

# LIGHT OF LIFE



At Christmas we remember and celebrate the Christ-child coming as a light into the world. It can be a time for thinking about and remembering people that we're separated from perhaps through bereavement or for another reason.

I write to invite you to a special service where we light our Christmas tree and where we might feel able to remember those people who have brought light to our lives.

The service may be an opportunity to give thanks and celebrate the memory of a loved one who is no longer with us. It may be that at the service we can share our feelings of sadness and loss before God in the hope and promise that through Christ light can and will overcome any darkness. For some the service can be an opportunity to acknowledge a special person in your life or to mark a special occasion that has happened this year, perhaps the birth of a child or grandchild or an anniversary. Gently consider whether people could be invited from wider bereaved community.

The Service will be a mixture of Christmas carols, readings and a time for special prayers and remembrance, along with the lighting of the tree. It will take place on **Tuesday 3rd December at 3.00pm** and we would be delighted if you could join us.

If you would like to make a donation to church as you remember a special person or occasion, please complete the form and return it with your donation to **St Michael's Church, The Broadway, Houghton-le-Spring DH4 4DN**.

Rev'd John Barron  
St Michael & All angels Church  
Houghton le Spring

## LET THE LIGHT SHINE

Your Name: .....  
Your Address: .....  
..... Postcode.....  
Contact no: .....

I would like to remember: 1. ....  
2. ....  
3. ....

*Please return to the parish office by 10am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December*