

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

‘ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE’



Sunday, 29th October 2023

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

Gluten Free : If you would prefer to receive a gluten free wafer at communion, please advise one of the stewards on duty before the start of the service.

Leviticus 19 : 1 – 2, 15 - 18

When Jesus was challenged, as we shall hear, about keeping the Commandments, he quoted the two great positive laws we are never to forget. Love God with all your heart and, as Moses told the Israelites in this reading, love your neighbour as yourself.

1 Thessalonians 2 : 1 - 8

This reading continues from last Sunday, in Paul's earliest letter. It reminds the Thessalonians that his mission to them had not been like other

preachers who did it for profit, but under the gentle compulsion of the free Gospel of God.

Matthew 22 : 34 - 46

In these conversations with Sadducees and Pharisees we find Jesus turning their arguments upside-down. It was a radical challenge to their authority and to the respect they normally enjoyed. This passage includes the two great commandments of love, which Jesus quotes from the Hebrew Scriptures.

HYMNS 10.00am

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| 813 | Through the night of doubt and sorrow (omit vv 7 & 8)
A new Commandment (see insert) |
| 507 | We have a gospel to proclaim |
| 814 | Thy hand, O God, has guided |

CLOSING ORGAN VOLUNTARY
Variations on Old Psalm Tunes No 4
by
George Dyson

‘God moves in a mysterious way’ (Scottish Psalter 1635)

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 31st

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

Wednesday, 1st November

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| 10.15am | Holy Communion | <i>Reverend Mitch</i> |
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Thursday, 2nd

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| 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
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Sunday, 5th *ALL SAINTS*

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| 8.30am | Holy Communion
<i>President & Preacher : The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne</i> |
| 10.00am | Parish Communion
<i>President & Preacher : The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne</i> |
| 5.00pm | A Service of Remembrance for the Departed
<i>Reverend Mitch and Sal Howard</i> |

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, 7th

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| 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
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12.30pm Funeral of Bronwen Thew
7.00pm St Michael's Bowls Club in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, 8th

10.15am Holy Communion with children from
St Michael's C of E Primary School *Reverend Mitch*
2.00pm Mothers' Union Meeting

Thursday, 9th

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mini Michaels

WINTER MARKET is coming! Saturday, November 25th in church from 10.00am until 1.00pm.

We are hoping to have a variety of stalls - cakes, crafts, bottles, toys, preserves, mystery parcels, books and jigsaws, tombola, candles. We shall also have a raffle and provide coffee and cake; an extra this year will be soup and a roll from 12noon!

How can you help?

Your help is greatly appreciated, selling raffle tickets, spreading the word to friends and neighbours, coming along on the day and also stocking the stalls with good quality donations. There will be boxes at the back of church for you to place your donations in.

This is our main fundraising event of the autumn but also an excellent opportunity for us to welcome our community.

There will be posters and flyers at the back of church, please take and display them.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY If you have a Children's 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

GREENER TOGETHER AT CHRISTMAS The Alnwick Deanery and Environment Group's hope is that parishes *'will want to respond to God's love for creation through demonstrating care and concern for the whole of God's creation...'*

Let's flex our green muscles as much as possible during the festive season!
A few thoughts...

Paper/cardboard It has been estimated that in the UK alone we use enough wrapping paper at Christmas to stretch to the moon - 108 million rolls! Please choose carefully, foil and glitter cannot be recycled. Oxfam

have a lovely choice of both wrapping paper and cards, all of which can be recycled, are glitter free and FSC approved.

Buying gifts usually entails buying packaging too, often plastic. Lots of local art galleries sell beautiful gift items and it is always possible to say 'no thank you' to the offer of a bag. Buying vouchers from local restaurants, cafés and entertainment venues may also fit your gifting requirements. The wide range of gifts in 'World of Difference' (Narrowgate) are, as far as possible, sustainably sourced and packaged.

ADVENT AWAY DAY At St Bartholomew's Church, Whittingham on Saturday, 9th December, 10.00am - 4.00pm. There is no charge for the day just a donation towards the heating.
Please see Annette Playle for more details.

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, 11th 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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Thank you.

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