

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

19th October 2025

Harvest Festival



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:

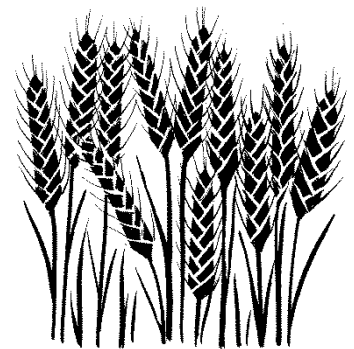
Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 10.00 am:

First: Deuteronomy 20. 1 – 11

Second: Philippians 4. 4 - 9

Gospel: John 6. 26 - 35 ; 35-26 :6 يوحنا



Details of the Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'Come, ye thankful people, come' (282)

Gradual Hymn: 'He's got the whole world in his hand' (656)

Hymn of Offering: 'All things bright and beautiful' (533)

Communion Hymn: 'God, whose farm is all creation' (285)

Closing Hymn: 'We plough the fields, and scatter' (290)

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'O worship the King' (754, omit *)

Second Hymn: 'We bring you, Lord, our prayer and praise' (571)

Third Hymn: 'Take up the song' (568)

 PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR SERVICE AND PERSONAL PRAYER

In our church diary we pray: for the harvest and those who produce it, for those who do not have enough help us share generously with them, and guide us to use the world's resources responsibly.

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, Maurice Lee, Baby Luca Loscombe, Debbie Miller, George Peebles, Anunda Samoo (Andy), Jean Raine, Kenneth Rose, Aileen Scott, Gina Smith, Hilary Storey, John Wilde.

For the recently departed, including:

Hollie Loraine, Margaret Tully, Audrey Wood, Dennis Race, Alan Turnbull.

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: D Anderson (8.30 am Sunday 26th)
C Moore & R Turnbull (10.00 am Sun 26th)
S Hardy (6.00 pm Sun 26th)
J Bond (10.00 am Thurs 30th)

Stewards: D & B Scott (10.00 am Sun 26th)
J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 26th)
S Wynn & J Beattie (10.00 am Thurs 30th)

Intercessors: L Farthing (8.30 am Sun 26th)
K Close (10.00 am Sun 26th)

Coffee: J & C Dixon (10.00 am 26th)

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 Adviser: Beth Miller 07968034075

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Ali Young 07532034075

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



Harvest Carol Service

Our traditional service of evening prayer
with singing led by our choir.

Sunday 27th October at 6.00 pm
Led by Rev'd John Barron and Anne Clappison.



Our next All In Service

Sun 16th November 10.00 am

'Staying Safe'



Mothers' Union

Monday 20th October (change of date) meeting in the Kepier Hall

Monday 24th November- meeting in the Kepier Hall

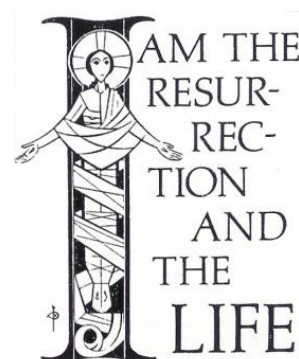
Monday 1st December- advent service in church

Tuesday 9th December - Christmas meal at the Bistro.

'All Souls' Service

Sun 2nd Nov 6pm

*A gentle service of the Word,
especially for those recently bereaved:
to remember, to give thanks and to offer
prayers of comfort.*



As part of the service, we traditionally read the names of the departed whose funerals we've held in this last year. If you would like us to include other departed loved ones please add their names (in CAPS) to the lists at the back of church.

If you would like to sponsor a pedestal in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event or simply to support us to have flowers in church the list for 2025-26 is available on the notice board for to sponsor a week. The (suggested) minimum amount is £20 to Carole Cunningham (Tel: 07767155549)



Don't forget! The clocks go back 1 hour on Sunday 26th October.

THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday – Harvest Festival (*John 6. 25 - 35*)

- 8.30 am Holy Communion
- 10.00 am All-In Harvest Festival Holy Communion (Church & )
- 6.00 pm Choral Harvest Festival

- Monday**
- 2.00 pm MU Meeting (Kepier Hall) **Please note change of date**
 - 4.00 pm Community Food Store (Kepier)
 - 6.00 pm Vestry hour (call Parish Office for appointment)

- Thursday**
- 10.00 am Holy Communion (in Church)

- Friday**
- 9.30 am Stay & Play (Kepier Hall)
 - 9.30 am 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: SUPPORT CHURCH FUND RAISING!

26th October – Bible Sunday (*Luke 4. 16 - 24*)

- 8.30 am Holy Communion
- 10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & )
- 6.00 pm Healing Service

- 2nd Nov**
- 6.00 pm All Souls

Watch this space for other upcoming events!

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