



St. Michael's

ALNWICK

Sunday, 22nd March 2026

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 : Canon Sue Allen Preacher : Reverend Fran Bell, Curate
- 10.00am** **Parish Communion**
President : Reverend Mitch Preacher : Reverend Fran Bell, Curate
- 5.00pm** **Evening Prayer**
Officiant : Ann Wager-Bradley, Licensed Reader

- HYMNS**
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| 702 | Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us |
| 145 | It is a thing most wonderful |
| 669 | I heard the voice of Jesus say |
| 806 | There's a wideness in God's mercy |

- READINGS**
- Ezekiel 37 : 1 - 14
Romans 8 : 6 - 11
John 11 : 1 - 45

- Organ Voluntary** *Organ Sonata No 2, 1st movement (Grave)
by Felix Mendelssohn*
- Other Music** *1st movement from "Stabat Mater" by Pergolesi (duet)*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, 23rd

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
2.00pm Harry Hotspur CE Primary School Easter Service in church

Tuesday, 24th

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
7.00pm St Michael's Bowls Club in Parish Hall (Large)
7.00pm PCC Meeting in Parish Hall (Small)

Wednesday, 25th

- 10.15am Holy Communion
12.00noon Lent Lunch, St James's Church, Pottergate
6.00pm Alnwick & District Choral Society technical walk through
7.00pm Lent Course at The Coach House, 2A Bondgate Within

Thursday, 26th

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mini Michaels

Friday, 27th

- 6.00pm Alnwick & District Choral Society Rehearsal until 9pm

Saturday 28th

- 11.30am ADCS Rehearsals with soloists begin
7.00pm Alnwick & District Choral Society Spring Concert

Sunday, 29th

Palm Sunday

- 8.30am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion starting at The Castle Barbican
5.00pm Palm Sunday Service at Denwick Chapel

Monday, 30th

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
9.00am Church cleaning until 11.00am

Tuesday, 31st

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Quiet Day at Shepherd's Law
7.00pm St Michael's Bowls Club in Parish Hall

Wednesday, 1st April

- 10.15am Holy Communion
7.00pm Lent Course at The Coach House, 2A Bondgate Within

Thursday, 2nd Maundy Thursday

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mini Michael's
7.30pm Eucharist of The Last Supper with Watch of Witness

Friday, 3rd

1.00pm

Good Friday

Hour at the cross followed by Liturgy of Good Friday

Saturday 4th

7.30pm

Service of Light with Easter Fire

Holy Week Services

Please do make a note of the dates and times of the various services in Holy Week (see poster at the back of the church). I strongly encourage you to join in with as many of them as you possibly can, even if it isn't your tradition to do so, as we journey together to the cross and the empty tomb of Easter Day. We are very much looking forward to welcoming The Very Reverend Jane Hedges to lead the reflections/sermons at our Holy Week services for us this year. *Revd. Mitch, Vicar*

A Cross of Flowers

On Easter morning the bare wooden cross of Good Friday will be transformed into a glorious display of spring flowers, as a joyful symbol of the resurrection hope. But we need your help! **Please would you bring with you to the Easter Day services a hard-stemmed flower?** We will then invite you to bring them up during one of the hymns on Easter morning, and a small team will arrange them there and then to create a beautiful Easter display for all to enjoy. Thank you for your help.

Church Cleaning in preparation for Easter Celebrations – help wanted!

We are asking for volunteers to help vacuum and dust the church in preparation for the Easter Celebrations.

Cleaning will be on Monday 30th March for two hours, between 09:00 - 11:00. Please bring vacuum cleaners and dusters if you are able.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church for those who can help. Thank you, as always, for the effort you put in to keeping the church building looking clean and loved!

Organ Recital

Linden, one of our organists, will be giving an organ recital at Newcastle Cathedral on Monday, 23rd March at 1.05pm. All welcome. Music with a Lenten theme. Free entry.

Gateway

If you have any notices or articles that you would like to be included in the April edition of Gateway please make sure that they reach the editor George Nasmyth no later than 09:00 on Monday 23rd March 2026, preferably by e-mail (dgnasmyth1951@gmail.com).

An Invitation!

Please come along and enjoy a supper organised by the 'Rooted' youth group. The evening will include a simple re-enactment of the Passover and will take place on Saturday, 28th March, 5.00pm for 5.15pm start at South Charlton Village Hall (at the other end of the village to the A1, NE66 2NA). Tickets are £5 and to be purchased in advance from Rachel Adkins 07427374902. There are limited numbers so do book early. Please support these young people if you can as they grow into being tomorrow's church.

Rooted Youth Group

The group are holding a Coffee Morning and Craft Sale at **St James's Church, Pottergate from 10.00am until 12 noon on Monday, 4th May.** Money raised will help support a child in Rwanda. Please see poster at back of church for details.



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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