

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

## SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Mothers 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:

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Exodus 2. 1 - 10

Second: Colossians 3. 12 - 17

Gospel: Luke 2. 33 - 35 ; لوقا ٢: ٣٣-٣٥



### Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!' (HON 612)

Gradual Hymn: 'Brother, sister, let me serve you' (HON 81)

Hymn of Offering: 'Lord of all hopefulness' (HON 410)

Communion Hymn: 'A new commandment I give onto you' (HON 34)

Closing Hymn: 'We shall go out with joy' (HON 754)

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

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

Second Hymn: 'Christ's is the world in which we move' (512)

Third Hymn: 'All for Jesus', all for Jesus (421)

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

**In our church diary we pray:** For children preparing for admission to communion and all that led in our Children's ministry. For those baptised this month including Jacob, Freddie, Michael, Jasmine, Layla, John, Matilda & 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, Helen Cowan, Peter Cunningham, Jennifer Dixon, Revd Peter Fisher, Marjorie Fogg, Ken Henderson, Evelyn Hendry, Brooke Kirkpatrick, Ruth Lindsay, Debbie Miller, Martin Moore, Anunda Samoo (Andy), Nirmala Samoo, Jean Raine, Kenneth Rose, Aileen Scott, Gina Smith, Hilary Storey, John Wilde.

**For the recently departed, including:**

Neil Scott, Sarah Turnbull, Marion Sleeman, Betty Brown, Doris Dunn.

**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>)  
J Henderson (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 5<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:** S Goymer & H Paget (10.00 am 15<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 Officer: Beth Miller 07968034075**

**Parish Safeguarding Officer: Ali Young 07532034075**

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



## Taizé

A simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us.  
Led by our Reader, Anne Clappison.  
Sun 15<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00 pm.

## 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. All are welcome to join.



## Events Committee - Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 11th April from 10.00 am

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

## Tokens of His Passion

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00 pm



A moving service of 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 Palm Sunday Service on 29<sup>th</sup> March begins with a Procession of Palms at 10am. Meet us in the Rectory Park and Houghton Area Youth Brass Band will lead us into church

*Many hands make light work!*  
**Church Spring Clean**

on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> March  
9am – 1pm

Anyone able to clean are welcome, come & go as you are able!



**'All-In' Worship on  
Good Friday**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 10.00am

*Followed with Hot Cross Buns!*



## THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

### Sunday – Mothering Sunday (*Luke 2.33-35*)

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

- 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)

- Wednesday**
- 7.00 pm 'The Joy of the Gospel' Lent course (The Hub, Newbottle St)

- 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:

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Fifth Sunday of Lent (*John 11. 1 - 45*)

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

- 25<sup>th</sup> Mar** 7.00 pm 'The Joy of the Gospel' Lent course (The Hub, Newbottle St)

- 28<sup>th</sup> Mar** 9.00 am Church Spring Clean (until 1.00 pm)

- 30<sup>th</sup> Mar** 2.00 pm Mothers' Union Easter Readings (Church)

*Watch this space for other upcoming events!*

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