

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

16th August 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity/Proper 15



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:

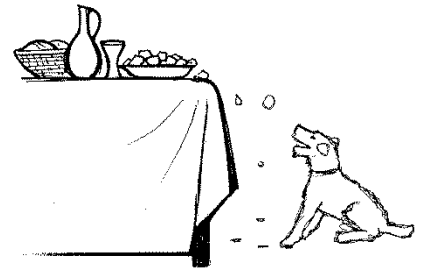
God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Isaiah 56. 1, 6 - 8

Second: Romans 11. 1 – 2a, 29 - 32

Gospel: Matthew 15. [10-20] 21-28; متى 15. 28-21 [20-10]



Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height' (753)

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

Hymn of Offering: 'There's a wideness in God's mercy' (806)

Communion Hymn: 'God of mercy, God of grace' (649)

Closing Hymn: 'And can it be that I should gain' (588)

Details for Celtic Eucharist at 6.00 pm

First Hymn: 'Jesus calls us here to meet him' (450)

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

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

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

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

Third Hymn: 'Take up the song, and sing the praise of God' (568)



PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR SERVICE AND PERSONAL PRAYER

In our church diary we pray: For those being baptised this month: Noelle (Jess & Daniel), Noah (Kate & Joshua), Daisy (Samantha & Sean), Ava (Amy & Karl)

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, Stuart Burnside, 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:

David McGill, Patricia Baines, Norman Lindsay, Raymond Carter.

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: D Barnes & K Close (10.00 am Sun 23rd)
S Hardy (6.00 pm Sun 23rd)
E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 27th)

Stewards: D & B Scott (10.00 am Sun 23rd)
J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 23rd)
E Harkness & E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 27th)

Intercessors: K Close (6.00 pm Sun 23rd)

Coffee: M Barnes & J Wheatley (10.00 am 23rd)

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 Margaret Lee

Sun 16th August at 6.00 pm.

Stand for Synod

New clergy and lay members are being elected to
General Synod this year. **Nominations open on 14
August and close on 7 September.**



General Synod, the national assembly of the Church of England, shapes and approves laws that affect the whole of the Church of England. In Autumn 2026, elections are happening for new General Synod members and those elected will serve for five years. If you are interested in becoming a member or want to know more, see our flier at the back of church.



*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 – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (*Matthew 15. [10-20] 21-28*)

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

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

Wednesday 1.00 pm Family Fitness (Kepier Hall)

Thursday 10.00 am Holy Communion (in Church)

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:

23rd August– Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (*Matthew 16. 13 - 20*)

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

25th Aug 7.30 pm PCC (in church)

11th Sept 11.00 am Heritage week (until 20th Sept)

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