

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

**SERVICE DETAILS &  
WEEKLY NOTICES**

19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Third 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:**

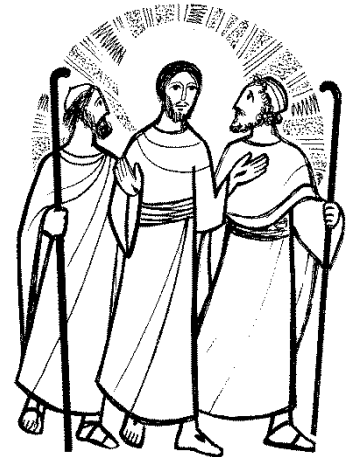
Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen**

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

**First:** Acts 2. 14a, 36 - 41

**Second:** 1 Peter 1. 17 - 23

**Gospel:** Luke 24. 13 -35 ; لوقا ٢٤ : ١٣-٣٥



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

**Opening Hymn:** 'Lord of the dance' (HON 448)

**Gradual Hymn:** 'This little light of mine' (HON 668)

**Hymn of Offering:** 'Will you come and follow me' (HON 740)

**Communion Hymn:** 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind' (HON 129)

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

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

**First Hymn:** 'I heard the voice of Jesus' (669)

**Second Hymn:** 'The Lords my shepherd' (799)

**Third Hymn:** 'At the name of Jesus' (593)

 **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, Kenneth Rose, Aileen Scott, Gina Smith, Hilary Storey, John Wilde.

**For the recently departed, including:**

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

**Rotas for the coming week**

**Readers:** L Farthing (8.30 am Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>)  
D Barnes & K Close (10.00 am Sun 26<sup>th</sup>)  
J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 26<sup>th</sup>)  
J Bond (10.00 am Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>)

**Stewards:** D & B Scott (10.00 am Sun 26<sup>th</sup>)  
J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 26<sup>th</sup>)  
S Wynne & J Beattie (10.00 am Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>)

**Intercessors:** D Anderson (8.30 am Sun 26<sup>th</sup>)  
D Turnbull (10.00 am Sun 26<sup>th</sup>)

**Coffee:** J & C Dixon (10.00 am 26<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.



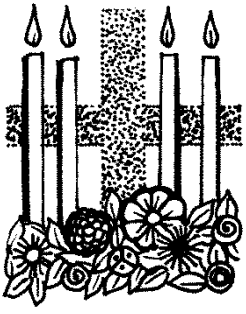
***Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility***

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.



## Reflective Service

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00 pm.

A worship service allowing for personal reflections with readings, music and prayer.

Led by our Reader, Ros Pickersgill

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

*A quiet day at Brancepeth Castle, on Saturday 25th April, 11am 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.*



The upcoming local elections are an important milestone for democracy and power in Sunderland, providing new opportunities to tackle some of the vital issues that affect people's lives.

**Please join us at the Pre-Election Assembly: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr 6-8pm, Sunderland Minster**

At the Assembly, candidates will be asked to respond to some of the issues Tyne & Wear Citizens are campaigning on, after an extensive listening campaign. These include SEND, Community Safety and Dentistry. We will be seeking an ongoing working relationship with whoever is elected.

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**

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| 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

## THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

**Sunday** – Third Sunday of Easter (*Luke 24. 13 - 35*)

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

**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 Holy Communion (in Church)  
6.00 pm Local Election Assemblies (Sunderland Minster)  
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:

**26<sup>th</sup> April** – Fourth Sunday of Easter (*John 10. 1 - 10*)

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

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