

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

23rd November 2025

Christ the King



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:

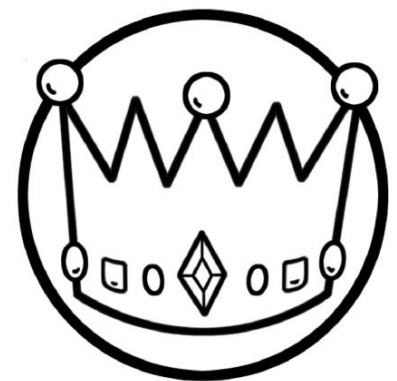
God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Jeremiah 23. 1 - 6

Second: Colossians 1. 11 - 20

Gospel: Luke 23. 33 - 43 ; 43 - 33 :23 لوقا



Details of the Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'Rejoice! The Lord is King' (769)

Psalm 47: Response '*Jesus reigns our Lord and King*'

Hymn of Offering: 'Meekness and majesty' (728)

Communion Hymn: 'The King of love my shepherd is' (794)

Closing Hymn: 'The Lord is King! He set the stars in space' (797)

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'Father, Lord of all creation' (630)

Second Hymn: 'Jesus is Lord! Creations voice proclaims it' (690)

Third Hymn: 'For the healing of the nations' (635)

 PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR SERVICE AND PERSONAL PRAYER

In our church diary we pray: For preparations in church for Advent & Christmas services and events. For Renae & Casey baptised this weekend in St Michaels’.

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, Jennifer Dixon, Marjorie Fogg, Ken Henderson, Evelyn Hendry, Maurice Lee, Baby Luca Loscombe, Debbie Miller, Anunda Samoo (Andy), Jean Raine, Kenneth Rose, Aileen Scott, Gina Smith, Hilary Storey, John Wilde.

For the recently departed, including:

Alan Turnbull, Catherine Fletcher, Angela Kerby, Brian Teather, Julie Bilton.

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: A Bradley (8.30 am Sunday 30th)
S Hardy & J Bond (10.00 am Sun 30th)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 30th)
E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 4th)

Stewards: J Henderson & S Gamble (10.00 am Sun 30th)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 30th)
E Harkness & E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 4th)

Intercessors: Minister (8.30 am Sun 30th)
S Hardy (10.00 am Sun 30th)

Coffee: J & C Dixon (10.00 am 30th)

Christmas Flowers

Donations to Carole or in collection tin at the back of church, *Thank you!*



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.



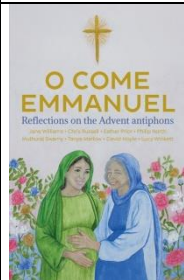
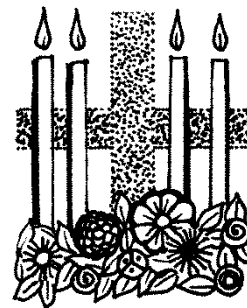
The Church of England's Christmas theme for 2025 revolves round a single word: Joy! Our church will - as always - be seeking to make the most of the opportunity December brings to share The Joy of Christmas with our community.

Reflective Service

Sun 23rd November at 6.00 pm.

A worship service allowing for personal reflections with readings, music and prayer.

Led by our Reader, Ros Pickersgill

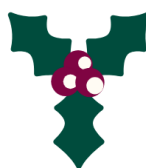


To help us **prepare** for the joy of Christmas, this book of daily reflections helps us explore the symbolism behind the hymn 'O come Emmanuel'

Available from Church House

Publishing or we can order copies for Advent Sunday via signup sheet for £10.

The reflections are also available on the the '**Everyday Faith**' App **free to download for iOS and Android**. We also have versions for our Young People available from Young Church Leaders.



CHRISTMAS MARKET

SAT NOV 29TH 2024

FROM 10.00am

Stalls, Santa's Grotto and refreshments including hot turkey sandwiches. Please join us!

Any donations of savouries and cakes would be gratefully received on the day

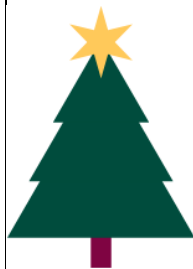
Donations for the Tombola to Carole Cunningham please.



Advent Carol Service

Sunday 30th November at 6 pm.

A beautiful candlelit service of music, hymns & readings. With hand bells and minced pies this is a delightful service for a wonderful start to Advent!



Light of Life Service

Tues 2nd Dec, 3 pm.

We will be lighting the Christmas tree in Church & we invite you to dedicate a

light on it to those special people in your thoughts. Dedication forms are in the Signpost or at the back of church.

Forms are available at the back of church or in the Signpost should you wish to make a dedication.



Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union meeting will be held on 24th Nov at 2pm in the Kepier Hall.
Monday 1st Dec- Mothers Union Carol Service in church at 2pm. Refreshments after the service.

The Vestry Lights are now working! Thank you to Jonathan Scullion.

THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday – Christ the King (*Luke 23. 33 - 43*)

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

Monday 2.00 pm Mothers' Union Meeting (Kepier)
 2.30 pm Community Food Store (Kepier)
 6.00 pm Vestry hour (call Parish Office for appointment)

Tuesday 3.30 pm Family Fun (Kepier)

Wednesday 7.30 pm Gilpin Singers Practice (in Church)

Thursday 10.00 am Holy Communion (in Church)
 6.00pm Choir Practice (Choir Vestry)

Friday 9.30 am Stay & Play (Kepier Hall)
 9.30 am Community Food Store (Kepier Hall)
 2.00 pm Cake & Chat (Hub, Newbottle St)

Saturday 10.00 am Christmas Market

Our 'Drop-in' is open at the Space4 Hub (Newbottle St) 10-1 Mon-Fri

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: SUPPORT CHURCH FUND RAISING!

30th November – First Sunday of Advent (*Matthew 24. 36 - 44*)

8.30 am Holy Communion
 10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & )
 6.00 pm Advent Carol Service

1st Dec 2.00 pm Mothers' Union Carol Service

2nd Dec 3.00 am Light of Life Service

10th Dec 7.00 pm The Gilpin Singers Christmas Concert (Tickets available from Carole 07767155549)

Watch this space for other upcoming events!

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