

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

25th January 2026

Conversion of Paul/Third Sunday of Epiphany

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



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:

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Jeremiah 1. 4 - 10

Second: Acts 9. 1 - 22

Gospel: Matthew 19. 27 - end ; متى ١٩ : ٢٧ - النهاية

Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'In Christ there is no east or west' (680)

Gradual Hymn: 'Come now, O Prince of Peace' (29)

Hymn of Offering: 'Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing' (497)

Communion Hymn: 'Make me a channel of your peace' (725)

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

Details for Celtic Eucharist at 6.00 pm

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

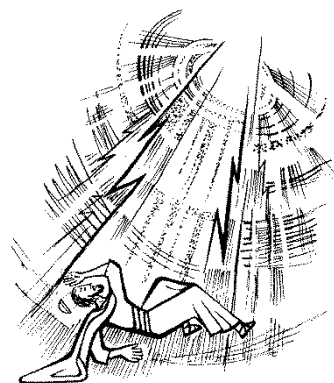
Second Hymn: 'Oh, the life of the world is a joy and a treasure' (548)

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'Alleluia, sing to Jesus!' (422)

Second Hymn: 'From heaven you came, helpless babe' (489)

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





PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR SERVICE AND PERSONAL PRAYER

In our church diary we pray: In this season of Epiphany a renewed sense of God's promises for us revealed in Jesus Christ. For those baptised this month including Logan Henry & his 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, Ruth Lindsay, Debbie Miller, Anunda Samoo (Andy), Nirmala Samoo, Jean Raine, Kenneth Rose, Aileen Scott, Neil Scott, 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, Lorna Lawson.

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: L Farthing (8.30 am Sunday 1st)
R Turnbull & C Moore (10.00 am Sun 1st)
J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 1st)
J Bond (10.00 am Thurs 5th)

Stewards: D & B Scott (10.00 am Sun 1st)
J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 1st)
S Wynn & J Beattie (10.00 am Thurs 5th)

Intercessors: D Anderson (8.30 am Sun 1st)
D Turnbull (10.00 am Sun 1st)

Coffee: S Goymer & H Paget (10.00 am 1st)

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.



Celtic Eucharist

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

Led by Rev'd Margaret Lee

Sun 25th January at 6.00 pm.

'Thank You!'

for everyone's help and support to make it a
fun and successful Parish Party on Saturday!



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 22nd 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 – Conversation of Paul (*Matthew 19. 27 - end*)

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & )

6.00 pm Celtic Eucharist

Monday 2.30 pm Community Food Store (Kepier)

6.00 pm Vestry hour (call Parish Office for appointment)

Tuesday 3.30 pm Family Fun (Kepier)

Thursday 10.00 am Holy Communion (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:

1st February – Candlemas (*Luke 2. 22 - 10*)

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & )

6.00 pm Service of Light

15th Feb 10.00 am 'All-In' Holy Communion 'Eggs & Ashes' followed by Pancakes

Watch this space for other upcoming events!

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