

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

29th March 2026

Palm Sunday



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:

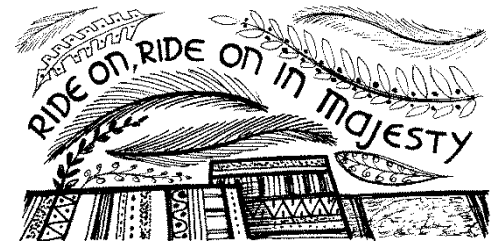
True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Isaiah 50. 4 – 9a

Second: Philippians 2. 5 - 11

Gospel: Matthew 26. 14 – end of 27 ; متى ٢٦ : ١٤ - نهاية ٢٧



Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'All glory, laud, and honour' (159, omit *)

Gradual Hymn: 'There's a man riding on a donkey' (163)

Hymn of Offering: 'Ride on, ride on in majesty!' (161)

Communion Hymn: 'Make way, make way for Christ the King' (160)

Closing Hymn: 'My song is love unknown' (147, omit *)

Passion of Our Lord Responses:

Matthew: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called Messiah?

Matthew: All of them said,

ALL: Let him be crucified!

Matthew: Then he asked

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Matthew: But they shouted all the more,

ALL: Let him be crucified!

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

In our church diary we pray: For a closer union with Christ as we walk together in Holy Week through his passion to the glory of Easter.

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, Helen Cowan, 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:

Betty Brown, Doris Dunn, Rev'd Peter Fisher.

Rotas for the coming week

- Readers:** A Bradley (8.30 am Sunday 5th)
J Henderson & A Slater (10.00 am Sun 5th)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 5th)
E Harkness (10.00 am Thurs 9th)
- Stewards:** R Turnbull & C Moore (10.00 am Sun 5th)
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E Harkness & E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 9th)
- Intercessors:** Minister (8.30 am Sun 5th)
Minister (10.00 am Sun 5th)
- Coffee:** S Foster & S Bradley (10.00 am 5th)

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 Officer: Beth Miller 07968034075

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Ali Young 07532034075

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

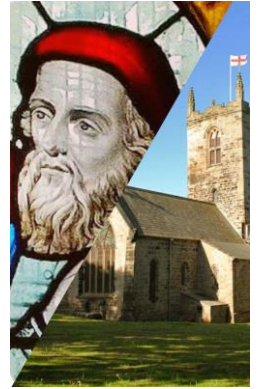


Tokens of His Passion

Sunday 29th at 6.00 pm

A Shared Passiontide Devotion with prayers, hymns & Choral music performed by the St Michael & All Angel's Choir, with readings to help us reflect upon Christ's Passion led by Rev'd John Barron.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 11.15 am on Sun 26th April where the PCC report on our progress and where we will celebrate all we achieved as a Church in 2025. We will appoint our Church Wardens, Deanery Synod Reps, PCC and Church Officer. A revision of the Electoral Roll will take place. Application forms are available at the back of church.



Many Thanks to all who helped in the Church Spring Clean yesterday!



Good Friday Walk of Witness | Apr 3rd, 11:15am - 1:15pm

Witness the Passion in our streets. Our 2-mile walk begins at Kepier Hall, returning to St Michael's. All are welcome—please see the main flyer for full details.

'All-In' Worship on Good Friday

Friday 3rd April, 10.00am

Followed with Hot Cross Buns!



You have been challenged to design your own paste egg!

You can collect your egg from Church on Good Friday 'All-In' (10 am) or you can use your own. Once decorated bring them back to Church on Easter Sunday (10 am) for judging!



Events Committee - Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 11th April from 10.00 am


We would be pleased to receive donations for the Tombola. Thank you!

Easter Flowers if you wish to make a donation towards flowers used to decorate the church for Easter, please see Carole Cunningham. Thank you.



THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday – Palm Sunday (*Matthew 26. 14 – end of 27*)

- 8.30 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Holy Communion with Procession of Palms (Church & )
6.00pm Tokens of his Passion (Shared Passiontide Devotion)

Monday

- 2.00 pm Mothers' Union Easter Readings (Church)
6.00 pm *No Vestry hour* (call Parish Office for appointment)
7.00 pm Holy Week Communion (in Church)

Tuesday

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Wednesday

- 7.00 pm Holy Week Communion (in Church)

Thursday – Maundy Thursday

- 7.00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion (in Church)
8.00 pm Watch (in Church)
8.50 pm Compline ends 'Watch' (in Church)


Friday – Good Friday

- 10.00 am All-Age Worship on Good Friday (in Church)
11.15 am Walk of Witness (begins at Kepier Hall)
2.00 pm Good Friday Worship (in Church)

Our 'Drop-in' is open at the Space4 Hub (Newbottle St) 10-1 Mon-Fri

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

5th April – Easter Sunday (*Matthew 28. 1 - 10*)

- 8.30 am Easter Day Communion
10.00 am Sung Easter Day Communion (Church & )
6.00 pm Service of Light

11th Apr 10.00 am Church Coffee Morning

22nd Apr 2.00 pm Funeral of Peter Fisher (Durham Cathedral)

Watch this space for other upcoming events!

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