

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

26th July 2026

Eighth Sunday after Trinity/Proper 12



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:

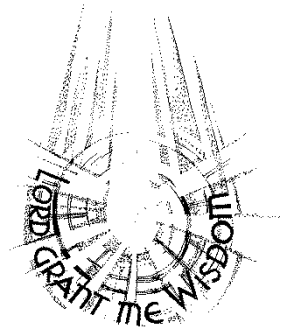
Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: 1 Kings 3. 5 - 12

Second: Romans 8. 26 - end

Gospel: Matthew 13. 31 – 33, 44 - 52 ; متى 13 : 31 – 33 ، 44 – 52



Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'Living God, your word has called us' (366)

Gradual Hymn: 'Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it' (690)

Hymn of Offering: 'Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name!' (502)

Communion Hymn: 'My God, and is thy table spread' (455)

Closing Hymn: 'Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him' (761)

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart' (595)

Second Hymn: 'I, the Lord of sea and sky' (494)

Third Hymn: 'Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go' (476)



PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR SERVICE AND PERSONAL PRAYER

In our church diary we pray: For those being baptised this month: Tobin-Ray (Megan & Stephen), Lincoln (Karl & Lara), Alfie (Sophie & Daniel), Thea (Emma & Paul).

For members of our church family unable to join us in church today:

Jean Clifford, Joyce Grey, Anne Goodman, 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, Anne Camp, Helen Cheall, Helen Cowan, Peter Cunningham, Jennifer Dixon, Stella Foster, John Friend, Ken Henderson, Evelyn Hendry, Kenny Johnson, Brooke Kirkpatrick, Ruth Lindsay, Debbie Miller, Anunda Samoo (Andy), Nirmala Samoo, Kenneth Rose, Aileen Scott, Gina Smith, John Wilde.

For the recently departed, including:

Brian Conley, Joan Haswell, Brian Lambert, David McGill, Patricia Baines, Norman Lindsay.

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: R Turnbull & C Moore (10.00 am Sun 2nd)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 2nd)
E Harkness (10.00 am Thurs 6th)

Stewards: R Turnbull & C Moore (10.00 am Sun 2nd)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 2nd)
S Wynne & J Beattie (10.00 am Thurs 6th)

Intercessors: D Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 2nd)

Coffee: L Scott & S Wilde (10.00 am 2nd)

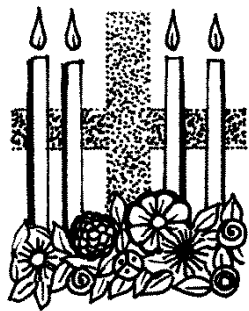
Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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.



Evening Service

Sunday 26th July at 6.00 pm.

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

Led by Simon Hardy

Summer Concert

Sunday 2nd August 2026 at 6.00 pm



An evening concert of beautiful music, not to be missed!

Organ, Piano and Instrumentalists, Soloists and Choirs.
Free Admission, Light Refreshments, Retiring Collection.



FREE Summer Sparks Kids' Workshops

Space4 is hosting three fun skill-building workshops on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30pm to 3:30pm for children aged 7–12 in the hub!

Workshop Schedule:

- 29 July: Intro to Film Making (*Meets in the Library Meeting Room*)
- 5 August: Special Effects Makeup
- 12 August: Animation Skills



Sessions are completely **free**, but places are strictly limited and booking is essential. To secure a spot for your child, please email space4jade@gmail.com.

***Did you know that anyone can become a member of
The Friends of Houghton Parish Church Trust and
help to support our historic Church?***



The Friends of Houghton Parish Church was established in 1993.

It is a registered charity with well over one hundred members.

Please join us today and encourage other to do so to help preserve for future generations what has been entrusted to us. Leaflets at the back of church.

THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday – Eighth Sunday after Trinity (*Matthew 13. 31 – 33, 44 - 52*)

8.30 am Holy Communion
 10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & )
 12.00 noon Baptisms
 1.00 pm Baptisms
 6.00 pm Evening Service

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

Tuesday 7.00 pm Holy Communion (Church)
 7.30 pm PCC (in Church)

Wednesday 1.30 pm Summer Sparks Kids' Workshop (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)

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

2nd August– Ninth Sunday after Trinity (*Matthew 14.13-21*)

8.30 am Holy Communion
 10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & )
 6.00 pm Summer Concert

5th Aug 1.30 pm Summer Sparks Kids' Workshop (Hub, Newbottle St)

12th Aug 1.30 pm Summer Sparks Kids' Workshop (Hub, Newbottle St)

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