



St. Michael's

ALNWICK

Sunday, 23rd November 2025
CHRIST THE KING

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 & Preacher : Reverend Mitch, Vicar
- 10.00am** **Parish Communion**
President : Reverend Mitch, Vicar
Preacher : Canon Philip Bourne
- 5.00pm** **Evening Prayer**
Officiant : Reverend Fran Bell, Curate

HYMNS

- 227 Crown him with many crowns
794 The King of love my shepherd is
453 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
663 How shall I sing that majesty

- READINGS:** Jeremiah 23 : 1 - 6
 Colossians 1 : 11 - 20
 Luke 23 : 33 - 43

- Mass Setting** Margaret Rizza (*see yellow sheets*)

THE WEEK AHEAD

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
12.30pm Wedding of Fergus Izat and Polly Smith
2.30pm Choir Practice

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, 30th Advent Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
11.45am Choir Practice
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Monday, 1st December – Saturday, 6th December

Please note: there will be no services in the church all week due to the set-up for the Christmas Tree Festival. Worship will resume as normal on Sunday, 7th December. (See separate flier for Tree Festival timings)

Monday, 1st

7.00pm Alpha Course in Parish Hall

Tuesday, 2nd

7.00pm St Michael's Bowls Club

Wednesday, 3rd

3.15pm Junior Choir practice at Harry Hotspur School

Friday, 5th

5.30pm Soprano and Alto Choir Practice at Butcher's Close

Saturday, 6th

10.00am Ukrainian Coffee Morning at Costello Centre

Angels and Bells

Just a little reminder that knitted/crafted items should be handed to Sue Wiltshire **on or before Sunday, 7th December**. Thank you. (Apologies for the mistake in the magazine, where the date given was 6th December.)

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, the Books and Jigsaws Stall and the Cake Stall please. Please leave your donations in the boxes at the back of the church, except for cakes, which need to be brought on morning of Market. 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, (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.

Church Cleaning after the Christmas Tree Festival

"Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help at the Christmas Tree Festival. This could not take place without you. Now we are asking for volunteers to help clean the Church after the Festival. In order to make sure the church is ready for the Mayor's Carol Service on 10th December, the only date that we can clean the church is **Tuesday, 9th December**.

We'll divide the church into areas and identify what cleaning needs to be done in each area. It would also be helpful to have as many vacuum cleaners as possible, and any other products that will help with the task! We will also provide tea and coffee, and even cake! There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church for the next few weeks – please sign up to help if you can, thank you".

The Churchwardens.

www.stmichaelsalnwick.org.uk

New website now live!

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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