

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, ALNWICK

## 'ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE'



### Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

A warm welcome to our worship today.  
We hope you will stay for tea/coffee after the 10.00am service.

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.

### TODAY'S WORSHIP

- 8.30am            **Holy Communion**  
*President : The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne*  
*Preacher : Father Robert Chavner TSSF*
- 10.00am          **Parish Communion**  
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- 5.00pm            **Deanery Evensong at All Saints' Church, Rothbury**  
(no service at St Michael's)

- READINGS        Exodus 14 : 10 – 31, 15 : 20 - 21  
                      Acts 4 : 32 – 35  
                      John 20 : 19 – 31

- HYMNS    10.00am
- 200        Christ the Lord is risen again
- 197        Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord
- 221        Ye choirs of new Jerusalem
- 209        Love's redeeming work is done

## PRAYERS FOR EASTERTIDE...

Would we be counted among the doubters,  
hiding in the shadow cast by that cruel cross?  
Or, when challenged, like Peter openly deny you?  
There are times, Lord, when doubts assail  
and the distance between us seems to increase.  
There are times, Lord, when sin has its hold,  
like a barrier between us that will not move.  
Who is there we can turn to when we feel so overwhelmed?  
Who can roll away the stone and reveal the empty tomb?  
No-one but you, Jesus:  
no-one but you!

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Alleluia!  
Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed!  
May this declaration resound not only in these walls  
but touch the lives of all we meet  
and forever be the truth of which we speak.  
Your love, once sown within a garden,  
tended for your own people, neglected and rejected,  
now spreads its sweet perfume in this place  
and wherever it is shown.

Alleluia!  
Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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When our faith stands at the grave,  
grieving for a stone that's rolled away,  
forgive us.  
When our faith is short of understanding  
though the truth is there to see,  
forgive us.

When our faith, beset by doubt,  
sees no further than an empty tomb today,  
forgive us.

Bring to mind the cry of Mary,  
'I have seen the Lord!'  
and grant us faith to believe!

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We thank you that Easter is not about a people,  
but all people,  
that your love and your salvation  
are for all who confess with voices, hearts and lives  
that the tomb is empty because Jesus is risen;  
that we might know forgiveness,  
that lives might be reborn  
and your name glorified,  
now and for eternity. Amen.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Morning Prayer

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

### Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup>

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

12.00noon Funeral of Alan Snaith *Officiant : John Cooke, Reader*

2.00pm Mothers' Union Meeting

### Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Morning Prayer

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> The Third Sunday of Easter

8.30am Holy Communion

*President : Reverend Mitch Preacher : John Cooke*

10.00am Parish Communion

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The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will follow this service

5.00pm Evening Prayer *Officiant : Annette Playle*

### Monday, 15<sup>th</sup>

3.00pm Meeting of the Trustees of St Paul's Educational Trust

## Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Morning Prayer

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

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

10.15am Holy Communion *Reverend Mitch*

## Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Mini Michael's

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

11.00am Messy Church

### **Lent Lunch Donations**

The total amount raised this year was £1129.50. (This is a little down on last year when £1206.80 was raised). The money has been divided equally between Cafod, Christian Aid and Alnwick District Food Bank. Thank you to all who came along to enjoy good fellowship together.

Sue Wiltshire

### **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Please take copies of agenda, reports etc., from the back of church, in readiness for the Annual Meeting, which will take place after the 10.00am service on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April.

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You can now make one-off donations towards the work of St Michael's Church online by scanning the QR code. Alternatively, you are welcome to use the card reader at the back of the church (all major cards accepted). If you would prefer to make a regular donation in support of the life and ministry of the church, please sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme by visiting : [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) and use the Parish Code 250625172. Thank you for your generous 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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