

St Michael and All Angels, South Westoe

5 April 2026

EASTER DAY

Intention: Our Parish and People

8am – Mass (BCP)

11am – Solemn Mass

5pm – Solemn Evensong and Benediction

1. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

A very Happy Easter to all.

2. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make our observance of Holy Week and Easter such a time of blessing for all.

3. Thank you to Simon Walker for playing the organ for our services on Maundy Thursday, Holy Saturday and Easter Day; and to Maurice Powell and Carol Urwin for playing during Holy Week and on Good Friday.

4. We continue our Paschal celebrations with Mass each day during the Easter Octave.

5. Our March challenge for Hospitality and Hope collected 48.6kgs of food plus £150. Many thanks to everyone who donated.

6. Father Mark will be on a Clergy Study tour to Avila in Spain between Monday 13 April and Sunday 19 April. We are grateful to those covering services here that week.

7. The next Parish Office will be on Monday 20 April from 6pm. Urgent enquiries in the meantime can be made via email.

8. Saturday 25 April: Spring Fair from 11am - 1pm.

9. The Venerable Rick Simpson will be consecrated as the next Bishop of Durham in York Minster on Thursday 30 April at 11am.

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

This week's scripture readings at Mass

Acts 2.14, 22-32 | Matthew 28.8-15

Acts 2.36-41 | John 20.11-18

Acts 3.1-10 | Luke 24.13-35

Acts 3.11-end | Luke 24.35-48

Acts 4.1-12 | John 21.1-14

Acts 4.13-21 | Mark 16.9-15

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This week's services and prayer intentions
[Services in italics at St Hilda's Church]

Monday 6 April

EASTER MONDAY

Intention: Thanksgiving for the Resurrection

11.00 am Mass

Tuesday 7 April

EASTER TUESDAY

Intention: Thanksgiving for the Resurrection

11.00am Mass

Wednesday 8 April

EASTER WEDNESDAY

Intention: Thanksgiving for the Resurrection

10.00am Mass

Thursday 9 April

EASTER THURSDAY

Intention: Thanksgiving for the Resurrection

11.00am Mass (BCP)

Friday 10 April

EASTER FRIDAY

Intention: Thanksgiving for the Resurrection

11.00am Mass

Saturday 11 April

EASTER SATURDAY

Intention: Thanksgiving for the Resurrection

10.00am Mass

12 noon Holy Baptism

Sunday 12 April

EASTER 2

LOW SUNDAY

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Intention: Our Parish and People

Mass (BCP) at 8am

Sung Mass at 11.00am

Churchwardens: Mrs M Thompson (456-3828)

Mr M Baxter (07792-458751)

Cheques made payable to 'St Michael's PCC'

EASTER DAY

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 10.34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

PSALM Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24

R This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.' **R.**

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up;
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.' **R.**

I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord. **R.**

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. **R.**
This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

GOSPEL John 20.1-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said

to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**