

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

## SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

**Fifth Sunday of 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:**

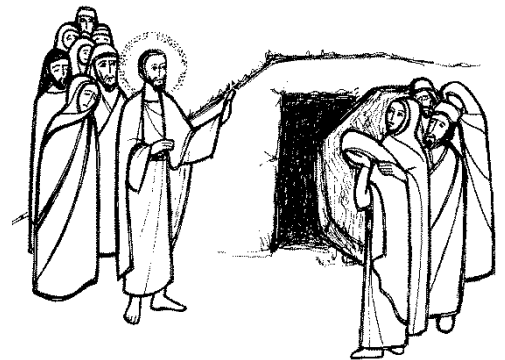
Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

**First:** Ezekiel 37. 1 - 14

**Second:** Romans 8. 6 - 11

**Gospel:** John 11. 1 - 45 ; 45-1 :11 يوحنا



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

**Opening Hymn:** 'All my hope on God is founded' (584)

**Gradual Hymn:** 'Father in heaven, whose love profound' (628)

**Hymn of Offering:** 'There's a wideness in God's mercy' (806)

**Communion Hymn:** 'How deep is the Father's love for us' (144)

**Closing Hymn:** 'When I survey the wondrous cross' (157)

### **Details for Celtic Eucharist at 6.00 pm**

**First Hymn:** 'Jesus calls us here' (450)

**Second Hymn:** 'Lord Jesus Christ' (712)

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

**First Hymn:** 'Living God your word has called us' (366)

**Second Hymn:** 'Just as I am, without one plea' (451)

**Third Hymn:** 'Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine' (601)

 **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, 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, Rev'd Peter Fisher.

**Rotas for the coming week**

**Readers:** L Farthing (8.30 am Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>)  
D Turnbull & J Bond (10.00 am Sun 29<sup>th</sup>)  
J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 29<sup>th</sup>)  
J Bond (10.00 am Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Stewards:** D & B Scott (10.00 am Sun 29<sup>th</sup>)  
J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 29<sup>th</sup>)  
S Wynn & J Beattie (10.00 am Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Intercessors:** D Anderson (8.30 am Sun 29<sup>th</sup>)  
TBC (10.00 am Sun 29<sup>th</sup>)

**Coffee:** K Arden & G Loscombe (10.00 am 29<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.



## Celtic Eucharist

A sung service of Holy Communion drawing on liturgy from the Celtic Christian Tradition.

Led by Rev'd Margaret Lee

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.00 pm.



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

## 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.



## Good Friday Walk of Witness | Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

*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!*



## Events Committee - Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00 am


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

## Electoral Roll revision.

A revision of the Electoral Roll will take place. Forms are available from and should be returned to the Electoral Roll Officer, Rita Turnbull or to the box at the back.

## THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

**Sunday** – Fifth Sunday of Lent (*John 11. 1 - 45*)

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

**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)

**Saturday** 9.00 am Church Spring Clean (until 1.00pm)

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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**29<sup>th</sup> March** – Palm Sunday (*Matthew 26. 14 – end of 27*)

8.30 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & )  
6.00 pm Passiontide Devotion 'Tokens of His Passion'

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

*Watch this space for other upcoming events!*

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