St.Michael's
ALNWICK

Sunday, 15th November 2026

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

(The Second Sunday Before Advent)

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

Gluten-Free: If you require a gluten-free wafer at communion, please let our welcome team know. You will need to receive from the officiating minister.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

8.30am **Holy Communion, BCP**
President: Reverend Christian Mitchell, Vicar
Preacher: Sal Howard, Licensed Reader

10.00am **Parish Communion**
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5.00pm **Evening Prayer, Taizé style**
Leader: Reverend Christian Mitchell, Vicar

HYMNS
648 God of grace and God of glory
(sheet) May this place be one of nurture
676 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
719 Lord, the light of your love is shining

READINGS
Psalm 91: 1-6, 11-16
1 John 3: 16-24
Matthew 18: 1-7, 10-14

Mass setting *David Thorne*
Voluntary *Seth Bingham: Overture from "Baroques" Suite for Organ*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 17th

8.30am	Morning Prayer
7.00pm	PCC Meeting in the Parish Hall (small hall)
7.00pm	Bowls Club in the Parish Hall (large hall)
	NO 'GOING DEEPER' TONIGHT

Wednesday, 18th

10.15am	Holy Communion

Thursday, 19th

8.30am	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Mini Michaels

Friday, 20th

7.00pm	People's Emergency Briefing, at Alnwick Playhouse

Saturday, 21st

11.00am	Messy Church

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, 22nd ***Christ the King***

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

Tuesday, 24th

8.30am	Morning Prayer
7.00pm	PCC Meeting in the Parish Hall (small hall)
7.00pm	Bowls Club in the Parish Hall (large hall)
	NO 'GOING DEEPER' TONIGHT

Wednesday, 25th

10.15am	Holy Communion

Thursday, 26th

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

Scam Emails

Please be aware that scammers are posing as people you are likely to trust, such as your Vicar or Curate, and sending emails to people in the church family asking you to make contact. Please remember, we will never email you to ask for money or vouchers, ever, so please delete any such emails you may receive. Thank you.

People's Emergency Briefing

On Friday 20th November at 7pm, Alnwick Playhouse is hosting a second screening of this film in which experts talk about the impact that climate change will have across the UK, and the importance of making the right preparation.

The makers of the film feel that the country as a whole has not been properly informed, and until the voters are fully aware, the government will not be sufficiently backed to act.

Over 134,000 people, including many Members of Parliament, have signed a petition proposing that a Covid-style briefing, introduced by the Prime Minister, should be broadcast to the nation. This will be debated in Parliament on 16th November.

Winter Market 2026

As part of the Christmas Tree Festival we shall be holding a slightly condensed Winter Market on Saturday, December 5th from 10am – 1pm. We shall need donations for a Tombola including bottles, a cake stall and a Mystery Parcels stall. Our popular craft stall will be open throughout the Festival as well as during the Winter Market, so we shall need lots of 'stock'. Please leave any donations at the back of church in boxes provided.

Gateway Magazine Deadlines

Because the next edition of Gateway is a combined edition for December 2026 and January 2027, please ensure that any notices about events in January, or even early February, as well as those for December, reach the editor, George Nasmyth dgnasmyth1951@gmail.com, by 9am on Monday 23rd November.

Church admin

Please could you ensure that all items which need to go into the pew sheet are received at the office administrator email address below by midday on a Wednesday each week. Thank you.

FURTHER DIARY DATES

Friday – Sunday, 4th – 6th December Christmas Tree Festival

Tuesday, 8th December 6.30pm Mayor's Civic Carol Service in church

Sunday, 13th December 5.00pm Denwick Carol Service, Denwick Chapel

Sunday, 20th December 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight, St Michael's

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

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To make one-off donations towards the work of St Michael's Church please scan 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

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Gradual Hymn

May this place be one of nurture
where we all may come to know
how your endless love sustains us
as we live and move and grow.
May we work to build your kingdom
full of truth and light and grace,
living life in all its fullness
held in one divine embrace.

For you hold the broken hearted
till they learn to live again,
and your justice stands like mountains,
while your mercy falls like rain
when the smallest child is valued,
and the strong empower the weak,
when each human life is hallowed
and the unheard voices speak:

So with humble thanks we praise you
and we lift to you in prayer
all the people you are calling
to this ministry of care.
Give us wisdom, grace and courage,
holding fast to all that's good,
seeing Christ in one another
we will love and serve our Lord.

Additional notices

Alternative printing

As part of the 'Radical Welcome' stream of our Mission Action Plan, we are trying to ensure that everyone feels welcome at St Michael's, and want to enable people to participate fully in the life and worship of our church.
Some things will take some time: sadly we can't immediately offer disabled access to all of our facilities. That's a much bigger project. But some things we can do quickly.
We are aware that for people with dyslexia, or certain other neurotypes, printing can be easier to read if it is on coloured paper. We have therefore started to offer a few copies of our pew sheet on yellow or pink paper. It would be helpful to know how many people might find this helpful, so that we can produce the right quantity.
In addition, we have looked into purchasing dyslexia-friendly Bibles, however we have discovered that the Bible version we use is not currently available in this format. We would be happy to obtain some coloured transparent filters to put over the pages in our pew Bibles if this would help people, or to print out the day's readings on coloured paper.
If any of these adjustments would help you, please speak to Sal.
If you would prefer to remain anonymous, please put a note in her pigeonhole. Thank you.

Christmas cards

Last year, rather than giving cards to friends in church that they would be able to greet anyway, many folks embraced the idea of buying a virtual charity gift card from the Oxfam shop instead. These lovely cards were then displayed in church. Once again this year, cards supporting a wide range of Oxfam's work are available at a variety of prices. If this is something you would like to be part of, please give your cards to one of the eco team by Sunday 13th December. We will endeavour to display the cards differently this year, allowing the purchaser's name to be seen!
Elizabeth, Sue and Vicky