

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

18th August 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity/Proper 16



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 constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Isaiah 51. 1 - 6

Second: Romans 12. 1 - 8

Gospel: Matthew 16. 13 - 20 ; متى 20-13 :16

Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'Living God' (366)

Gradual Hymn: 'From heaven you came' (489)

Hymn of Offering: 'Brother, sister, let me serve you' (604)

Communion Hymn: 'Seek ye first' (775)

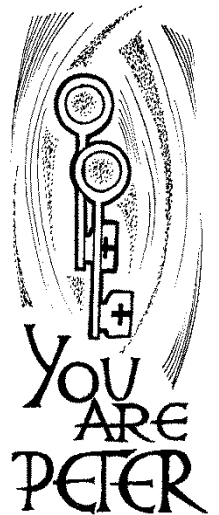
Closing Hymn: 'Blessed assurance' (601)

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'God is love' (644)

Second Hymn: 'I come with Joy' (448)

Third Hymn: 'Let all the world' (704)



 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: A Slater & J Henderson (10.00 am Sun 30th)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 30th)
J Bond (10.00 am Thurs 3rd)

Stewards: R Turnbull & C Moore (10.00 am Sun 30th)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 30th)
S Wynn & J Beattie (10.00 am Thurs 3rd)

Intercessors: TBC (6.00 pm Sun 30th)

Coffee: S Goymer & H Paget (10.00 am 30th)

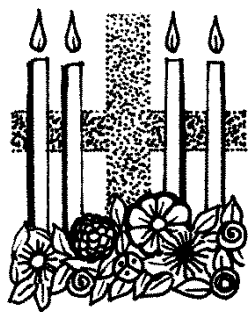
Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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 23rd August at 6.00 pm.

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

Led by our Reader, Ros Pickersgill

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.



Heritage Open Days Thurs 17th Sept – Sat 19th Sept

Every September thousands of volunteers across England organise events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture, and Open Church is part of it!

Open Church is not just for visitors but also the Church family! We're more than happy for both visitors and Church members to join us for refreshments and a catch up.



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 – 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

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

Tuesday 7.00 am Holy Communion
 (*Please note next PCC on 22nd Sept*)

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:

30th August– Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (*Matthew 16. 21 - end*)

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

17th Sept 11.00 am Heritage week (until 2.00pm)

18th Sept 10.00 am Heritage week (until 2.00pm)

19th Sept 10.00 am Heritage week (until 2.00pm)

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