

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

**SERVICE DETAILS &
WEEKLY NOTICES**

15th February 2026

The Sunday next before Lent



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:

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Exodus 24. 12 - end

Second: 2 Peter 1. 16 - end

Gospel: Matthew 17. 1 - 9 ; متى ١٧ : ١-٩



Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind' (HON 129)

Gradual Hymn: 'The Servant King' (HON 175)

Hymn of Offering: 'Be still, for the presence of the Lord' (HON 60)

Communion Hymn: 'Freely, freely' (HON 196)

Closing Hymn: 'We are marching in the light of God' (HON 692)

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'Jesu, lover of my soul' (128)

Second Hymn: 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind' (621)

Third Hymn: 'Be thou my guardian and my guide' (116)

 **PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR SERVICE AND PERSONAL PRAYER**

In our church diary we pray: For those baptised this month including 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, 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, Gina Smith, Hilary Storey, John Wilde.

For the recently departed, including:

Stan Morson, Barry Gowland, Betty Fletcher, Malcolm Berry, Derek Rowell, Edward Blake, Neil Scott, Sarah Turnbull, Marion Sleeman, Betty Brown.

Rotas for the coming week

- Readers:** A Bradley (8.30 am Sunday 22nd)
J Henderson & A Slater (10.00 am Sun 22nd)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 22nd)
E Harkness (10.00 am Thurs 26th)
- Stewards:** S & J Wilde (10.00 am Sun 22nd)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 22nd)
E Harkness & E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 26th)
- Intercessors:** Minister (8.30 am Sun 22nd)
R Pickersgill (10.00 am Sun 22nd)
- Coffee:** S Foster & S Bradley (10.00 am 22nd)

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:

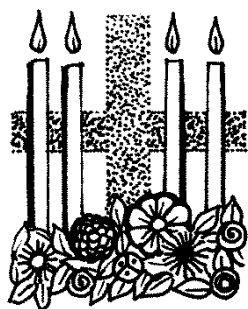
Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: Beth Miller 07968034075

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Ali Young 07532034075

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

Welcome to the special All-In service followed by a
Pancake Party!

We hope you all enjoy the service and join us after in the
keeper hall for Pancakes!



Reflective Service

Sunday 15th February at 6.00 pm.

A worship service allowing for personal reflections
with readings, music and prayer.
Led by our Reader, Ros Pickersgill



Ash Wednesday – 18th February 2026

10.00 am Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes (in Church)
7.00 pm Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes (St Michael &
All Angels, **Hetton Lyons**)

**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 on
the sign up sheet at the back of church.



Lent Book: "Draw Near"

A daily resource for life-giving habits. Copies available via the 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 or contact the office for help.

THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday – Next Sunday before Lent (*Matthew 17. 1 - 9*)

- 8.30 am Holy Communion
- 10.00 am 'All-In' Holy Communion 'Eggs & Ashes' (Church & )
- 11.30 am Pancake Party (Kepier Hall)
- 6.00 pm Reflective Service

Monday 2.30 pm Community Food Store (Kepier)
6.00 pm Vestry hour (call Parish Office for appointment)

Tuesday 1.15 pm Funeral of Neil Scott (in Church)
3.30 pm Family Fun (Kepier)

Wednesday - Ash Wednesday

- 10.00 am Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes (in Church)
- 7.00 pm Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes (St Michael & All Angels, **Hetton Lyons**)


Thursday 10.00 am Holy Communion (Church)
6.00 pm 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:

22nd February – First Sunday in Lent (*Matthew 17. 1 - 9*)

- 8.30 am Holy Communion
- 10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & )
- 6.00 pm Celtic Eucharist

25th 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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