

**SERVICE DETAILS &  
WEEKLY NOTICES**

11<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Baptism of Christ**



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:**

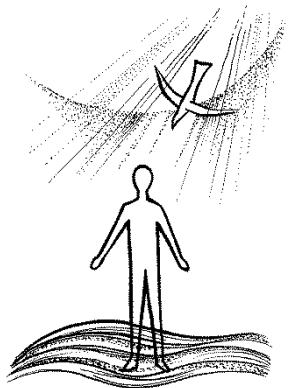
Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

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

**First:** Isaiah 42. 1 - 9

**Second:** Acts 10. 34 - 43

**Gospel:** Matthew 3. 13 - end ; متي 13 : 3 – ال نهاية



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

**Opening Hymn:** 'On Jordon's bank the Baptist's cry' (46)

**Gradual Hymn:** 'When Jesus came to be baptised' (109)

**Hymn of Offering:** 'When Jesus came to Jordon' (108)

**Communion Hymn:** 'Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you' (330)

**Closing Hymn:** 'We have a gospel to proclaim' (507)

**Details for Choral Evensong at 6.00 pm**

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

**Second Hymn:** 'Arise, shine out, your light has come' (93)

**Third Hymn:** 'Bright the vision that delighted' (603)

**Psalm:** 100 Jubilate

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

**First Hymn:** 'Come, let us join our cheerful song' (362)

**Second Hymn:** 'There is a Redeemer' (805)

**Third Hymn:** 'Jesus call us' (324)



## 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, Derek Rowell, Elizabeth Gettings.

### Rotas for the coming week

**Readers:** D Anderson (8.30 am Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>)

TBC (10.00 am Sun 18<sup>th</sup>)

J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 18<sup>th</sup>)

J Bond (10.00 am Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>)

**Stewards:** J Henderson & S Gamble (10.00 am Sun 18<sup>th</sup>)

J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 18<sup>th</sup>)

S Wynne & J Beattie (10.00 am Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>)

**Intercessors:** L Farthing (8.30 am Sun 18<sup>th</sup>)

TBC (10.00 am Sun 18<sup>th</sup>)

**Coffee:** M Barnes & J Wheatley (10.00 am 18<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.



# Choral Evensong

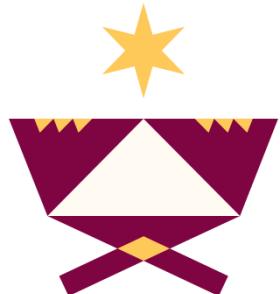
Our traditional service of evening prayer  
with singing led by our choir.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00 pm  
Led by Rev'd Margaret Lee.

## Our next 'All-In' Service

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 10 a.m.**

**'Come & See'**



## PARISH PARTY

**Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup> 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     Choral Evensong

**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 (in 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:

**18<sup>th</sup> January** – Second Sunday of Epiphany (*John 1. 29 - end*)

- 8.30 am     Holy Communion
- 10.00 am    'All-In' Holy Communion 'Come & See' (Church &  )
- 6.00 pm     Reflective Service

**18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Jan**              Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**24<sup>th</sup> Jan**     4.00 pm    Parish Party (Kepier Hall)

*Watch this space for other upcoming events!*

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