

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

**SERVICE DETAILS &
WEEKLY NOTICES**

3rd May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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:

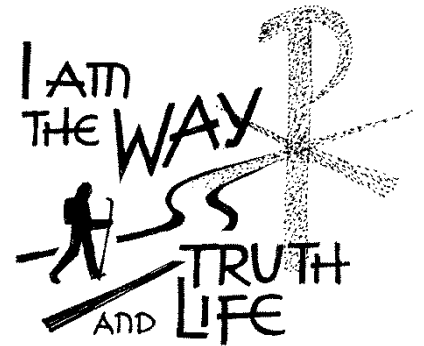
Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Acts 7. 55 - end

Second: 1 Peter 2. 2 - 10

Gospel: John 14. 1 - 14 ; يوحنا ١٤: ١-١٤



Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'To God be the glory, great things he has done!' (818)

Gradual Hymn: 'Before I take the body of my Lord' (426)

Hymn of Offering: 'The church's one foundation' (506)

Communion Hymn: 'Come to me' says Jesus' (437)

Closing Hymn: 'Tell all the world of Jesus' (505)

Details for Service of Light at 6.00 pm

First Hymn: 'Christ is the one who calls' (487)

Second Hymn: 'Brother, sister, let me serve you' (604)

Third Hymn: 'Praise and thanksgiving' (287)

Fourth Hymn: 'Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father' (650)

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds' (664)

Second Hymn: 'Ye that know the Lord is gracious' (828)

Third Hymn: 'Forth in the peace of Christ we go' (475)



PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR SERVICE AND PERSONAL PRAYER

In our church diary we pray: For our newly appointed members of PCC & church officers.

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, Alastair Bradley, Anna Bradley, Anne Camp, Helen Cheall, Helen Cowan, Peter Cunningham, Jennifer Dixon, Marjorie Fogg, John Friend, Stuart Gallagher, Ken Henderson, Evelyn Hendry, Brooke Kirkpatrick, Ruth Lindsay, Debbie Miller, Anunda Samoo (Andy), Nirmala Samoo, Kenneth Rose, Aileen Scott, Gina Smith, Hilary Storey, John Wilde.

For the recently departed, including:

Jim Kennedy, Jean Raine, Norma Charlton, Bill Beattie.

For those whose anniversary of death falls near this time, including:

Bill Findlay

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: A Bradley (8.30 am Sunday 3rd)
S Hardy & J Henderson (10.00 am Sun 3rd)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 3rd)
E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 7th)

Stewards: R Turnbull & C Moore (10.00 am Sun 3rd)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 3rd)
E Harkness & E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 7th)

Intercessors: Minister (8.30 am Sun 3rd)
D Turnbull (10.00 am Sun 3rd)

Coffee: L Scott & S Wilde (10.00 am 3rd)

Easter Flowers there's still time to make a donation if you wish to contribute towards flowers used to decorate the church for Easter, please see Carole Cunningham. Thank you.



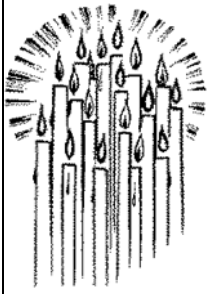
Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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.



Service of Light

A gentle evening service with music, hymns, reading & sermon.

Sunday 3rd May at 6.00 pm

Led by and Preaching from Simon Hardy.

There will be a meeting for our Side People and Open Church Stewards on Thurs 7th May 11am - 12noon. All are welcome to the Holy Communion Service ahead of the meeting.



The Friends of Houghton Parish Church Trust

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| 7 th May | 7pm | Houghton Brass Band Concert |
| 9 th May | 10-1pm | Friends Coffee Morning |
| 10 th May | 6pm | Friends Choral Evensong & AGM |
| 11 th May | 7pm | The George Whitfield Organ Concert, Dr Gordon Stewart |

The Trustees are delighted to inform you The George Whitfield Organ Concert will be free again this year. Please invite your friends



Donations of savouries and cakes for the Coffee Morning would be welcome, by 9am on Saturday 9th May

Raffle prizes for the 'The Friends' Coffee morning to Jean Henderson. Thank you

Start!

Exploring Faith

A series of informal sessions to help people explore some of those 'big life questions' and consider their journey of faith. We're planning these for Wednesday evenings in the coming weeks. If you're interested or want to know more please speak to a member of the ministry team.

Creative Prayer for Beginners.

A quiet day at Brancepeth Castle, on Saturday 16th May, 11am to 4pm
Collage, poetry, drawing, fabric and thread: all of these can help us deepen our connection to God and help us to pray. Come and try something new, in a supportive setting. No experience or art skills needed.

More details on the flyers at the back of church, or chat to Claire about it.


Mothers' UNION

Trip to Ripon on Tues 23rd June, All are welcome!

You can either have a trip to Ripon shopping or you can have a visit around Ripon Cathedral, followed by cake and coffee, and then attend the midday Eucharist. The cost of the cathedral tour, cake and coffee is £15. I hope to get funding for the bus. If you are interested can you please contact Sheila Wynne in church or 07916629043.

THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter (*John 14. 1 - 14*)

8.30 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & )
6.00pm Service of Light

Monday 2.30 pm *No Community Food Store*
6.00 pm *No Vestry hour (call Parish Office for appointment)*

Tuesday 3.30 pm Family Fun (Kepier Hall)

Thursday 10.00 am Holy Communion (in Church)
11.00 am Sides People & Open Church Stewards Meeting
7.00 pm Houghton Brass Band Concert


Friday 9.30 am Community Food Store (Kepier Hall)
9.30 am Stay and Play (Kepier Hall)

Saturday 10.00 am Friends Coffee Morning (in Church, until 1.00 pm)

Our 'Drop-in' is open at the Space4 Hub (Newbottle St) 10-1 from Tues 8th Apr

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

10th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter (*John 14. 15 - 21*)

8.30 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & )
6.00 pm Friends Choral Evensong
7.00 pm Friends AGM

11th May 7.00 pm The George Whitfield Organ Concert, Dr Gordon Stewart

17th May 10.00 am 'All-In' Holy Communion

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