

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

**SERVICE DETAILS &
WEEKLY NOTICES**

10th May 2026

Friends Thanks Giving / Sixth 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, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Acts 17. 22 - 31

Second: 1 Peter 3. 13 - end

Gospel: John 14. 15 – 21 ; يوحنا ١٤ : ١٥ - ٢١



Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'O praise ye the Lord!' (753)

Psalm 150: Response '*Let everything that breathes praise the Lord*'

Hymn of Offering: 'Love divine, all loves excelling' (721)

Communion Hymn: 'I come with joy, a child of God' (448)

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

Details for Friends Choral Evensong at 6.00 pm

Please see service sheet for details

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'Hail the day that sees him rise' (228)

Gradual Hymn: 'All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord' (193)

Hymn of Offering: 'The head that once was crowned with thorns' (232)

Communion Hymn: 'Christ bids us break bread' (434)

Closing Hymn: 'Crown him with many crowns' (227)

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

In our church diary we pray: For the trustees and members of the 'Friends of Houghton Parish Church Trust'

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, Ken Henderson, Evelyn Hendry, Brooke Kirkpatrick, Ruth Lindsay, Debbie Miller, Kenneth Rose, Aileen Scott, Gina Smith, John Wilde.

For the recently departed, including:

Stuart Gallagher, Norma Charlton, Bill Beattie.

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: A Bradley (8.30 am Sunday 17th)
TBC (10.00 am Sun 17th)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 17th)
E Harkness (10.00 am Thurs 21st)

Stewards: S & J Wilde (10.00 am Sun 17th)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 17th)
E Harkness & E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 21st)

Intercessors: Minister (8.30 am Sun 17th)
TBC (10.00 am Sun 17th)

Coffee: S Foster & S Bradley (10.00 am 17th)

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.

Friends of the Houghton Parish Church Trust Choral Evensong



Sunday 10th May, 6.00 pm

Led by Rev'd John Barron and the Choir
of St Michael & All Angels

The Friends of Houghton Parish Church Trust

The George Whitfield Organ Concert with Dr Gordon Stewart

Monday 11th May at 7.00 pm



Gordon Stewart is one of the UK's most popular and adaptable organists; he has played Celebrity Concerts in such places as St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral, the Laurenskerk, Alkmaar and at Symphony Hall in Birmingham, Leeds Town Hall, Melbourne Town Hall, Pietermaritzburg City Hall and Johannesburg Cathedral. Gordon has supported this event over many years.

This year will be his final visit to St Michael's.

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

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 – Friends Weekend/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

Monday

- 2.30 pm Community Food Store
- 5.30 pm Vestry hour (call Parish Office for appointment)
- 7.00 pm The George Whitfield Organ Concert, Dr Gordon Stewart**

Tuesday 3.30 pm Family Fun (Kepier Hall)

Thursday 10.00 am Holy Communion (in Church)


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 8th Apr

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

17th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter (*John 17. 1 - 11*)

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

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