



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 12th September 2021

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Thurnscoe

10:30 a.m. Partnership Service on Facebook

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Darfield

Discipleship

Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus attracted many followers who were keen to hear His parables and to witness His miracles. We read in St John’s Gospel how Andrew and Philip came to be disciples [St John 1: 39-40, 43] What were their next recorded actions? To bring Peter and Nathaniel to Jesus. [St John 1: 42,45].

The group of disciples whom we normally refer to as “The Twelve” were sent out with strict instructions and the authority over impure spirits. [Mark 6: 8-11] They were successful in healing the sick and driving out demons [Mark 6: 16]. On a later occasion Jesus sent out 72, in pairs, to prepare the villages and towns that Jesus was to visit with a similar result. As part of this commission, Jesus told them **“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few, ask the Lord of the Harvest to send out workers into His harvest field”** [Luke 10: 2]. In his final earthly command, Jesus told the eleven disciples to **“go and make disciples of all nations”** [St Matthew 28: 19]. We share that same command.

A disciple is one who grows in Christ through the Bible, prayer, service and worship, but above all one who should put their faith into practice as we seek to bring 98% of our population to know Jesus as Saviour. It has always been a difficult task. If you think of the Parable of the Sower [Mark 4: 1-20], only a fraction of the seed produced a crop. In St John 6: 66 we find that some of the extended group of disciples were unable to keep the commitment. Peter summed it up for the Twelve, **“To whom shall we go? You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God”** [St John 6: 68]

To help us grow as disciples, a wide range of Bible reading notes are available for individual study: join in our monthly Prayer Meeting or a Fellowship Group: take a part in our worship by reading, praying or greeting the congregation or become involved in our other activities as they re-start.

Forthcoming Services

- 12th September: 9:00 a.m. St Helen, Thurnscoe
- 12th September: 10:45 a.m. All Saints, Darfield
- 19th September: 9:00 a.m. St Michael, Gt Houghton
- 19th September: 10:45 a.m. All Saints, Darfield
- 19th September: 10:45 a.m. Christ Church, Ardsley
- 19th September: 4:00 p.m. The Well @
Darfield Church Hall
- 26th September: 9:00 a.m. St Helen, Thurnscoe
- 26th September: 10:45 a.m. All Saints, Darfield



**4:00 p.m.
Sunday
19th September**

A family friendly service where all are safe and welcome, and can explore new ways of worshipping together. A chance to discover and sing new songs, to ask questions and to encounter Christianity and the Bible anew.

Follow up on Zoom on Thursday 23rd September

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw

Pat Bentley

Steve & Val Myers

Stella and Raymond Firth

Barry & Joan Bramall

Our bereaved families

Andrea & Andrew Harrison

The family of Jean Barnes

Prayer Contact:

Carol Hunter: 07542 527331

15th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalms 116: 1-8

James 3: 1-12

Mark 8: 27-38

Bible Readings for this week

September:

12th 1 Timothy 4: 1-16

13th 1 Timothy 5: 1-10

14th 1 Timothy 5: 11-21

15th 2 Timothy 1: 1-18

16th 2 Timothy 2: 1-13

17th 2 Timothy 2: 14 -26

18th 2 Timothy 3: 1-9

The Diocesan Vision Prayer

Living God, Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.

RENEW us as we make your love known;

RELEASE us to share freely together in mission;

and **REJUVENATE** us to be fruitful in your service.

Give us courage, wisdom and compassion, that strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield, both flourish and grow through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Tithe

Esau and Jacob are the first twins to be recorded in the Bible. Even before they were born they were struggling together. [Genesis 25: 22].

As the younger son of Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob had tricked his father into giving him his blessing rather than his older brother Esau. [Genesis 27: 1-46] To escape Esau's threats, Jacob was sent to stay with Rebekah's brother Laban in Harran.

Whilst taking a night's rest on his journey from Beersheba to Harran, Jacob had a dream of a stairway between Earth and Heaven with angels ascending and descending. [Genesis 28: 10-22] He had a vision of the Lord who reaffirmed the promises made to Isaac and Abraham that Jacob's descendants would be 'like the dust of the earth' [20: 14]. On waking, Jacob made a vow to the Lord that "**of all that You give me I will give You a tenth.**" [20: 22]

The word tithe has a more recent origin based on Old English and represents one tenth of the annual produce of land and labour which was taken as a tax to support the Church and Clergy.

Should we consider tithing as a guide when we decide how we are going to support the work of Mission in our Parish and in the wider Church? It is of course your decision, but should our choices also apply to our time and abilities?

From the Parish Registers

Friday 3rd September: Wedding

Frank Taylor and Janet Laybourn

All Saints, Darfield

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

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