

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

## ‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’



**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**THE FOURTEENTH 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 &amp; Preacher : Reverend Mitch</i>
10.00am	<b>Parish Communion</b> <i>President &amp; Preacher : Reverend Mitch</i>
6.00pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b> <i>Officiant : John Cooke</i>

### **Ezekiel 33 : 7 - 11**

Those who see life through God's eyes are bound to confront wrongdoing and call people to repentance and reconciliation. Ezekiel knows he has this responsibility and does just what we shall later hear Jesus telling us to do.

### **Romans 13 : 8 – 14**

Love sums up all commandments and rules of life. As Paul had written to other churches earlier, he now tells the Roman Christians that in this new age, the years of Our Lord, there can be no time wasted on anything that does not feed our spiritual growth.

## Matthew 18 : 15 – 20

Jesus says that we must not be silent in the face of wrong-doing – but try not to make a big fuss about it; seek reconciliation gently. And when Christians are the catalyst for agreement and unity, there Jesus is present in his kingdom.

### HYMNS 10.00am

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| 765 | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation |
| 725 | Make me a channel of your peace                        |
| 358 | Be still, for the presence of the Lord                 |
| 365 | Let us build a house                                   |

### For your prayers this week...

The Bible readings for this week remind us that love alone is the law of the Christian community and that this requires radical forgiveness: “Owe no one anything, except to love one another.” We are also taught that, if someone sins against us, we should talk to them and work something out, remembering Jesus' words that, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Here are some prayers to help focus our thoughts along these lines:-

### *A Prayer for the healing of divisions from the Diocese of Leicester*

Gracious God,

You have gathered us from different places, different traditions and with different needs.

Of ourselves, we cannot come with undivided hearts:

unfinished business, un-mended brokenness, the hurts of the past, the fears of the present, our torn and weary world itself - all these weigh us down.

But you can lighten our hearts, revive our spirits and unite us in glad and hopeful praise;

and so we thank you for this hope.

For your forgiveness of the harm that we have done, for your healing of our deepest hurts, for your love drawing us together, we ask and thank you.

For your inspiring of our reconciliation, for your power to rebuild our lives and our communities, for your call to journey on together in faith, we ask and thank you.

And in wholehearted praise, we worship you in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***For peace in the Church***

Lord of the Church,  
we have been drawn together by the Holy Spirit;  
by one baptism into one faith, serving one Lord and Saviour.  
Do not let us tear away from one another through division or argument.  
May your peace embrace our differences, preserving us in unity,  
that we might be the radiant bride of Christ  
that is fully ready when the Bridegroom arrives. Amen.

### ***For peace***

Almighty God,  
all thoughts of truth and peace proceed from you.  
Kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace.  
Guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for  
the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward,  
until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(From the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland, St Andrew Press.)*

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

### **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am	Gateway Publishing Group Meeting in Parish Room
12.30pm	Funeral of Marilyn Vickers
7.00pm	St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall
7.00pm	PCC Meeting in Parish Hall

### **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup>**

10.15am	Holy Communion	<i>Reverend Mitch</i>
2.00pm	Mothers' Union Meeting	

### **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am	Mini Michael's
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### **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup>**

11.00am	Messy Church
6.30pm	Salvation Army Divisional Youth Choir (see over)

### **Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> *THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY***

8.30am	Holy Communion <i>President &amp; Preacher : Reverend Martin Roff</i>
10.00am	Parish Communion <i>President &amp; Preacher : The Reverend Canon Sue Allen</i>
6.00pm	Iona Style Evening Prayer <i>Officiant : Annette Playle</i>

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Monday, 18<sup>th</sup>

11.00am Funeral of Alan Miller

### Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup>

7.00pm St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall

### Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup>

10.15am Holy Communion *The Reverend Colin Perkins*

12 noon Thanksgiving Service for Ivor Muckle

### Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup>

9.30am Mini Michael's

There is a meeting of the **Gateway Publishing Group** on Tuesday September 12th at 10.00am in the Parish Room - this is an open meeting to which readers and/or contributors are invited to share thoughts and ideas about OUR magazine.

**Come and Celebrate!** For 140 years the Salvation Army has been bringing the good news, comfort, hope and joy of Jesus to the people of Alnwick. How many hearts and souls will have been touched since 1883? It's impossible to know but the number will surely be in the thousands. Come and share in a lovely evening of singing, from the Salvation Army Regional Youth Chorus, hear about the work of Christian Aid and enjoy homemade goodies with friends from around the town. It's a Birthday Party, don't miss it! There is no entrance fee but a retiring collection will be taken for Christian Aid.

**St Michael's Church, Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30pm**

Please could any items for the **October edition of Gateway** be with the editor, George Nasmyth, by 17th September – contact : [dgnasmyth1951@gmail.com](mailto:dgnasmyth1951@gmail.com) mobile 07734149322, This maybe seem a bit early, but it is following the usual pattern as two weeks after that date will be Sunday October 1st.

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