



# St. Michael's

ALNWICK

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

## **THE FIRST 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 & Preacher : Reverend Mitch, Vicar*
- 10.00am**           **Parish Communion**  
*President & Preacher : Reverend Mitch, Vicar*
- 2.30pm**            **Baptism of Nate Marshall**  
*Officiant : Reverend Fran Bell, Assistant Curate*
- 5.00pm**            **Evening Prayer**  
*Officiant : Sal Howard, Licensed Reader*

- HYMNS**
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| 121 | Forty days and forty nights       |
| 702 | Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us |
| 131 | O for a closer walk with God      |
| 646 | God is working his purpose out    |

- READINGS**
- Genesis 2 : 15 -17, 3 : 1 - 7  
Romans 5 : 12 - 19  
Matthew 4 : 1 - 11

- Organ Voluntary**      *Grave, 1<sup>st</sup> movement from Sonata No 1 in C minor*  
by J Rheinberger

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup>

8.30am Morning Prayer

7.00pm Lent Course Session 1 – Parish Hall (Small Hall)

### Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Morning Prayer

7.00pm St Michael's Bowls Club

### Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup>

10.15am Holy Communion

12.00noon Lent Lunch, St James's Church, Pottergate

### Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Mini Michaels

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am All Together Worship Service

5.00pm Denery Service at St John the Baptist Church, Alnmouth

### Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup>

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Funeral of Alyson Thompson in Denwick Chapel

### Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>

8.30am Morning Prayer

7.00pm St Michael's Bowls Club

### Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup>

10.15am Holy Communion

12.00noon Lent Lunch, St James's Church, Pottergate

7.00pm Lent Course at The Coach House, 2A Bondgate Within

### Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Mini Michaels

## **New Email Address for Parish Administrator**

Please note that Lorna's old email address is no longer working. Please use this new email address for all emails relating to parish admin:

[stmichaels.alnwick@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaels.alnwick@gmail.com)

## **Gateway Magazine**

The deadline for notices and articles for the March 2026 edition of Gateway is 09:00hrs on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - please send anything you would like to be included to George Nasmyth (email: [dgnasmyth1951@gmail.com](mailto:dgnasmyth1951@gmail.com)) by that date.

## **Charities Supporting Abducted Children**

*The following notice appeared in this month's edition of The Gateway Magazine and is repeated here for your reference:*

Since the beginning of the Ukrainian-Russian war nearly 20,000 Ukrainian children have been taken from their homes into Russia or Russian occupied territory. Many are being forced into the military and made to fight against their own country. This is a crime beyond description. There are two charities working to find these children and return them to their homes. They are; Bring Kids Back and War Child (Return every child). So far about a thousand have been rescued and returned to their loved ones. The rescue missions have to be undercover, are dangerous and of course cost money. If you would like to support either of these charities, please visit; [www.warchild.org.uk](http://www.warchild.org.uk) and /or [www.bringkidsback.org.ua](http://www.bringkidsback.org.ua)

*Sue Wiltshire*

## **The Ministry of Flowers**

In the February edition of The Gateway Magazine, I wrote about the importance of the ministry of flowers in the life of our church. As we enter the season of Lent, a time when flowers are removed from the church, I invite you to give prayerful thought to whether you might feel called to help with this important and much valued ministry. If we want to see our church beautifully decorated to the glory of God in the years ahead, we must be willing to offer our time and care in this rewarding and joyful ministry. Please use the weeks of Lent to reflect on whether you are able to help.

For more information, please speak to Pat Taylor.

Thank you, Mitch.

## Concerts @ St Michael's in March

St Michael's Church will be hosting two exciting concerts in March this year. On **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be hosting **A Candlelit Experience by Lumos**. Lumos hold live music events across the country that transform beautiful spaces such as our church into intimate concert settings, illuminated by the warm glow of candlelight (LED). We will be hosting three separate sittings: 5–6pm, 7–8pm, and 9–10pm, featuring instrumental performances of the music of Coldplay. The performances combine atmospheric lighting with professional musicianship to create a reflective and memorable musical experience. We are delighted to welcome Lumos to our church and to see our building used in this creative and uplifting way. For more details, visit [www.lumos-experiences.com](http://www.lumos-experiences.com)

Two weeks later, on **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March**, we are delighted to be welcoming the **Alnwick & District Choral Society** to St Michael's for their Spring Concert. Please see the poster at the back of church for details.



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

**B3mygu3st**

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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.



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

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