

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

## SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

8<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Second Sunday 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:**

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

**First:** Genesis 1. 1 – 2. 3

**Second:** Romans 8. 18 - 25

**Gospel:** Matthew 6. 25 - end ; متى 6 : 25 - النهاية



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

**Opening Hymn:** 'All creatures of our God and King' (532, omit \*)

**Gradual Hymn:** 'As the deer pants for the water' (592)

**Hymn of Offering:** 'O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder' (546)

**Communion Hymn:** 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord' (661)

**Closing Hymn:** 'Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided' (715)

### **Details for Choral Evensong at 6.00 pm**

**First Hymn:** 'Let all creation dance' (539)

**Second Hymn:** 'O strength and stay upholding all creation' (21)

**Third Hymn:** 'Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise' (22)

**Antem:** Be still for the presence of the Lord *Arr Richard Shepherd*

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

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

**Second Hymn:** 'Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound' (587)

**Third Hymn:** 'O God, you search me and you know me' (747)

 **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, 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:**

Stan Morson, Barry Gowland, Elizabeth Gettings, Betty Fletcher, Malcolm Berry, Derek Rowell, Edward Blake, Neil Scott, Sarah Turnbull.

**Rotas for the coming week**

**Readers:** D Anderson (8.30 am Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>)  
TBC (10.00 am Sun 15<sup>th</sup>)  
S Hardy (6.00 pm Sun 15<sup>th</sup>)  
J Bond (10.00 am Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>)

**Stewards:** J Henderson & S Gamble (10.00 am Sun 15<sup>th</sup>)  
J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 15<sup>th</sup>)  
S Wynn & J Beattie (10.00 am Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>)

**Intercessors:** L Farthing (8.30 am Sun 15<sup>th</sup>)  
TBC (10.00 am Sun 15<sup>th</sup>)

**Coffee:** K Arden & G Loscombe (10.00 am 15<sup>th</sup>)

**Welcome to the newest members of God's family!**

*We say some special words to those being baptised:*

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father:  
we welcome you.**



## Choral Evensong



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

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00 pm

Led by Rev'd John Barron.

**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](http://community-of-the-well.uk) or contact the office for help.

**Who can you invite to the special All-In service followed by a**

## **Pancake Party!**



Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 10am -12noon

Join us in the Kepier Hall after the 'All-In' Service!

So we know how many pancakes to make please RSVP to:

[stmichaels.hls@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaels.hls@gmail.com)

## **Ash Wednesday – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

10.00 am Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes (in Church)



### ***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.

## THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

**Sunday** – Second Sunday before Lent (*Matthew 6. 25 - end*)

- 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 (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:

**15<sup>th</sup> February** – 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

**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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