

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

24th May 2026

Pentecost



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:

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Acts 2. 1 - 21

Second: 1 Corinthians 12. 3b - 13

Gospel: John 20. 19 - 23 ; 23-19 :20 يوحنا



Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'Come, Holy Spirit, come!' (242)

Gradual Hymn: 'Breathe on me, Breath of God' (236)

Hymn of Offering: 'Come down, O Love divine' (238)

Communion Hymn: 'Be present, Spirit of the Lord' (235)

Closing Hymn: 'The Spirit lives to set us free' (264)

Details for Celtic Eucharist at 6.00 pm

First Hymn: 'Above the moon the earth rises' (531)

Second Hymn: 'Will you come and follow me' (510)

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'Be still, for the presence of the Lord' (358)

Second Hymn: 'Put peace into each other's hands' (566)

Third Hymn: 'Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets' (563)



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, Karen Lambton, Ruth Lindsay, Debbie Miller, Anne Robinson, Kenneth Rose, Aileen Scott, Gina Smith, John Wilde.

For the recently departed, including:

Stuart Gallagher, Norma Charlton, Margaret Glass, Bill Beattie.

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: R Turnbull & C Moore (10.00 am Sun 31st)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 31st)
E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 4th)

Stewards: R Turnbull & C Moore (10.00 am Sun 31st)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 31st)
E Harkness & E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 4th)

Intercessors: TBC (10.00 am Sun 31st)

Coffee: S Goymer & H Paget (10.00 am 31st)

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 Claire Cullingworth

Sun 26th April at 6.00 pm.

On Sunday 28th 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 June. If you're interested or want to know more please speak to a member of the ministry team.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

The MU trip to Ripon has been cancelled.

Instead, we are going to hold a meeting on Monday 29th June. We are going to hold a bring and share with bingo and beetle drive. There is a list at the back of the church for you to write down what you can bring to share.


Mothers' Union Festival service will be held on Tuesday 16th June, 2.00 pm at Durham Cathedral.



The church office is closed from week beginning Sunday 24th August, opening again on Tuesday 2nd June.

THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday – Pentecost (*John 20. 19 - 23*)

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

- Monday** 2.30 pm *No Community Food Store (Kepier Hall)*
- 6.00 pm *No Vestry hour (call Parish Office for appointment)*

- Tuesday** 3.30 pm Family Fun (Kepier Hall)
- Holy Communion (Hub, Newbottle St)
- PCC (Hub, Newbottle St)

- 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)

- 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:

31st May – Trinity Sunday (*Matthew 28. 16 - end*)

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

16th Jun 2.00 pm Mothers' Union Festival Service (Durham Cathedral)

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