

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

18th October 2026

Harvest Festival



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:

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 10.00 am:

First: Deuteronomy 8. 7 – 18

Second: 2 Corinthians 9. 6 - end

Gospel: Luke 12. 16 - 30 ; 30 - 16: 12 لوقا

Details of the Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Opening Hymn: 'Come, ye thankful people, come' (282)

Gradual Hymn: 'He's got the whole world in his hand' (656)

Hymn of Offering: 'All things bright and beautiful' (533)

Communion Hymn: 'God, whose farm is all creation' (285)

Closing Hymn: 'We plough the fields, and scatter' (290)

Details for Choral Harvest Service at 6.00 pm

First Hymn: 'Come ye thankful people' (282)

Second Hymn: 'All creatures of our God and King' (532, omit*)

Third Hymn: 'For the fruits of his creation' (284)

Fourth Hymn: 'Praise and thanksgiving' (287)

Closing Hymn: 'We plough the fields and scatter' (290)

Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

First Hymn: 'Be still for the presence of the Lord' (358)

Second Hymn: 'Thou who's almighty word' (810)

Third Hymn: 'God is love' (644)



*Welcome today
to our
Uniformed
Organisations!*



PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR SERVICE AND PERSONAL PRAYER

In our church diary we pray: At this time of Harvest we thank God for all the good things he gives us and pray for guidance in how we might respond.

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

Jean Clifford, Pauline Coulson, Maureen Howard, Maureen Hutton, Emma Hyden, Ozzy Masters, Rita Stone, Joy Wanless.

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, Peter Cunningham, Jennifer Dixon, Stella Foster, Ken Henderson, Evelyn Hendry, Kenny Johnson, Brooke Kirkpatrick, Ruth Lindsay, Debbie Miller, Martin Moore, Nirmala Samoo, Anunda Samoo (Andy), Kenneth Rose, Aileen Scott, Gina Smith, John Wilde.

For the recently departed, including:

Anne Goodman, Ruby Lambert, Susan Rewcastle, Joyce Gray.

Rotas for the coming week

Readers: D Barnes & K Close (10.00 am Sun 25th)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 25th)
J Bond (10.00 am Thurs 29th)

Stewards: R Turnbull & C Moore (10.00 am Sun 25th)
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 25th)
S Wynne & J Beattie (10.00 am Thurs 29th)

Intercessors: D Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 25th)

Coffee: J & C Dixon (10.00 am 25th)

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.



Don't forget! The clocks go back 1 hour on Sunday 25th October.



Harvest Choral Evensong

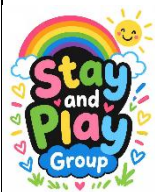
A special service for harvest led by our choir and
Rev'd John Barron and Rev'd Sue Elsey

Sunday 18th October at 6.00 pm

FAMILY FUN – After school entertainment!



Every Tuesday, Kepier Hall, 3.30–5pm.
Contact space4jade@gmail.com for more
information!



Stay & Play

Play ☺ Learn ☺ Make Friends
Friday's 9.30 – 11.15 am, Kepier Hall

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information!

'All-In'
our family
friendly,
engaging and
open to all
service! Every
third Sunday of
the month



**Our next 'All-In' Service Sun
15th Nov 10.00 am 'Remembering'**

A Huge 'Thank You' to Our Open Church Stewards!

We want to say a huge thank you to the Open Church Stewards for their commitment to opening our church building to visitors. We are particularly grateful for your extra time and efforts over Heritage Week and Houghton Feast. Your warm welcome ensures that our church remains a beacon of hospitality in the community, we truly could not do it without you!

St Michael's Celebration Jigsaw

The completed jigsaw is next to the Friends Stall towards the back of church. The blue folder lists the draft dedications. Please check your dedication. If you are happy with it, please put a tick at the end. If you have any changes, please let us know! (Angela 07931 064 891; Dian 07979 022 652; Denise 07896 648 857.) Thank you! P.S. Entries in blue have already been confirmed.



Mothers' Union meet on Monday 26th October at the
earlier time of **12.45pm to 1pm** for pie and peas.

Raffle prizes welcome.

A working Samsung mobile was found outside of church.

Please see Brian Scott for more details.

THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday – Harvest Festival (*Luke 12. 16 - 30*)

- 8.30 am Holy Communion
- 10.00 am All-In Harvest Festival Holy Communion (Church & )
- 6.00 pm Harvest Choral Evensong

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

- Tuesday**
- 3.30 am Family Fun (Kepier Hall)

- Thursday**
- 10.00 am Holy Communion (in Church)

- Friday**
- 9.30 am Community Food Store (Kepier Hall)
 - 9.30 am Stay and Play (Kepier Hall)

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

25th October – St Luke (*Luke 10. 1 - 9*)

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

- 26th Oct**
- 12.45 pm Mothers' Union Pie & Peas (Kepier Hall)

- 27th Oct**
- 7.30 pm PCC

- 1st Nov**
- 10.00 am All Saints Holy Communion
 - 6.00 pm All Souls Service

Watch this space for other upcoming events!

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