



St. Michael's

ALNWICK

Sunday, 16th November 2025

The Second Sunday Before Advent

Safeguarding Sunday

A warm welcome to our worship today.
Please do join us for refreshments after the 10.00am service.

Gluten Free: If you would prefer to receive a gluten free wafer at communion, please receive from the officiating minister and indicate your preference to them.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

- 8.30am** **Holy Communion (BCP)**
President & Preacher : Reverend Mitch, Vicar
- 10.00am** **Parish Communion**
President & Preacher : Reverend Mitch, Vicar
- 5.00pm** **Taizé Style Evening Prayer**
Officiant : Sal Howard, Licensed Reader

HYMNS

- 580 Judge eternal, throned in splendour
SHEET May this place be one of nurture
783 Stand up, and bless the Lord
705 Let us rejoice. God's gift to us is peace!

- READINGS:** James 2 : 14 - 26
 1 John 3 : 16 - 24
 John 10 : 1 - 10

Organ Voluntary *Grand plein Jeu and Dialogue sur les grands Jeux* from
Suite du Premier Ton by Clerambault

Mass Setting Margaret Rizza (*see yellow sheets*)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, 17th

8.30am Morning Prayer
7.00pm Alpha Course in Parish Hall

Tuesday, 18th

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

Wednesday, 19th

10.15am Holy Communion
3.15pm Junior Choir Practice

Thursday, 20th

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mini Michaels

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, 23rd

8.30am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Monday, 24th

8.30am Morning Prayer
7.00pm Alpha Course in Parish Hall

Tuesday, 25th

8.30am Morning Prayer
7.00pm St Michael's Bowls Club

Wednesday, 26th

10.15am Holy Communion with Harry Hotspur CE Primary School
3.15pm Junior Choir Practice

Thursday, 27th

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mini Michaels
7.00pm Royal Northern Sinfonia Concert

Saturday, 29th

8.00am Men's Breakfast at Oaks Hotel (see over)
12.30pm Wedding of Fergus Izat and Polly Smith

Advance dates for your diary:

- **Men's Breakfast** – The next Men's Breakfast will be on **Saturday, 29th November at 8.00am** at the Oaks Hotel. The cost of the breakfast is £12 to be paid on the day. To book your place, please email Mitch at alnwickvicar@gmail.com by 23rd November at the latest.
- Please note that, due to the Christmas Tree Festival being set-up, **there will be no mid-week Eucharist on Wednesday, 3rd December.**
- **Ukrainian Coffee Morning 6th December.** Please help to raise funds for aid trips to those in need in Ukraine. Costello Centre 10.00am-12 noon, hot drinks and lovely cakes! Music, tombola and raffle.

Greener Together

This Christmas, instead of exchanging cards within our church, the eco team suggests donating to Oxfam by purchasing a virtual gift from the shop in Narrowgate. This allows you support a cause that matters to you, like clean water, sustainable farming, or girls' education, and you'll receive a card to display in church, showing the needs that we're helping to meet. If you'd like to take part, please give your card to Elizabeth, Vicky, or Sue by December 14th (add your name on the back if you'd like it returned).

Vicky Mitchell, Elizabeth Bland, and Sue Wiltshire

Winter Market Donations

The Winter Market will be taking place again this year, on Saturday, 6th December, as part of the Christmas Tree Festival. Please could you donate as generously as you can to the stalls, so we have plenty of prizes and items to sell. We need donations for the Craft Stall, Mystery Parcels Stall, the Bottle Stall, the Tombola and the Books and Jigsaws Stall please. Please leave your donations in the boxes at the back of the church. Thank you.

Christmas Tree Festival Raffle – Lots of lovely prizes!

Raffle tickets are available at the back of church. Please take some to sell to neighbours and friends before the festival. **Please return money and stubs to church no later than Sunday, 30th November.**

If you have a notice or article for the December / January Issue of Gateway, it should reach the Editor, preferably by email (dgnasmyth1951@gmail.com), no later than 09:00 Wednesday, 26th November 2025.

Going Deeper

As you may recall, we discussed starting some weekday groups to provide an opportunity for exploring different aspects of our faith, the Bible, or Christian perspectives on current issues in greater depth. Several of you kindly shared your availability, and we have been working to determine the most suitable days to meet. We are currently planning to begin on Wednesday afternoons, with the possibility of expanding to other days and times in the future. However, as we approach a particularly busy season, we have decided to postpone the start of these groups until the new year. We will contact those who have expressed interest once we have confirmed a date and location. Thank you.

www.stmichaelsalnwick.org.uk

New website is now live!

We are very excited to announce that our new website is now live! Please do visit it and have a look. There will no doubt be some initial teething problems, so if you spot anything that's wrong or needs adding or changing, please let Mitch know by email. Thank you.

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 and use the Parish Code 250625172. Thank you for your generous support.



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.

The Parish of St. Michael & St. Paul is a Registered Charity, No. 1131297

Vicar : The Reverend Christian Mitchell (Mitch)

Telephone : 01665 497516

Email : alnwickvicar@gmail.com

Curate : The Reverend Fran Bell

Telephone: 01665 539505

Email : alnwickcurate@gmail.com
