

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

12th October 2025

St Francis



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:

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself to the childlike and lowly of heart: grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis, we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings for 10.00 am:

First: Numbers 22. 21 - 31

Gospel: Matthew 11. 25 - 30 ; متى 11: 30-25

Details of the Pet Service at 10.00 am

Hymns Old & New

Opening Hymn: 'Morning has broken' (447)

Second Hymn: 'All thing bright and beautiful' (26)

Closing Hymn: 'If I were a butterfly' (291)

Details for Celtic Eucharist at 6.00 pm

First Hymn: 'Let all creation dance' (539)

Second Hymn: 'We cannot measure how you heal' (522)

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'Be still, for the presence of the Lord' (358)

Second Hymn: 'O God beyond all praising' (743)

Third Hymn: 'All for Jesus, all for Jesus' (421)





PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR SERVICE AND PERSONAL PRAYER

In our church diary we pray: for the health, safety, and well-being of animal companions and for their unconditional love and faithful companionship they offer.

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:

Joseph Lambton, Marie Bell, Sheila Watson, Sonia Forest, Hollie Loraine, Margaret Tully, Audrey Wood, Dennis Race, Alan Turnbull.

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: A Bradley (8.30 am Sunday 19th)
TBC (10.00 am Sun 19th)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 19th)
E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 23rd)

Stewards: R Turnbull & C Moore (10.00 am Sun 19th)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 19th)
E Harkness & E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 23rd)

Intercessors: Minister (8.30 am Sun 19th)
TBC (10.00 am Sun 19th)

Coffee: S Goymer & H Paget (10.00 am 19th)

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

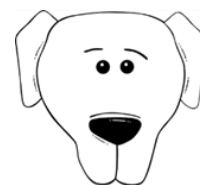
Parish Safeguarding Officer: Ali Young 07532034075

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

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)



A Warm Welcome to all to pets (and cuddly toys) and owners! Water bowls and treats are at the back of church, please help yourself to them.



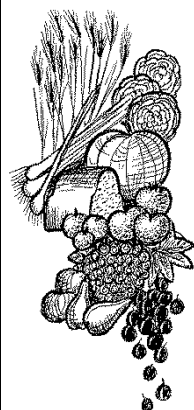
Celtic Eucharist

A sung service of Holy Communion drawing on liturgy from the Celtic Christian Tradition.

Led by Rev'd John Barron

Sun 12th October at 6.00 pm.

A HUGE 'Thank You'
for everyone's colossal efforts over the last week in all our Houghton Feast events. Everyones help and support made it a very succesful week!



Harvest Festival Sun 19th October

We are celebrating our Harvest Festival next week and are delighted that we will be joined by uniformed organisations at our 10 am service.

In the evening at 6pm we have a special 'Harvest' Choral Service.

Donations of non-perishable food at our Sunday Services will be used in our community foodstore.



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday – Pet Service/St Francis (*Matthew 11. 25 - 30*)

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & )

6.00 pm Celtic Eucharist

Monday 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!

19th October – 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

20th Oct 2.00 pm MU Meeting (Kepier Hall) **Please note change of date**

Watch this space for other upcoming events!

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