

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

## ‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’



### Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## THE NINETEENTH 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	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>President &amp; Preacher : The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne</i>
10.00am	<b>Parish Communion</b> <i>President &amp; Preacher : The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne</i>
6.00pm	<b>Taizé Style Evening Prayer</b> <i>Officiant : The Reverend Canon Sue Allen</i>

### Isaiah 25 : 1 - 9

This reading underlies Jesus's parable about the banquet of the kingdom. The prophet sees that although Jerusalem will be laid waste, within the divine plan of salvation the land will be restored, suffering and death will come to an end, and God and humanity will feast together in joy.

### Philippians 4 : 1 - 9

Our weekly readings from this warm and affectionate letter come to an end with some personal messages, and a resounding call to constancy in prayer, to mutual love, and to an intense dedication to all the best things in life within God's peace.

## Matthew 22 : 1 - 14

In Jerusalem, Jesus's parable is a lesson for those who oppose him, and for all who do not accept his invitation to join him in feasting in his kingdom.

### HYMNS 10.00am

753 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height  
800 The Lord's my shepherd  
683 Jerusalem the golden  
769 Rejoice! The Lord is King

### CLOSING ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Cabernet Sauvignon (Fanfares) from 'California Wine Suite'  
by  
Hans Uwe Hielscher

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

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> **ST LUKE**

10.15am Holy Communion *The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne*

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

9.30am Mini Michaels

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

2.30pm St Alban's Bell Ringers

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

11.00am Messy Church

2.30pm Baptism of Agnes Horton

#### Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> **THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.30am Holy Communion

*President & Preacher : The Reverend Colin Perkins*

10.00am Parish Communion

*President : Reverend Mitch Preacher : The Reverend Colin Perkins*

6.00pm Evening Prayer *Officiant : John Cooke*

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Morning Prayer

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

### Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup>

10.15am Holy Communion *The Reverend Colin Perkins*

*Please note: this will be Colin's final service at which he will preside. Please join us afterwards as we celebrate Colin's long and fruitful ministry.*

### Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Mini Michael's 'Open Day' (see below)

## **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, 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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, 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Mini Michaels**

As part of our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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.

## 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

Please could any item for the **November edition of Gateway** be e-mailed to George Nasmyth, no later than Sunday October 22nd.

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Thank you.

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