St.Michael's
ALNWICK

Sunday, 22nd November 2026

CHRIST THE KING
(The 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**
President & Preacher: Reverend Philip Bourne, Retired Priest with PTO

10.00am **Parish Communion**
President: Reverend Fran Bell, Assistant Curate
Preacher: Reverend Philip Bourne, Retired Priest with PTO

5.00pm **Evening Prayer**
Leader: Annette Playle, Licensed Reader

HYMNS
35 Fling wide the gates
795 The kingdom is upon you!
232 The head that once was crowned with thorns
612 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

READINGS
Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1: 15-23
Matthew 25: 31-46

In this morning's Parish Communion service you will be invited to take a strand from the Belonging prayer station away with you. This is to remind you that you belong to Christ and this community, and to act as a prompt to pray for those who do not yet know that they belong just as they are.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, 23rd

9.00am Organ being tuned in church (all day)

Tuesday, 24th

8.30am Morning Prayer
7.00pm 'Going Deeper' in the Parish Hall (small hall)
7.00pm Bowls Club in the Parish Hall (large hall)

Wednesday, 25th

10.15am Holy Communion

Thursday, 26th

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, 29th ***Advent Sunday***

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

Monday, 30th November – Thursday,3rd December

The church will be closed for the Christmas Tree Festival set up

Tuesday, 1st December

8.30am Morning Prayer
7.00pm 'Going Deeper' in the Parish Hall (small hall)
7.00pm Bowls Club in the Parish Hall (large hall)

Wednesday, 2nd

NO HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, 3rd

8.30am Morning Prayer
NO MINI MICHAELS
6.00pm Christmas Tree Festival Preview Evening

Friday, 4th

10.00am Christmas Tree Festival, open until 5.00pm

Saturday, 5th

10.00am Christmas Tree Festival, open until 7.00pm

Angel Tree

If you would like to support Angel Tree, and donate towards providing gifts which help keep the fragile thread between prisoners and their children this Christmas, there will be a collection plate at the back of church this week and next, along with gift-aid forms.

Winter Market 2026

Our slightly condensed Winter Market will be on Saturday, December 5th from 10am – 1pm. Donations for a bottle tombola, cakes and mystery parcels are very much needed, as well as crafts.
Please leave any donations at the back of church in boxes provided.

Ecumenical Advent Group

Andrew and Michelle Duff are hosting a 4-week course based on the Archbishop of York's advent book for 2026, 'Walking with angels'. We will focus on words of angels found in scripture and interactions between heaven and earth, and how this might inspire us to pray for our town. Sessions are Wednesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd December at 2pm. Numbers are limited, so please RSVP to duffandrew@btinternet.com, or 07947 600779. Please ask if you don't know the Duffs' address!

Gateway Magazine Deadlines

The next edition of Gateway is a combined edition for December 2026 and January 2027. Please ensure that any notices reach George Nasmyth, dgnasmyth1951@gmail.com, by 9am on Monday 23rd November.

Helping save men's lives

Father Robert would like to thank all those who supported his walk for Prostate Cancer UK during October, and those who walked some of the way with him. He covered 172.27km on foot, and raised £2,353, exceeding both of his targets.

Church cleaning

There is no month-end cleaning for November, since the church is about to fill with trees and our regular Christmas chaos! But, cleaning volunteers, please conserve your energy for Tuesday 8th December, where we will stay as long as it takes to clear up after the Festival and before the Mayor's Carol Service that evening. You are welcome even if you can only do a short stint, but if you can help for longer, please bring a packed lunch, We will provide coffee and cake, and convivial company.

FURTHER DIARY DATES

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

Where's the Vicar?

Revd. Mitch is taking the 11am service at St John The Divine, Acklington today.

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.

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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