

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’



Sunday, 24th September 2023
THE SIXTEENTH 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 <i>President & Preacher : Reverend Mitch</i>
10.00am	Parish Communion <i>President & Preacher : Reverend Mitch</i>
2.30pm	Baptism of Michelle Smith
6.00pm	Evening Prayer <i>Officiant : Reverend Mitch</i>

Jonah 3 : 10 – 4 : 11

The story is that Jonah was swallowed by a whale, then sent to preach in godless Nineveh. His resentment at being there at all turned to dismay when he found that God does actually forgive people who repent. Jesus will tell his own parable of the God who does not give what we deserve, but an equal measure of sheer grace to all.

Philippians 1 : 21 – 30

The first church Paul founded in Europe was at Philippi. Some years later, from prison (probably in Rome), he writes warmly to his friends. Despite his circumstances, and sometimes a longing for his life to end, he believes

he can still be useful to God. Let the readers, then, keep faith against all their adversaries.

Matthew 20 : 1 – 16

This well-known parable of the generous land-owner helps us understand how God gives not what we might earn from him, but more than we could ever desire or deserve. In the kingdom of heaven there are no rewards, only grace to all.

HYMNS 10.00am

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| 641 | Glorious things of thee are spoken (omit v 3) |
| 785 | Such love, pure as the whitest snow |
| 621 | Dear Lord and Father of mankind |
| 690 | Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaim it |

CLOSING ORGAN VOLUNTARY **'Little' fugue in G minor BWV 578 by J S Bach**

For your prayers this week, please see insert

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 26th

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| 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
| 1.30pm | Funeral of Peter George Coltman |
| 7.00pm | St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall |

Wednesday, 27th

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| 10.15am | Holy Communion with children from
St Michael's C of E Primary School <i>Reverend Mitch</i> |
| 1.00pm | Funeral of Isabella Casson |

Thursday, 28th

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| 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
| 9.30am | Mini Michaels |
| 5.00pm | Wedding Rehearsal |

Saturday, 30th

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| 10.00am | Choir rehearsal for Harvest |
| 12 noon | Wedding of Christopher Bell & Amy Wozencroft |

Sunday, 1st October

**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

- 8.30am Holy Communion
President & Preacher : Reverend Mitch
- 10.00am Parish Communion
President & Preacher : Reverend Mitch
- 6.00pm Deanery Evensong *Officiant : John Cooke*
- 11.45am Choir rehearsal for Harvest

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, 3rd

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 7.00pm St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, 4th

- 10.15am Holy Communion *Reverend Mitch*

Thursday, 5th

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mini Michael's

Saturday, 7th

- 10.00am Choir rehearsal for Harvest
- 7.00pm Harvest Ceilidh in Parish Hall

Mini Michaels

On Thursday, 5th October we shall be celebrating the 10th anniversary of Mini Michaels. We shall hold a normal session, but it will be very much a party for the children and the parents. We have invited people who were involved with creation of Mini Michaels to come and join us. Perhaps you might wish to hold Mini Michaels in your prayers on that day.

As part of our celebrations we are inviting any member of the congregation who would like to come and see for themselves what Mini Michaels do on a Thursday morning, to come and see for yourselves on Thursday 26th October between 9.30am and 11.00am, please make a note of this if you would like to come. It would be helpful if you could let any of the Mini Michaels helpers know so we have an idea how many would like to join us that morning. Alan Craig

Greener Together

Please do keep bringing your milk bottle tops into church for recycling. Any colour is now acceptable, including the 'new' white/transparent ones. (Please pop them into the box near the sink in the loo area.)

Please don't forget to keep taking your 'soft plastics' (eg bread/dried fruit/frozen produce bags, biscuit/chocolate bar wrappers, kitchen and toilet roll packaging etc) to the recycling receptacles at either Morrisons, Sainsbury's or the Co-op on Victoria Road. (Please rinse and dry first.)

Thank you, Sue Wiltshire

The Angel Tree

Thank you to all for your donations and support.

Well done to Reverend Sue Allen who solved my fiendish quiz and to those who persevered. The answers are in October's Gateway Magazine or you can contact me, Rachel Robinson, on 01665 603478 or to make any further donations.

A Great Evening

We had an absolutely super time last Saturday night celebrating the Salvation Army's 140 years here in Alnwick. The Youth chorus were marvellous and the talk given by Helen Cunningham from Christian Aid was both encouraging and challenging. The retiring collection made £384! Thank you so much to everyone who helped in any way - sound system technician, biscuit makers, tea servers, donators and those who helped us tidy up at the end. The many parts made a great whole! Sue Wiltshire

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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Thank you.

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