

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

5th April 2026

Easter Sunday



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:

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Acts 10. 34 – 43

Second: Colossians 3. 1 – 4

Gospel: Matthew 28. 1 - 10 ; متى ٢٨ : ١-١٠

Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'The day of resurrection!' (216)

Gradual Hymn: 'All heavens declare the glory of the risen Lord' (193)

Gospel: 'Alleluia, alleluia' (196)

Hymn of Offering: 'Jesus Christ is risen today' (205)

Communion Hymn: 'Now the green blade rises from the buried grain' (212)

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

Details for Service of Light at 6.00 pm

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

Second Hymn: 'A brighter day is breaking' (192)

Third Hymn: 'Alleluia, alleluia' (197)

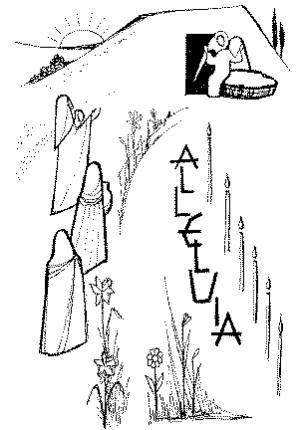
Fourth Hymn: 'Jesus lives! thy terrors now' (207)

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'Christ is alive!' (199)

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

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



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

In our church diary we pray: For a closer union with Christ as we walk together in Holy Week through his passion to the glory of Easter.

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, 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:

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

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: D Anderson (8.30 am Sunday 12th)
C Moor & R Turnbull (10.00 am Sun 12th)
J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 12th)
J Bond (10.00 am Thurs 16th)

Stewards: J Henderson & S Gamble (10.00 am Sun 12th)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 12th)
S Wynn & J Beattie (10.00 am Thurs 16th)

Intercessors: L Farthing (8.30 am Sun 12th)
TBC (10.00 am Sun 12th)

Coffee: M Barnes & J Wheatley (10.00 am 12th)

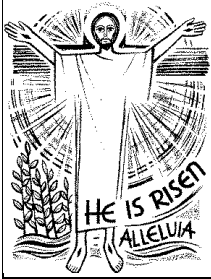
Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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

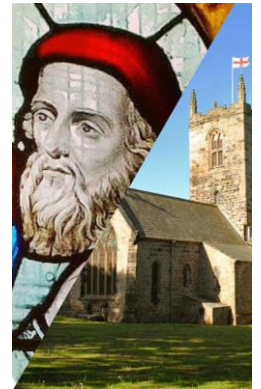
If there is immediate risk or danger, contact the police on 999.



He is Risen! Alleluia!

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ with the dawn of the new Easter day, we remember that God calls us all out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 11.15 am on Sun 26th 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.



Events Committee - Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 11th April from 10.00 am

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



Please take your egg to the back of church, fill out the slip and place with your egg for Judging.
(categories: under 5, 6-11, 12-18, adult)



The Friends of Houghton Parish Church Trust

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



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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday – Easter Sunday (*Matthew 28. 1 - 10*)

- 8.30 am Easter Day Communion
10.00 am Sung Easter Day 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 *No Family Fun*

- Thursday** 10.00 am Holy Communion (in Church)
1.00 pm Community Food Store (Kepier Hall, until 3pm)
6.00 pm Choir Practice (Choir Vestry)


- Friday** 9.30 am *No Stay and Play*

- Saturday** 10.00 am Coffee Morning (in Church, until 1pm)

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

12th April – Second Sunday of Easter (*John 20. 19 - end*)

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

- 16th Apr 10.00 am From Anger to Action (Newcastle Cathedral)

- 19th Apr 10.00 am All-In Holy Communion (in Church)

- 23rd Apr 6.00 pm Local Election Assembly (Sunderland Minster)

- 22nd Apr 2.00 pm Funeral of Peter Fisher (Durham Cathedral)

- 26th Apr 11.15 am APCM (in Church)

Watch this space for other upcoming events!

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