

**SERVICE DETAILS &
WEEKLY NOTICES**

21st December 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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:

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Isaiah 7. 10 - 16 **Second:** Romans 1. 1 - 7

Gospel: Matthew 1. 18 - end ; متي 18 : النهاية



Details of the 'All-In' Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'Tell out my soul' (612)

Lighting of the Advent Candle Carol: 'Christmas is coming'
The Church is glad to sing and let the Advent candles brightly burn in a ring The fourth is for the Virgin, who mothered God's own son and sang how God's justice was meant for everyone.

Gradual Hymn: 'The Virgin Mary had a baby boy' (654)

Hymn of Offering: 'See him lying on a bed of straw' (574)

Communion Hymn: 'The Angel Gabriel' (620)

Closing Hymn: 'Lo, he comes on clouds descending' (399)

Details of the Christmas Day Communion at 10.00 am *The Bethlehem Carol Sheet*

Opening Hymn: 'O come, all ye faithful' (12)

Lighting of the Advent Candle Carol: 'Christmas is coming'
The Church is glad to sing and let the Advent candles brightly burn in a ring At last we light the candle kept new for Christmas Day This shines bright for Jesus new-born, and here to stay

Gradual Hymn: 'Away in a manger' (6)

Hymn of Offering: 'Joy to the world' (11)

Communion Hymn: 'What child is this?' (23)

Closing Hymn: 'Hark! The herald-angels sing' (10)



PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR SERVICE AND PERSONAL PRAYER

In our church diary we pray: In our Advent & Christmas services and events, that many people will visit us and experience something of God's love in our welcome.

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:

Brian Teather, Julie Bilton, Terry Coxan.

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: *No Service in Church (8.30 am Sunday 29th)*

C Moore & R Turnbull (10.00 am Sun 29th)

No Service in Church (6.00 pm Sun 29th)

No Service in Church (10.00 am Thurs 1st)

Stewards: *S & J Wilde (10.00 am Sun 29th)*

No Service in Church (6.00 pm Sun 29th)

No Service in Church (10.00 am Thurs 1st)

Intercessors: *No Service in Church (8.30 am Sun 29th)*

S Elsey (10.00 am Sun 29th)

Coffee: *S Goymer & H Paget (10.00 am 29th)*

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.

Carols by Candlelight

St Matthew's, Newbottle, Sunday 21st Dec at 6pm

A lovely carol service, perfect for some seasonal singing and peace!

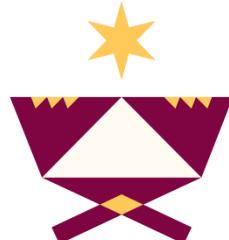


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Crib Service

24th December **3.00pm**

A family fun re-enacting of the nativity where kids have the opportunity to get involved!



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Carol Service

24th December at 7.00pm

A Festival of carols and readings.



Please note the changed pattern of services between Christmas and New Year (over)

Christmas Flowers

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



A Blue Christmas?

If we're missing loved ones, sometimes we can feel out of step with all that's going on around us in the lead up to Christmas. It may be at our 'Blue Christmas Tree' (in the Gilpin transept) we can acknowledge our true self before God who comes to us in the Christ-child to share all of our humanity with us.

THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Advent (*Matthew 1. 18 - end*)

8.30 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	'All-In' Service with Holy Communion (Church & f)
6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight (St Matthew's, Newbottle)

Monday 10.00 am Drop-In (Hub, Newbottle St)
1.30 pm Community Christmas Service (Church)
2.30 pm Community Food Store (Kepier)
6.00 pm No Vestry hour (contact Parish Office for appointment)

Tuesday 12.00 noon Community Christmas Lunch (Kepier Hall)

Wednesday **Christmas Eve**

3.00 pm	Crib Service (in Church)
7.00 pm	Carol Service – A Festival of Readings & Carols (Church)
11.30 pm	Christmas Night Communion/Midnight Mass (Church)

Thursday **Christmas Day**

10.00 am	Christmas Day Communion (in Church)
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Space4 Drop-In and Foodstore closes 22nd Dec & reopen on Monday 6th Jan

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

28th December – First Sunday of Christmas (*Matthew 1. 18 - end*)

8.30 am	<i>Please note: No Service</i>
10.00 am	Holy Communion (Church & f)
6.00 pm	<i>Please note: No Service</i>

29th Dec 6.00 pm *Please note: No Vestry Hour*

1st Jan 10.00 am *Please note: No Service*

24th Jan 4.00 pm Parish Party (Kepier Hall)

Watch this space for other upcoming events!

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