THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK 'ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE'



Sunday, 8th October 2023 THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY HARVEST FESTIVAL

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 & Preacher: Reverend Mitch

10.00am Parish Communion

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6.00pm Evening Prayer

Officiant : Reverend Mitch

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

The promise of the Lord to his pilgrim people was of plentiful harvests in their own good and fertile land. They were never to forget that it is God who both guides and provides.

2 Corinthians 9 : 6 - 15

Paul uses the metaphor of seedtime and harvest, as he asks Christian people to be as generous with their gifts as God himself is the bounteous giver of all.

Luke 12:16 - 30

Jesus's parable illustrates the folly of spending energy piling up wealth, and his teaching should stop us worrying unduly about worldly needs.

God know what we need.

HYMNS	10.00am
282	Come, ye thankful people, come
650	Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father
532	All creatures of our God and King (omit vv 5 & 6)
290	We plough the fields, and scatter

During the distribution of communion, St Michael's Singers will sing:

'Thou visitest the earth' by Maurice Greene (words from Psalm 65) and 'Jubilate Deo' (Rejoice in God) composed by W A Mozart and arranged

CLOSING ORGAN VOLUNTARY

by Alan Bullard

Nu la oss take gud – Toccata (Now thank we all our God) by Egil Hovland (Norwegian, 1924 – 2013)

Thank you to St Michael's Singers for your hard work and good humour in preparing the music for this service. Your contribution is much appreciated.

Linden

For your prayers this week... (see insert)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 10th

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Michael's School Harvest Festival Rehearsal 7.00pm St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, 11th

10.15am Holy Communion The Reverend Canon Sue Allen

2.00pm St Michael's School Harvest Festival

Thursday, 12th

8.30am Morning Prayer9.30am Mini Michaels

Sunday, 15th THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.30am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne

10.00am Parish Communion

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6.00pm Taizé Style Evening Prayer

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Sue Allen

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, 17th

8.30am Morning Prayer

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

Wednesday, 18th

10.15am Holy Communion The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne

Thursday, 19th

8.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mini Michael's

Friday, 20th

2.30pm St Alban's Bell Ringers

Saturday, 21st

11.00am Messy Church

2.30pm Baptism of Agnes Horton

A New Reader to be licensed for St Michael's

We are delighted to be able to announce that Sal Howard will be licensed as a Reader at a service in Newcastle Cathedral on Saturday, 28th October at 2.00pm. Sal has previously been licensed as a Reader in the Diocese of Peterborough and will be joining the existing Readers (Annette Playle and John Cooke) on the Ministry Team here at St Michael's. You are warmly encouraged to come along to the service on the 28th to support Sal as she begins her ministry here in Alnwick, and there will be an opportunity to welcome her formally in the parish the following day, Sunday, 29th October, at both the 8.30am and the 10.00am Eucharists when she will be preaching for the first time at St Michael's. Please do keep Sal and those others who she will be licensed alongside in your prayers in the coming days and weeks.

Colin Perkins will celebrate his last Eucharist at the 10.15am service on Wednesday, 25th October. All are welcome at the service and at the celebration after.

News for the 'crafters'

It has been decided that, once again, it will be angels which are left around the town in small see-through bags for the people of Alnwick (or indeed visitors) to take home just prior to Christmas. If you still have the knitting pattern from three years ago and feel you would like to make a start, please do! For those people who would like to join in but aren't knitters, there will be alternative ideas displayed at the back of church soon.

Thank you very much, Sue Wiltshire

Angel Tree

£685.40 was raised for this year's Angel Tree's presents for prisoners' children at Christmas.

Thank you everyone for your care and support.

R Robinson and Prison Fellowship

Messy Church – can you help?

Our Messy church team were wondering if you can help? Can you make cake?, or help with craft?, can you wash up? or tell a story to a group of children and their parents? We need a number of volunteers to help occasionally or regularly with our Messy Church – this is because our messy church is growing in number. Our Messy church is on a Saturday morning once a month. If you would like to help, please contact Jane Brown 07532 226706 in the evening or weekends please.

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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