

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

30th August 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity/Proper 17



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:

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

First: Jeremiah 15. 15 - 21

Second: Romans 12. 9 - end

Gospel: Matthew 16. 21 – end ; متى 16 . 21 - النهاية



Details of the Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'Jesus, where'er thy people meet' (696)

Psalms 34: Response '*Taste and see that the Lord is good*'

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

Communion Hymn: 'Just as I am, without one plea' (451)

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

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'Rejoice! The Lord is King' (769)

Second Hymn: 'Come to me' says Jesus' (437)

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: 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:

Norman Lindsay, Raymond Carter.

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: K Close & D Barnes (10.00 am Sun 6th)
S Hardy (6.00 pm Sun 6th)
E Harkness (10.00 am Thurs 10th)

Stewards: J Henderson & S Gamble (10.00 am Sun 6th)
J Henderson (6.00 pm Sun 6th)
E Harkness & E Garbutt (10.00 am Thurs 10th)

Intercessors: D Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 6th)

Coffee: J & C Dixon (10.00 am 6th)

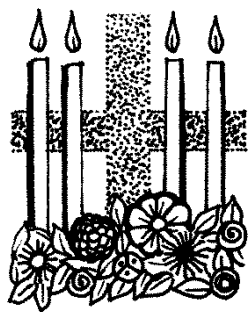
Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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 30th August at 6.00 pm.

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

Led by Simon Hardy

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.



USHAW FLOWER FESTIVAL

Thursday September 10th – Sunday September 13th

One of the arrangements is being arranged by Gilly Beck and celebrates a previous organist and choirmaster of St Michael's, William Shenton. He wrote an oratorio for this church – some of his pieces the choir still sing. This work tells the story of Christ and reflects the church's year and the arrangements are linked to the liturgical colours for that season.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

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

8.30 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & )
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

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:

6th September – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (*Matthew 18.15-20*)

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

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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