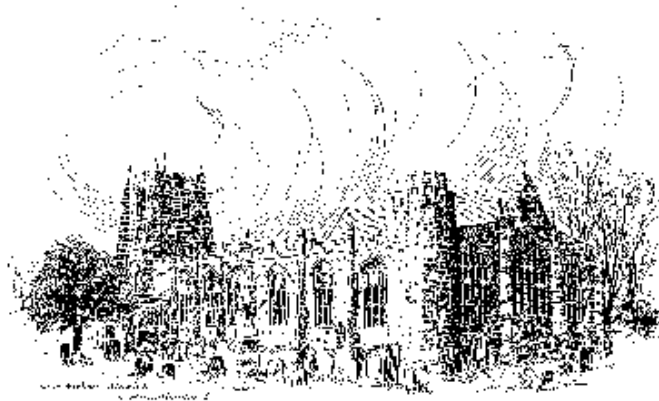


# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

## ‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’



**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023**  
**THE TWELFTH 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	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>President : Reverend Mitch</i> <i>Preacher : The Reverend Robert Chavner TSSF</i>
10.00am	<b>Parish Communion</b> <i>President : Reverend Mitch</i> <i>Preacher : The Reverend Robert Chavner TSSF</i>
2.30pm	<b>Baptism of Raya Asprey</b>
6.00pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b> <i>Officiant : Annette Playle</i>

### **Romans 12 : 1 – 8**

To serve God is both a duty and a joy, says Paul. Joy, because we are a transformed people, called to share in God's purposes. Duty, because each one of us has some vocation, to use rightly the gift we have: the whole body, church and world, needs the service of every member.

### **Matthew 16 : 13 - 20**

Jesus questions his disciples about popular opinion – who is the Son of Man? And what do the disciples think of Jesus? The eyes of Simon are

opened to the revelation that Jesus is Messiah, and he is given the new name of Peter, with a new commission, to be steady as a rock for Christ.

**HYMNS 10.00am**

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| 9   | When morning gilds the skies                      |
| 321 | Thou art the Christ, O Lord                       |
| 697 | Join all the glorious names (omit starred verses) |
| 258 | O thou who camest from above                      |

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

Everlasting God, we thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ and for revealing him as Messiah and Saviour of the World. Thank you that your Son gave St Peter the keys to the kingdom as a reward for his lively and outspoken faith and so became the bedrock foundation of your Church here on earth.

Everlasting God, we thank you for our church leaders: locally in St Michael's Church, in our Diocese of Newcastle, and throughout the Anglican Communion. We pray too for our relationships with ecumenical partners in town and for all that we can do as 'Christians together'. We pray for all who preach your word and we ask you to inspire, lead and grow us as disciples as we reach out to those in need in our communities and in your world.

Creator God, we pray for our world leaders; for the Government; for the Royal Family; for Heads of State in Europe, The Commonwealth, and for the United Nations. We also pray for our own community leaders and for positive relationships between churches and other community institutions.

Father God, we pray for children and young people who are returning to school, colleges and universities to continue their education. Help all students in their daily lessons; give them the wisdom to listen and learn. Help their teachers and give them patience and knowledge to teach well; and help them all as together they learn the lessons of life.

Loving God, we ask for your wisdom to discern your wishes and direction in our lives and ask for your help to discern how to deal with others in our daily lives; those we live and work with; those we meet in shops and supermarkets; those with whom we share our roads; and those who serve us in cafes and restaurants. May we never be 'stumbling blocks' but only

friends and supporters of those we encounter.

Gracious God, we pray for all who we know who are housebound and in nursing homes; those in hospitals, in recovery and rehabilitation. We thank you for our local hospitals, health centres and clinics, and for all those working in sheltered accommodation and care homes.

Merciful God, we pray for all those departed this life and for those who are bereaved by their passing. Help us to be sympathetic, caring and loving with those in bereavement and always ready to help practically and to pray diligently in their time of greatest need.

Holy God, we thank you that your wisdom not only enlightens us but transforms us and guides us as we go about our daily walk through life with you. May we always be grateful and full of praise for you, our great God. Amen.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup>

10.15am Holy Communion *Reverend Mitch*

### Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September

4.00pm Durham Cathedral Bell Ringers

### Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> **THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.30am Holy Communion  
*President : Reverend Mitch*  
*Preacher : John Cooke*

10.00am Parish Communion  
*President : Reverend Mitch*  
*Preacher : John Cooke*

2.30pm Baptism of Evie Pattinson  
Baptism of Elsie Wilkin

6.00pm Deanery Evensong  
*Preacher : Reverend Mitch*

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Monday, 4<sup>th</sup>

2.00pm 'Come and Meet Each Other' at Salvation Army  
(see over)

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

2.00pm First Sunday Planning Group Meeting – Parish Room  
7.00pm St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall (see over)

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup>**

10.15am Holy Communion *The Reverend Canon Sue Allen*  
4.30pm Wedding rehearsal

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Mini Michael's

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup>**

2.00pm Wedding of George Fox and Erin Smith

There will be a **Come and Meet Each Other** event at Alnwick Salvation Army on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm. Refreshments will be served during which, Paul McWilliams will share his story of how he came to know Jesus.

**St Michael and St Paul Indoor Bowls Club** The new season starts on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September. We meet in the Parish Hall every Tuesday from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. It is an informal meeting and new members would be welcome. If you would like to give it a try, then please feel free just to come along and try your hand! If you like it after a week or two, then you would be invited to join. The fees are £15 for each of our two terms (September – December and January to April). For more information please contact me – Alan Craig 01665 602806.

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