

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

**SERVICE DETAILS &
WEEKLY NOTICES**

8th March 2026

Third Sunday in 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:

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Exodus 17. 1 - 7

Second: Romans 5. 1 - 11

Gospel: John 4. 5 - 42 ; 42-5 :4 يوحنا



Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'Jesus where'er thy people meet' (696)

Gradual Hymn: 'Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking' (387)

Hymn of Offering: 'I, the Lord of sea and sky' (494)

Communion Hymn: 'Breathe on me breath of God' (236)

Closing Hymn: 'Guide me O Thou great redeemer' (652)

Details for Choral Evensong at 6.00 pm

First Hymn: 'Lift up your hearts' (708)

Second Hymn: 'Forgive us when our deeds ignore' (120)

Third Hymn: 'Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us' (702)

Psalm: A song of Christ the servant

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'Take up the song, and sing the praise of God' (568)

Second Hymn: 'Jesus is Lord' (690)

Third Hymn: 'Sometimes a light surprise' (519)

 **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, 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:

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

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: D Anderson (8.30 am Sunday 15th)
TBC (10.00 am Sun 15th)
J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 15th)
J Bond (10.00 am Thurs 19th)

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

Intercessors: L Farthing (8.30 am Sun 15th)
TBC (10.00 am Sun 15th)

Coffee: S Goymer & H Paget (10.00 am 15th)

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.



Choral Evensong

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

Sunday 8th March at 6.00 pm

Led by Rev'd Margaret Lee.

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.



Retreat Days at Brancepeth Castle

Claire's second retreat day is on Sat 21st March (*Creative Prayer*).

Cost: £40. Book at: community-of-the-well.uk or contact the office for help.



We have a number of planned community organising
events we want to encourage our congregation to consider
attending.

From Anger to Action: Effective Ministry in a Time of Fragmentation.

16th April, 10 am – 12 noon, Newcastle Cathedral.

Local Election Assemblies: Sunderland 23rd Apr 6-8pm

Introduction to Community Organising: Newcastle May 9th & 16th,
North Tyneside Sept 18th & 25th, Durham Nov 7th & 21st

Training details on handouts at the back of church.

Events Committee - Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 11th April from 10.00 am



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

THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday – Third Sunday in Lent (*John 4. 5 - 42*)

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)

Wednesday 2.30 pm Wedding of Chas & Shelby
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:

15th March – Mothering Sunday (*Luke 2.33-35*)

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

18th Mar 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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