

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

**SERVICE DETAILS &
WEEKLY NOTICES**

7th June 2026

First Sunday after Trinity



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 truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Hosea 5. 15 – 6. 6

Second: Romans 4. 13 - end

Gospel: Matthew 9. 9 – 13, 18 - 26 ; متى 9: 9، 13-9، 26-18

Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'Lord, for the years, your love has kept and guided' (715)

Gradual Hymn: 'As the deer pants for the water' (592)

Hymn of Offering: 'From heaven you came, helpless babe' (489)

Communion Hymn: 'Bread of life, hope of the world' (431, omit v 6, 7, 8)

Closing Hymn: 'To God be the glory, great things he has done!' (818)

Details for Service of Light at 6.00 pm

First Hymn: 'O God you, search me and you know me' (747)

Second Hymn: 'There is a redeemer' (805)

Third Hymn: 'Father Lord of earth' (272)

Fourth Hymn: 'Saviour again to thy dear name we raise' (22)

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'Ye that know the Lord is gracious' (828)

Second Hymn: 'Songs of praise the angels sang' (782)

Third Hymn: 'Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine!' (601)

 **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, Anna Bradley, Anne Camp, Helen Cheall, Helen Cowan, Peter Cunningham, Jennifer Dixon, 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:

Margaret Glass, Bill Beattie, Isabella Johnston, Alastair Bradley, Marjorie Fogg.

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: J Henderson & S Hardy (10.00 am Sun 14th)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 14th)
E Harkness (10.00 am Thurs 18th)

Stewards: S & J Wilde (10.00 am Sun 14th)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 14th)
E Harkness & E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 18th)

Intercessors: K Close (10.00 am Sun 14th)

Coffee: L Scott & S Wilde (10.00 am 14th)

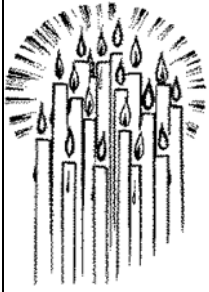
Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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.



Service of Light

A gentle evening service with music, hymns,
reading & sermon.

Sunday 7th June at 6.00 pm

Led by Rev'd Margaret Lee.

Sue Elsey's Ordination: Sunday 28th June 2026

Our Reader, Sue Elsey, will be ordained Deacon at Durham Cathedral on Sunday 28th June at 10:00 AM, and everyone is warmly invited to attend. Later that day, there will be a single Holy Communion service at 6:00 PM at St Michael's, where Sue will be preaching her first sermon as Deacon.

Coach Details & Payment

- Transport: A coach has been booked to take us to Durham Cathedral, picking up from and returning to St Michael's (exact departure time to be confirmed).
- Cost: £10 per person - we have 40 seats to be allocated on first come first served basis
- Deadline: Payment must be made in advance by Sunday 21st June.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday – First Sunday after Trinity (*Matthew 3. 3-13, 18-26*)

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

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)
6.00 pm Growing Church Meeting (Choir Vestry)

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)
12.15 pm Funeral of Alastair Bradley

Saturday 2.00 pm Drop-In (Hub, Newbottle St)

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

14th June – Second Sunday after Trinity (*Matthew 9. 35 – 10.8 [9.23]*)

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

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

20th Jun 10.00 am Coffee Morning (in Church, until 1.00 pm)

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