

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

## SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

26<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Fourth 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:**

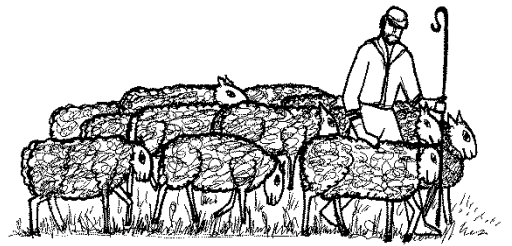
Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

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

**First:** Acts 2. 42 - end

**Second:** 1 Peter 2. 19 - end

**Gospel:** John 10. 1 - 10 ; ١٠-ي وحننا ١:١



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

**Opening Hymn:** 'Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name' (502)

**Gradual Hymn:** 'The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want' (800)

**Hymn of Offering:** 'I will sing the wondrous story' (671)

**Communion Hymn:** 'The King of love my shepherd is' (794)

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

### **Details for Celtic Eucharist at 6.00 pm**

**First Hymn:** 'Christ is alive let Christians sing' (199)

**Second Hymn:** 'Jesus is risen' (206)

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

**First Hymn:** 'Alleluia, sing to Jesus!' (422)

**Second Hymn:** 'Come to me', says Jesus' (437)

**Third Hymn:** 'All for Jesus, all for Jesus' (421)

 **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, 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:**

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

**Rotas for the coming week**

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

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

**Intercessors:** Minister (8.30 am Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
D Turnbull (10.00 am Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Coffee:** L Scott & S Wilde (10.00 am 3<sup>rd</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.

# Celtic Eucharist

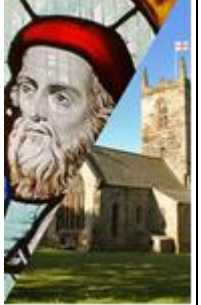


A sung service of Holy Communion drawing on liturgy  
from the Celtic Christian Tradition.

Led by Rev'd Margaret Lee

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00 pm.

Join us for 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. Pick up copies of the report from 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

## **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.

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



## THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

**Sunday** – 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)
- 6.00pm Celtic Eucharist

**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 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:

**3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Fifth Sunday of Easter (*John 14. 1 - 14*)

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

**7<sup>th</sup> May** 11.00am Sides People & Open Church Stewards Meeting  
7.00 pm Houghton Brass & Houghton Youth Band Concert

**9<sup>th</sup> May** 10.00 am Friends Coffee Morning

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**11<sup>th</sup> May** 7.00 pm The George Whitfield Organ Concert, Dr Gordon Stewart

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