

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

## SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Second 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, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

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

**First:** Acts 2. 14a, 22 - 32

**Second:** 1 Peter 1. 3 - 9

**Gospel:** John 20. 19 - end ; يوحنا ٢٠ : ١٩ – النهاية

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

**Opening Hymn:** 'Christ is alive! Let Christians sing' (199)

**Gradual Hymn:** 'Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord' (197)

**Hymn of Offering:** 'Love's redeeming work is done' (209)

**Communion Hymn:** 'Word that formed creation' (220)

**Closing Hymn:** 'Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raised' (194)

### **Details for Choral Evensong at 6.00 pm**

**First Hymn:** 'Bring to the Lord a glad new song' (360)

**Second Hymn:** 'Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky' (208)

**Third Hymn:** 'Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son' (218)

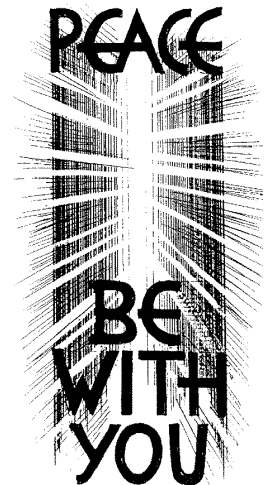
**Anthem:** 'Christ the Lord is ris'n again' *Words & Music: Richard Shepherd*

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

**First Hymn:** 'I danced in the morning when the world was begun' (667)

**Second Hymn:** 'If Christ had not been raised from death' (204)

**Third Hymn:** 'Hope of our calling: hope through courage won' (493)



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

**In our church diary we pray:** Alleluia. He is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**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, Bill Beattie, Alastair Bradley, Anna Bradley, Anne Camp, Helen Cheall, Helen Cowan, Peter Cunningham, Jennifer Dixon, Marjorie Fogg, Stuart Gallagher, 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:**

Doris Dunn, Rev'd Peter Fisher, Jim Kennedy.

**Rotas for the coming week**

**Readers:** A Bradley (8.30 am Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>)  
TBC (10.00 am Sun 19<sup>th</sup>)  
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 19<sup>th</sup>)  
E Harkness (10.00 am Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>)

**Stewards:** S & J Wilde (10.00 am Sun 19<sup>th</sup>)  
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 19<sup>th</sup>)  
E Harkness & E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>)

**Intercessors:** Minister (8.30 am Sun 19<sup>th</sup>)  
TBC (10.00 am Sun 19<sup>th</sup>)

**Coffee:** S Goymer & H Paget (10.00 am 19<sup>th</sup>)

**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.



## Choral Evensong

Our traditional service of evening prayer  
with singing led by our choir.  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00 pm

Led by Rev'd John Barron.

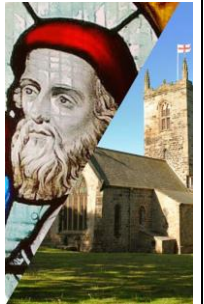
### A HUGE THANK YOU

To all who helped prepare church for Holy Week & Easter services: spring cleaning, polishing, singing, playing, setting up, typing, printing, making tea, washing linen, reading, arranging flowers, arranging services, etc. etc. serving in many ways.

### ***Bible Stories Reworked: Sunday School for Grown Ups.***

*A quiet day at Brancepeth Castle, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 11 am to 4pm  
Hear a well-known bible story told in a fresh way and reflect on it together, then choose from a variety of creative ways to respond to it.  
More details on the flyers at the back of church, or chat to Claire about it.*

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 11.15 am on Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



### The Friends of Houghton Parish Church Trust

- 7<sup>th</sup> May 7pm Houghton Brass & Houghton Youth Band Concert
- 9<sup>th</sup> May 10-1pm Friends Coffee Morning
- 10<sup>th</sup> May 6pm Friends Choral Evensong & AGM
- 11<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> May



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

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

**16<sup>th</sup> April, 10 am – 12 noon, Newcastle Cathedral.**


**Local Election Assemblies: Sunderland 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr 6-8pm**

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

*Further details on handouts at the back of church.*

## THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

**Sunday** – Second Sunday of Easter (*John 20. 19 - end*)

- 8.30 am Holy Communion
- 10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & )
- 6.00pm Choral Evensong

**Monday** 2.30 pm Community Food Store  
6.00 pm Vestry hour (call Parish Office for appointment)

**Tuesday** 3.30 pm Family Fun (Kepier Hall)


**Thursday** 10.00 am From Anger to Action (Newcastle Cathedral)  
10.00 am Holy Communion (in Church)  
6.00 pm Choir Practice (Choir Vestry)

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

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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**19<sup>th</sup> April** – Third Sunday of Easter (*Luke 24. 13 - 35*)

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

**23<sup>rd</sup> Apr** 6.00 pm Local Election Assembly (Sunderland Minster)

**22<sup>nd</sup> Apr** 2.00 pm Funeral of Peter Fisher (Durham Cathedral)

**26<sup>th</sup> Apr** 11.15 am APCM (in Church)

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