

St Michael and All Angels, Houghton - le - Spring

## SERVICE DETAILS & WEEKLY NOTICES

25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### The Second Sunday of Lent



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, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### Readings for 8.30 am & 10.00 am:

**First:** Genesis 17. 1 – 7, 15 - 16

**Second:** Romans 4. 13 - end

**Gospel:** Mark 8. 31 - end



#### Details of the Holy Communion at 10.00 am

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

**Psalm 142:** Response *'As the running deer seeks the loving brooke,  
even so my soul longs for you my God'*

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

**Communion Hymn:** 'Breathe on me, breath of God' (236)

**Closing Hymn:** 'I danced in the morning when the world was begun' (667)

#### Details for Celtic Eucharist at 6.00 pm

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

**Second Hymn:** 'Word of God, renew your people' (342, omit\*)

#### Details of the Thursday Holy Communion at 10.00 am

**First Hymn:** 'Be thou my guardian and my guide' (116)

**Second Hymn:** 'Take up the cross' (135)

**Third Hymn:** 'Jesu, lover of my soul' (128)



## PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR SERVICE AND PERSONAL PRAYER

**In our church diary we pray:** In this season of Lent that we may find ways to set aside time for God, that we may have a 'Holy Lent'.

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

Betty Brown, Jean Clifford, Joyce Grey, June Hibbert, Maureen Howard, Maureen Hutton, Emma Hyden, Rita Stone, Molly Wright.

**For those who are ill or in need who have asked for our prayers:**

(list updated each 3 months)

Paul Armour, Emma Duncon, Josephine Flavill, Ruth Francis, Marjorie Fogg, Ken Henderson, Evelyn Hendry, Ruby Lambert, Debbie Miller, Ros Pickersgill, Michael Quigley, Jean Raine, Aileen Scott.

**For the recently departed, including:**

Dawn Hunter, Enid Dixon, Henrietta 'Hetti' Hall, Susan Holmes.

**For those whose anniversary of death falls near this time, including:**

John Howard, Bill Gallagher.

### Rotas for the coming week

**Readers:** TBA (10.00 am Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
B Weedon (6.00 pm Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
O Masters (10.00 am Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>)

**Stewards:** J & S Wilde (10.00 am Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
R Turnbull (6.00 pm Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
S Wynn & J Beattie (10.00 am Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>)

**Intercessors:** TBA (10.00 am Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Coffee:** M Barnes & J Wheatley (10.00 am Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>)

### Lenten Food Appeal

Last month we fed 225 adults and 213 children through our Foodbank and Community Food store. In lent we are appealing for donations of dry food goods in our basket at the back of church.



### **The 'Rector's Call' this Lent: that we respond to God's love for us by:**

- Praying each day – talking to God and listening to God;
- Reading the Bible daily to seek to learn more about God & his will for our lives;
- Coming to church regularly to share in communion and to worship God;
- Living out our faith in our lives through loving service.



## Celtic Eucharist

A sung service of Holy Communion drawing on liturgy from the Celtic Christian Tradition.

Led by Rev'd Claire Cullingworth

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00 pm.

### Planning to set aside time for God in Lent

Read the Gospel Read Mark and John's Gospel's at a chapter a day – as you come towards Holy Week, re-read and compare & contrast the different Passion narratives.

Pray! Give more time to prayer. Take one of our Prayer Pledge cards or use our church prayer lists and pledge to pray for people or events. A number in our church community pray the Lord's Prayer at noon each day, knowing others in our church family are praying the same prayer in different places wherever they are.

Study & Reflect Join in with our Lent Course or 'Watch & pray' see below.

Help others Speak to our churchwardens about helping in church, our Space4 Manager Justine about volunteering with our community project, help another local project or make a point of sharing some 'Acts of Random Kindness'.

Come to church! Commit or recommit to regular worship, perhaps to a mid-week or evening service as well.



### Wisdom and hope for Lent and life

40 daily reflections, Bible readings and actions to help us use Lent as a time to wait together for God. Available as booklets for adults and children, an app for Android and iOS, by mail or smart speaker.

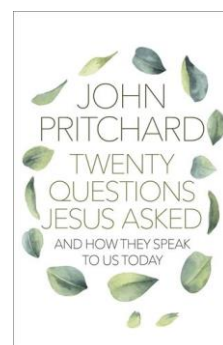
Find out more at [cofe.io/WatchAndPray](http://cofe.io/WatchAndPray)

### Lent course

'Twenty Questions Jesus asked' + John Pritchard's book helps us explore how these questions speak to us today.

Weekly from Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.30am at St Michael & All Angels, Hetton Lyons (Easington Lane, DH5 0JR)

Please sign up on list at back of church & let us know if you need transport or can offer lifts. Worship at 10am, all are welcome.



## THIS WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S

### Sunday – Second Sunday of Lent (Mark 8. 31 - end)

8.30 am Holy Communion  
 10.00 am Holy Communion (Church & Facebook)  
 12.00 noon Baptisms  
 12.45 pm Baptisms  
 6.00 pm Celtic Eucharist

**Monday** 6.00 pm Vestry Hour (Ring office to make appointment)

**Tuesday** 10.00 am Community Food Store (Kepier Hall)  
 10.00 am Holy Communion (St Michael's, Hetton Lyons)  
 10.30 am Lent Course (St Michael's, Hetton Lyons)  
 3.30 pm Tuesday Treat (Hub, Newbottle St)

**Thursday** 10.00 am Holy Communion (Church)  
 6.00 pm Choir Practice (Choir Vestry)

**Friday** 10.00 am Community Food Store (Kepier)  
 2.00 pm Cake & Chat (Hub, Newbottle St)

**Saturday** 2.00 pm Drop-in (Hub, Newbottle)

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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> March – *Gilpin Sunday (John 2.13-22)*

8.30 am Holy Communion  
 10.00 am All-Age Holy Communion (Church & Facebook)  
 6.00 pm Engage!

**5<sup>th</sup> Mar** 10.30 am Lent Course (St Michael's, Hetton Lyons)

**10<sup>th</sup> Mar** 10.00 am Mothering Sunday

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 For details of how to support us regularly see our leaflet on  
 The Parish Giving Scheme.

