

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Sunday 11th April 2021

The Second Sunday of Easter *Low Sunday*



Welcome to St Michael & All Angels today as we continue to celebrate Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord. May we all be strengthened and sustained in the joy and hope that comes through sharing his risen life.

Readings: Exodus 14, v. 10 - 31 and 15, v. 20 - 21; Acts 4, v. 32 - 35

Gospel: John 20, v. 19 - 31

His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

Following the announcement on Friday of the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, the Union Flag was flown at half-mast on the church tower and at 6.00 pm the tenor bell was tolled 99 times, half-muffled, once for each year of Prince Philip's life. This morning, an Act of Prayer and Remembrance will precede the celebration of the Eucharist. A Book of Condolence (see below) will be made available in church.

Book of Commemoration and Condolence for Prince Philip

At this time it is not possible to have a communal Book of Commemoration available in church. We have provided individual commemorative sheets for you to take away and return when you have had a chance to write your own message. These will be gathered together and bound in a suitable format before being forwarded to Buckingham Palace as a token of support from St Michael & All Angels and the local Community.

On-line Books of Condolence may be accessed at:

<https://www.royal.uk/condolence>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/remembering-his-royal-highness-prince-philip>

Coronavirus Restrictions

Please remember that we are still governed by both regulations and common sense. We should maintain social distancing and hygiene measures in the building and not congregate in groups of more than six people and/or two households out of doors. Please wear a face covering and follow the directions of the stewards at all times

Unless there is a change in the situation vis à vis the pandemic locally or nationwide, worship will continue at 11.00 am on Sundays with the celebration of the Eucharist. The church will remain locked during the week until further notice.

Please be assured that the Standing Committee and the PCC are monitoring the situation regularly and taking note of updated advice from the Diocese and the Government.

Annual Meetings

The Annual Vestry Meeting to elect Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to transact essential church business, elect members of the PCC and Deanery Synod and to receive reports on the past year (2020) will take place on Sunday 9th May following the Eucharist service. Nomination forms for Wardens, PCC and Electoral Roll are available at the back of church. Please place completed forms in the box provided no later than Sunday 2nd May. Following the APCM there will be a short meeting of the new PCC.

Revision of Electoral Roll

If you know of anyone who like to join the Electoral Roll, please do fill in a nomination form (available at the back of church) and return it to church by Friday 23 April. The updated Electoral Roll will be then be available in advance of the APCM on Sunday 9 May 2021.

'Giving Thanks' for Vaccinations

I know that many have now received their first Coronavirus vaccination (and some their second), for which we give thanks to God, and pray for his continued blessing on the ongoing national vaccination programme in its efforts. Christian Aid (<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-donate/give-thanks-your-coronavirus-vaccine>) have encouraged those who have received a Coronavirus vaccine to reflect on whether they might like to 'give thanks' by making a donation to help the world's most vulnerable peoples while their access to the vaccine is out of reach.

Please pray

For the process underway to recruit and appoint a new Headteacher for our Church of England Primary School over the coming weeks.

Anna Chaplaincy

Anna Chaplaincy is the name for an important initiative which Churches Together in Cumbria launched in the county in 2020. It has been endorsed by Bishops James and Emma, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Lancaster, the Chair of the Cumbria Methodist District and by other Church Leaders. Anna Chaplaincy (AC) is a ministry to older people and its purpose may best be summarised as follows:

"AC seeks to accompany older people at this age and stage of their lives. It is an ecumenical, community based chaplaincy promoting the spiritual welfare of older people. AC is a person-centred and non-judgemental ministry for people of strong, little, or no faith at all. It involves visiting older people wherever they may be living, whether in residential and nursing homes, sheltered housing, retirement complexes or private homes. The emphasis is on spiritual support but, clearly, people's practical struggles will also play a part in their overall well-being."

Anna Chaplains are supported by Anna Friends. Anyone can become an Anna Chaplain or Anna Friend. If you feel you might be drawn to this type of ministry please contact Viv Stirrup who will be able to give you further information about training opportunities.

There are two courses due to start this coming week online:

Wednesday (2.00 - 4.00 pm) - beginning Wednesday 14th April and running to Wednesday 19th May.

Thursday (6.00 - 8.00 pm) - beginning Thursday 15th April and running to Thursday 20th May.

For more information contact Viv Stirrup or the Anna Chaplaincy lead for Cumbria, Katherine Froggatt (acctic@outlook.com).

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