

**SERVICE DETAILS &
WEEKLY NOTICES**

4th January 2025

Epiphany



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 of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Isaiah 60. 1 - 6

Second: Ephesians 3. 1 - 12

Gospel: Matthew 2. 1 - 12 ; متن ۱۲-۱



Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness' (103)

Gradual Hymn: 'Bethlehem, what greater city' (95)

Hymn of Offering: 'Brightest and best of the sons of the morning' (96)

Communion Hymn: 'O Jesus, King most wonderful' (749, omit *)

Closing Hymn: 'As with gladness men of old' (94)

Details for Service of Light at 6.00 pm

First Hymn: 'Hail to the Lord's Anointed' (99, omit *)

Second Hymn: 'Who would think that what was needed' (90)

Third Hymn: 'Love came down at Christmas' (76)

Fourth Hymn: 'Brightest and best of the sons of the morning' (96)

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'Songs of thankfulness and praise' (104, omit *)

Second Hymn: 'Christ is our light! The bright and morning star' (97)

Third Hymn: 'Brightest and best of the sons of the morning' (96)



PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR SERVICE AND PERSONAL PRAYER

In our church diary we pray: At the beginning of the New Year a renewed sense of God's promises for us revealed in Jesus Christ.

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:

Terry Coxan, Stan Morson.

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: A Bradley (8.30 am Sunday 11th)
D Barnes & K Close (10.00 am Sun 11th)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 11th)
E Harkness (10.00 am Thurs 15th)

Stewards: R Turnbull & C Moore (10.00 am Sun 11th)
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E Harkness & E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 15th)

Intercessors: Minister (8.30 am Sun 11th)
S Hardy (10.00 am Sun 11th)

Coffee: S Foster & S Bradley (10.00 am 11th)

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:

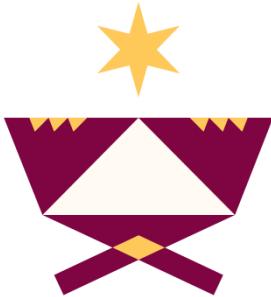
Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: Beth Miller 07968034075

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

***And the Word became flesh and
lived among us, and we have seen
his glory.***

John's Gospel chapter 1, verse 14a.



Our next 'All-In' Service

Sun 18th Jan 10 a.m.

'Come & See'

PARISH PARTY

**Saturday January 24th at Kepier Hall
between 4pm – 8pm**

***All-Ages welcome!
Bring your own drinks and nibbles
FREE ENTRY!***

**Raffle • Games • Dancing
A annual church event
which the whole family will enjoy!**



Thank you for all the donations for the Christmas Flowers.

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 2026 is available on the notice board for to sponsor a week. The (suggested) minimum amount is £20 to Carole Cunningham (Tel: 07767155549)



The Friends of Houghton Parish Church Trust 2026 Calendar

is available at the back of church for all!



THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday – Epiphany (*Matthew 2. 1 - 12*)

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

Monday	2.30 pm	Community Food Store (Kepier)
	6.00 pm	No Vestry hour (call Parish Office for appointment)
	7.00 pm	Rehearsal for Baptism Families
Tuesday	1.15 pm	'Light' – Drop In Bereavement Group (Hub, Newbottle St)
	3.30 pm	Family Fun (Kepier)
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)

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

11th January – Baptism of Christ (*Matthew 3. 13 - end*)

- 8.30 am Holy Communion
- 10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & )
- 6.00 pm Choral Evensong

18th Jan 10.00 am 'All-In' Holy Communion '*Come & See*'

18th-25th Jan Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

24th Jan 4.00 pm Parish Party (Kepier Hall)

Watch this space for other upcoming events!

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