

**SERVICE DETAILS &  
WEEKLY NOTICES**

1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

**Candlemas**



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:**

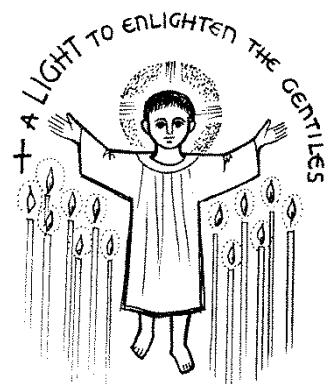
Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen**

**Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:**

**First:** Malachi 3. 1 - 5

**Second:** Hebrews 2. 14 - end

**Gospel:** Luke 2. 22 - 40 ; ٤٠ - ٢٢ : لوقا



**Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am**

**Opening Hymn:** 'When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day' (113, omit \*)

**Psalm 24:** Response 'The Lord is the King of Glory'

**Hymn of Offering:** 'New light has dawned, the Song of God is here' (112)

**Communion Hymn:** 'Faithful vigil ended' (396)

**Closing Hymn:** 'Lord, the light of your love is shining' (719)

**Details for Service of Light at 6.00 pm**

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

**Second Hymn:** 'Songs of thankfulness and praise' (104)

**Third Hymn:** 'Great and wonderful your deeds' (400)

**Fourth Hymn:** 'Longing for Light, we wait in darkness' (42)

**Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am**

**First Hymn:** 'Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine' (601)

**Second Hymn:** 'God of freedom, God of justice' (559)

**Third Hymn:** 'Immortal, invisible, God only wise' (676)



## PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR SERVICE AND PERSONAL PRAYER

**In our church diary we pray:** For those baptised this month including Logan, Noah, Rosie & their parents & Godparents.

**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, Peter Cunningham, Jennifer Dixon, Marjorie Fogg, Ken Henderson, Evelyn Hendry, Brooke Kirkpatrick, Ruth Lindsay, Debbie Miller, Anunda Samoo (Andy), Nirmala Samoo, Jean Raine, Kenneth Rose, Aileen Scott, Neil Scott, Marion Sleeman, Gina Smith, Hilary Storey, John Wilde.

**For the recently departed, including:**

Terry Coxan, Stan Morson, Barry Gowland, Elizabeth Gettings, Betty Fletcher, Malcolm Berry, Derek Rowell.

### Rotas for the coming week

**Readers:** A Bradley (8.30 am Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>)  
D Turnbull & J Bond (10.00 am Sun 8<sup>th</sup>)  
S Hardy (6.00 pm Sun 8<sup>th</sup>)  
E Harkness (10.00 am Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Stewards:** R Turnbull & C Moore (10.00 am Sun 8<sup>th</sup>)  
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 8<sup>th</sup>)  
E Harkness & E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Intercessors:** Minister (8.30 am Sun 8<sup>th</sup>)  
K Close (10.00 am Sun 8<sup>th</sup>)

**Coffee:** L Scott & S Wilde (10.00 am 8<sup>th</sup>)

### ***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.



## Service of Light

A gentle evening service with music, hymns, reading & sermon.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 6.00 pm  
Led by Rev'd John Barron, preacher Simon Hardy.

This Lent, we are exploring the "**Joy of the Gospel**" and developing a "**Rhythm of Life**" We invite you to join our church family in these opportunities for growth:

- **Lent Course: "The Joy of the Gospel"**

Wednesdays (starting 25th Feb), 7:00–8:30 p.m. Space4 Hub, in the Space4 Hub. Exploring Christian joy through the lens of Paula Gooder and Pope Francis. Let us know you're coming ion the sign up sheet at the back of church.



- **Lent Book: "Draw Near"**

A daily resource for life-giving habits. Copies available via the Parish Office for £3.

- **Retreat Days at Brancepeth Castle**

21st Feb (*Threads and Patches*) & 21st March (*Creative Prayer*).

Cost: £40. Book at: [community-of-the-well.uk](http://community-of-the-well.uk) or contact the office for help.

## St Michael's Celebration Jigsaw – January Update

Thanks to everyone's generosity, 500 jigsaw pieces have now been sponsored, leaving just the four 'bonus' pieces - as our 500 piece jigsaw actually has 504 pieces! Instead of SELLING raffle tickets for these last four pieces, we are going to ALLOCATE A VIRTUAL RAFFLE TICKET NUMBER to each person who has already sponsored one or more pieces – no more money involved!

We will draw the raffle on 22<sup>nd</sup> January and contact the four bonus piece winners as soon as possible after that.

Many thanks from The Jigsaw Team (Angela, Dian and Denise)

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)



## THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

### Sunday – Candlemas (*Luke 2. 22 - 10*)

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

<b>Monday</b>	2.30 pm	Community Food Store (Kepier)
	6.00 pm	Vestry hour (call Parish Office for appointment)
	7.00 pm	Rehearsal for Baptism Families
<b>Tuesday</b>	1.15 pm	'Light' – Drop In Bereavement Group (The Hub, Newbottle St)
	3.30 pm	Family Fun (Kepier)
<b>Thursday</b>	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Church)
<b>Friday</b>	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:

#### 8<sup>th</sup> February – Second Sunday before Lent (*Matthew 6. 25 - end*)

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

**15<sup>th</sup> Feb**    10.00 am    'All-In' Holy Communion 'Eggs & Ashes' followed by Pancakes

**18<sup>th</sup> Feb**    10.00 am    Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes (in Church)

**25<sup>th</sup> Feb**    7.00 pm    'The Joy of the Gospel' Lent course (The Hub, Newbottle St)

*Watch this space for other upcoming events!*

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