



St. Michael's

ALNWICK

Sunday, 14th December 2025

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**
President : Reverend Mitch, Vicar
Preacher : Sal Howard, Licensed Reader
- 10.00am** **Parish Communion**
President : Reverend Mitch, Vicar
Preacher : Sal Howard, Licensed Reader
- 5.00pm** **Carol Service at Denwick Chapel**
Officiant : Reverend Mitch, Vicar
Preacher : Annette Playle, Licensed Reader

HYMNS

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| 46 | On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry |
| 26 v3 | John the Baptist, by his preaching |
| 55 | When the King shall come again |
| 42 | Longing for light we wait in darkness |
| 818 | To God be the glory |

- READINGS:** Isaiah 35 : 1 - 10
 James 5 : 7 - 10
 Matthew 11 : 2 - 11

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, 15th

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday, 16th

8.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday, 17th

10.15am Holy Communion

2.00pm Harry Hotspur CE School Christmas Service in church

3.15pm Junior Choir practice

Thursday, 18th

8.30am Morning Prayer

3.00pm Apple Blossom Nursery Carol Service in church

9.30am Mini Michaels

Friday, 19th

9.00am Decorating church for carol service (see note opposite)

4.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday, 20th

10.00am Choir Practice + Junior Choir

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, 21st

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Monday, 22nd

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday, 23rd

8.30am Morning Prayer

Christmas Eve

10.15am Holy Communion

4.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas Family Service

There will be a service of **Advent Carols and Readings by Candlelight at Shepherds Law Hermitage today at 2.00pm**. This will be followed by hot drinks and cake. Please be aware that parking at the site is limited. Postcode for the venue is NE66 2DZ.

GREENER TOGETHER - Let's celebrate the good stuff!

Gallery Forty5

Gallery Forty5 in Felton is holding its final repair shop of the year on Saturday, December 20th. We are invited to bring along 'clothes, household fabrics, items that need sharpening, toys, ceramics, small pieces of furniture etc', to be given a second life.

A few seasonal Eco thoughts:

- Look out for 'good' wrapping paper which can be recycled (as opposed to the shiny type). There is a great selection in the Oxfam shop.
- Cards with glitter or shiny bits can't be recycled.
- Foil is so handy but unfortunately it is hard on the environment - it uses a great deal of heat in the making, and the mining of the aluminium produces a product known as 'red mud' which poses an environmental hazard so use as sparingly as you can manage.
- Pop those left-overs in jars or lidded containers (or use a good old plate and saucer!) rather than cling film, which is plastic. (Environmentally friendly cling film and foil can be bought at 'World of Difference').
- 'Sellotape' have now made a plastic free version of their product and paper-based parcel tape is also on the market, both at Sainsbury's.
- It will be a while before we can return home with no plastic in our shopping bags, but in the meantime we can at least make sure all our 'soft' plastics (bread and frozen food bags etc) are returned to either Sainsbury's or the Co-op to be turned into new products! And of course, reuse the bags which we can't avoid buying for other things (once washed); frozen food bags, peas etc are particularly good for this. Keep a good supply of them handy. It is possible to buy rolls of plastic free bags on the internet.

It is getting a little easier to be a little greener and if we cheerfully do what we can God will multiply our 'offerings'.

Happy Christmas from the Church Eco Team (Elizabeth, Vicky and Sue).

Can you help decorate the church Friday, 19th December ready for our Carol Service on the 21st? If so, please come along at 9.00am to help. Thank you.

Please note: There will be no mid-week Eucharist on Wednesday, 31st December.

Thank you!

Thank you so much to all of you who helped in any way to make last weekend's Christmas Tree Festival such a huge success, whether you were stewarding, serving refreshments, performing, decorating trees, selling raffle tickets, setting up, or on the organising committee, thank you very much indeed. We simply couldn't have done it without you.

We are delighted to have welcomed over 2,600 people through our doors over the course of the Festival, and the feedback has been universally positive. This is definitely a firm fixture in the calendar now, and we are already starting to think about planning for next year's festival!

Thank you, too, to the team of people who turned up on Tuesday to help clean the church ready for our Christmas services. It was great to see so many of you and the church really is looking beautifully clean now. Thank you. *Mitch.*



To access the church WiFi, choose the Network 'St Michael Alnwick Guest' on your device, and enter the password:

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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 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.

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