St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

31st August 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to the church of St Michael & All Angels. Our aim is to be a friendly and inclusive church. We hope you enjoy our worship together. After the service please join us for refreshments and a chat.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings for 10.00 am:

First: Jeremiah 2. 4 - 13

Second: Hebrews 13. 1 – 8, 15 - 16

Gospel: Luke 14. 1, 7 - 14

Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'Fill your hearts with joy and gladness' (283)

Psalm 34:Response 'Taste and see that the Lord is good'

Hymn of Offering: 'Sometimes a light surprises' (519)

Communion Hymn: 'Just as I am, without one plea' (451)

Closing Hymn: 'Lord, the light of your love is shinning' (719)

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'Jesus calls us here to meet him' (450)

Second Hymn: 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind' (621)

Third Hymn: 'God is love, let heav'n adore him' (644)



▶ PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR SERVICE AND PERSONAL PRAYER

In our church diary we pray: For Jack Wardle, Nina Carr, Willow Hartness, Lavinah Berry, Harrison Wallace, Oakley-Blue Foster baptised this month with their parents & Godparents.

For members of our church family unable to join us in church today:

Jean Clifford, Joyce Grey, Maureen Howard, Maureen Hutton, Emma Hyden, Ruby Lambert, Ozzy Masters, Rita Stone.

For those who are ill or in need who have asked for our prayers: (list updated each 3 months) Paul Armour, Anna Bradley, Betty Brown, Anne Camp, Helen Cheall, Fiona Cooper, Peter Cunningham, Marjorie Fogg, Ken Henderson, Evelyn Hendry, Baby Luca Loscombe, Debbie Miller, George Peebles, Anunda Samoo (Andy), Hilary Storey, Jean Raine, Kenneth Rose, Aileen Scott.

For the recently departed, including:

Ian Tait, Leanne Bainbridge, Bill Hiley, Leslie Hughes, Joseph Lambton, Marie Bell.

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: D Anderson (8.30 am Sunday 7th)

R Turnbull & C Moore (10.00 am Sun 7th)

J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 7th) J Bond (10.00 am Thurs 11th)

Stewards: R Turnbull & C Moore (10.00 am Sun 7th)

J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 7th)

S Wynn & J Beattie (10.00 am Thurs 11th)

Intercessors: D Anderson (8.30 am Sun 7th)

S Hardy (10.00 am Sun 7th)

Coffee: J & C Dixon (10.00 am 7th)

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church. If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from either:

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Beth Miller 07968034075
Parish Safeguarding Officer: Ali Young 07532034075

If there is immediate risk or danger, contact the police on 999.



Taizé

A simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us.

Led by our Reader, Sue Elsey.

Sun 31st August at 6.00 pm.

Summer Holiday Activities for Children

Wed 6 th Aug	Tues 12 th Aug	Wed 13 th Aug
Film Making Workshop 1.30 – 3pm	Littler Pick & Nature Activities 2pm	Jewellery Making Workshop 1.30 – 3pm
Tues 26 th Aug Nature Workshop at Flint Mill 1pm	Wed 3 rd September Wind Down Wednesday 1.30pm	Limited Spaces left!

Please book a place for children by emailing space4jade@gmail.com or Facebook message



You're all invited to a special All-Age service followed by a

Teddy Bears Picnic!

Sunday 21st September 2025 10am -12noon
Bring your baptism bear or another favourite back to church!

So we know how many honey sandwiches to make please RSVP to: stmichaels.hls@gmail.com

Are you looking to do some volunteering?

Our Stay & Play group will be restarting in September and we are looking for volunteers for our Tuesday afternoon session. All volunteers will undergo a DBS and relevant training. Please get in touch if you are interest by email space4jade@gmail.com or messaging our facebook page.

THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Luke 14. 1, 7 - 14)

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & 6)

6.00 pm Taizé (Church)

Monday 6.00 pm Vestry hour (call Parish Office for appointment)

7.00 pm Exploring Faith (Church Vestry)

Wednesday 1.30 pm Wind Down Wednesday (Hub, Newbottle St)

Thursday 10.00 am Holy Communion (in Church)

Friday 1.00 pm Community Food Store (Kepier Hall)

2.00 pm Cake & Chat (Hub, Newbottle St)

Our 'Drop-in' is open at the Space4 Hub (Newbottle St) 10-1 Mon-Fri The Church is usually 'Open' between 11-1 Tues-Sat for visiting



The church office is closed from week beginning Sunday 17th August, opening again on Tuesday 2nd September.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: SUPPORT CHURCH FUND RAISING!

7th September – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Luke 14. 25 - 33)

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & 6)

6.00 pm Service of Light (Church)

9th Sept 2.00 pm Mothers' Union 'Rise up' Service (Lumley Castle)

21st Sept 10.00 am Special All-Age Service with Teddy Bears Picnic (Church)

Watch this space for other upcoming events!

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