

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

**SERVICE DETAILS &
WEEKLY NOTICES**

17th May 2026

Seventh 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:

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Acts 1. 6 - 14

Second: 1 Peter 4. 12 – 14, 32 - end

Gospel: John 17. 1 - 11 ; يوحنا ١٧ : ١-١١

Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'At the name of Jesus' (HON 48)

Gradual Hymn: 'The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want' (HON 637)

Hymn of Offering: 'Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us' (HON 408)

Communion Hymn: 'A new commandment I give unto you' (HON 34)

Closing Hymn: 'Lord, the light of your love in shining' (HON 416)

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'Creator God' (536)

Second Hymn: 'Bright the vision that delighted' (603)

Third Hymn: 'Life up your hearts' (708)





PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR SERVICE AND PERSONAL PRAYER

In our church diary we pray: For those being baptised, their parents & Godparents. Those preparing for admission to communion and those considering 'Exploring Faith'.

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, Anne Robinson, 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: L Farthing (8.30 am Sunday 24th)
A Slater & J Henderson (10.00 am Sun 24th)
J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 24th)
J Bond (10.00 am Thurs 28th)

Stewards: D & B Scott (10.00 am Sun 24th)
J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 24th)
S Wynne & J Beattie (10.00 am Thurs 28th)

Intercessors: D Anderson (8.30 am Sun 24th)
TBC (10.00 am Sun 24th)

Coffee: M Barnes & J Wheatley (10.00 am 24th)

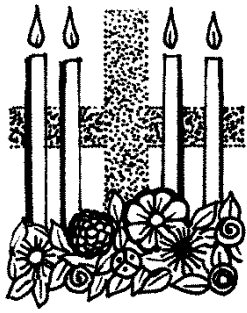
Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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.



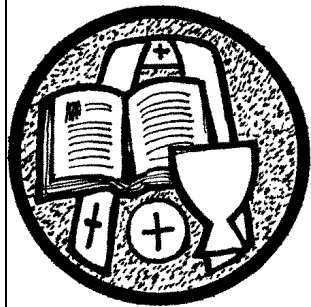
Reflective Service

Sun 17th March at 6.00 pm.

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

Led by our Reader, Ros Pickersgill

A HUGE 'Thank You' to all those involved in the 'Friends weekend' events making it a huge success once again! Continue to promote 'Friends' to people who many want to support church.



On Sunday 29th June at 10am Sue Elsey will be ordained Deacon in Durham Cathedral and all are welcome to attend. We will explore booking a coach or car sharing if that enables people to go. There will be a Service of Holy Communion at 6pm in St Michaels at which Reverend Sue Elsey will be our preacher.

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.


Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

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 – 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

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

Tuesday 11.00 am Open Church (until 1.00 pm)
3.30 pm Family Fun (Kepier Hall)

Wednesday 10.15 am Funeral of Margaret Glass

Thursday 10.00 am Holy Communion (in Church)
11.00 am Open Church (until 1.00 pm)
6.00 pm Choir Practice (Choir Vestry)


Friday 9.30 am Community Food Store (Kepier Hall)
9.30 am Stay and Play (Kepier Hall)
11.00 am Open Church (until 1.00 pm)
1.30 pm Funeral of Bill Beattie

Saturday 11.00 am Open Church (until 1.00 pm)

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

24th May – Pentecost (*John 20. 19 - 23*)

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

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