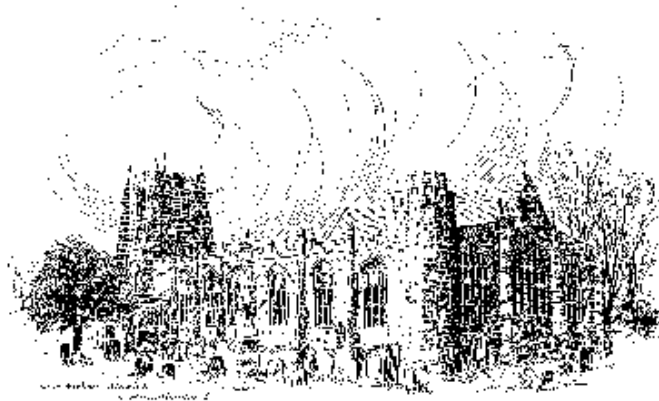


# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

## ‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’



**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**  
**THE TWENTIETH 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 : The Reverend Colin Perkins</i>
10.00am	<b>Parish Communion</b> <i>President : Reverend Mitch</i> <i>Preacher : The Reverend Colin Perkins</i>
6.00pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b> <i>Officiant : John Cooke</i>

### Isaiah 45 : 1 - 7

The Bible always encourages us to think that God's work can be done even through those who do not know him, and that any government may be his agent of good. Isaiah teaches that God will work through Cyrus, the foreign and pagan king of Persia, to free and restore the Jews.

### 1 Thessalonians 1 : 1 - 10

This is probably the earliest of all New Testament documents. Silvanus and Timothy had been with Paul on the mission to Thessalonica, and he now reflects on how marvellously the converts' lives had been changed as the Holy Spirit touched them.

## Matthew 22 : 15 - 22

We continue to read Matthew's account of Jesus challenged by religious authorities. Here, it is a trick question about secular authority, and where the primary loyalty of a religious person should be directed.

### HYMNS 10.00am

828	Ye that know the Lord is gracious
569	The kingdom of God is justice and joy
650	Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father
676	Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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

## THE WEEK 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 <i>The Reverend Colin Perkins</i> <i>Please note: this will be Colin's final service at which he will</i> <i>preside. Please join us afterwards as we celebrate Colin's long and</i> <i>fruitful ministry.</i>
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### Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup>

8.30am	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Mini Michaels 'Open Day' (see overleaf)

### Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup>    **THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.30am	Holy Communion <i>President : Reverend Mitch    Preacher : Sal Howard</i>
10.00am	Parish Communion <i>President : Reverend Mitch    Preacher : Sal Howard</i>
2.00pm	Baptism of Jacob McFall
5.00pm	Evening Prayer <i>Officiant : Annette Playle</i>

**Please note new time of evening service from today**

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup>

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

### Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November    **ALL SAINTS DAY**

10.15am	Holy Communion <i>The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne</i>
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Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup>

8.30am

Morning Prayer

### **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

### **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.

Sue Wiltshire

**Childrens' Society** If you have a Childrens' Society Box, Lynne Moir would be grateful if you could bring it into church so that the contents can be counted. Please either give to Lynne or leave at the back of church. If it is not possible to bring the box to church, please contact Lynne who will arrange to collect. 01665 602169 / 07870 506397.

Many thanks

**Advent Away Day** At St Bartholomew's Church, Whittingham on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. There is no charge for the day just a donation towards the heating.

Please see Annette Playle for more details.

**Hello Sunday Zoomers** Our next gathering will be a special one to celebrate Patricia's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. You are invited to join on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, at the usual time of 4pm.** If you would like to, please feel free to wear a celebration hat, or have balloons in evidence, and perhaps to say ONE sentence about why you appreciate Patricia.

The joining details will be as usual:

Topic: Patricia's Birthday Zoom

Time: Oct 22, 2023 04:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3068971260?pwd=czhRNU0yc0plai9oR1pqZlgrQ0hhUT09>

Meeting ID: 306 897 1260

Passcode: Alnwick

### Church Development Tool Survey:

We are currently running the Church Development Tool Survey here at St Michael's Church and we are inviting everyone in the church to take part. It's a quick, anonymous survey designed to help us to understand ourselves as a church and to shape our prayers and our planning for the future. The survey will help us to answer some important questions about our key strengths, what our focus should be, and how we can grow our faith in this church. Information packs are available to pick up from the back of the church. **Please take part by the deadline of Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November.** Thank you.

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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