



## The Parish of Darfield

*All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton*

### Sunday 13th April 2025

*6th Sunday of Lent - Palm Sunday*

**10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield**

### Good Friday 18th April 2025

**2:00 p.m. An Hour at the Cross Darfield**

**2:00 p.m. An Hour at the Cross Great Houghton**

### Easter Sunday 20th April 2025

**9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Great Houghton**

**10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield**

#### Review of the Annual Parochial Meetings: 6th April 2025

**The Meeting of Parishioners** agreed the election of Peter Robinson as the sole Churchwarden for the Parish

#### **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**The Electoral Roll** The renewed Roll has 73 name made up of **60** at All Saints and **13** at St Michael's.

**The Annual Report:** The activities report was duly accepted. Copies are still available.

**The Annual Accounts** for the Parish showed income of £68,971 and expenditure of £56,369. Much of this surplus was accounted for as legacies and separate gifts which had specific conditions attached.

#### **Elections:**

**Wath Deanery Synod Representative:** Olive Shaw had resigned as Synod representative during the year leaving a vacancy. No nominations had been received for the remaining term. Andrea Harrison and Justine Evens will continue to represent us on the Deanery and Diocesan Synods until 2026. They are ex-officio members of the PCC

**Parochial Church Council:** Four places were open for nomination. Only one nomination had been received, and Kay Valentine was duly elected for a term of three years.

Up to three places were available to represent St Michaels. Three nominations had been received. Linda Williams and Lee Pywell were duly elected. The third nominee, Dorothy Coates, had not been on the Electoral Roll for the required six months. It was suggested that Dorothy could be invited to PCC meetings subject to the approval of the PCC.

**Assistant Wardens:** Aubrey Venables and Brian Haynes had been nominated and were duly elected.

**Independent Examiner:** the PCC had appointed Julie Barker of Ardsley to act as Independent Examiner for the PCC Accounts for 2024. Julie would be approached to act for the 2025 accounts

**Safeguarding:** A report was included in the Annual Report; Sue Holden had agreed to act as our Parish Safeguarding Officer in place of Dr Roland Kouble.

#### **Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die:** Henry Hart Millman 1791-1868 MP 580

As we sing once again these familiar words penned in 1827, we are reminded that the events of what we call Palm Sunday, the final Sunday in our season of Lent mark the start of an eventful week.

The prophecies of the Major and Minor Prophets contain the common promise of redemption through a Messiah, a name based on the Hebrew *mashiah*, meaning *anointed*. Even though the prophets gave harsh words to the Israelites there was always a promise of a future reconciliation between them and their LORD so long as they returned in faith. The Covenant with the Israelites had begun centuries before with Noah, Abram, Moses and David. The days immediately before Easter, lead up to the establishment of the New Covenant promised by the Lord through Jeremiah ' *"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah."* [Jeremiah 31: 31]

Our Lenten Gospel readings reveal Jesus attempting to prepare his disciples for the events which were to unfold through this week and would culminate in what would seem to be a defeat with the Crucifixion. Of course, we are looking at these events some two thousand years later and have the benefit of knowing that it was not the end and we are living under the promised New Covenant established by the Resurrection of Jesus.

The prophet Zechariah had written *"See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey"*. Jesus chose to enter Jerusalem riding on a humble donkey to demonstrate that the whole purpose of His ministry had been to fulfil the prophetic references to the Messiah. The crowds responded by covering the road with their cloaks and waving palm leaves. Their cries of *"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!"* [John 12: 13; Psalm 118: 26]

Just a few day later the voice of the crowds had changed to **"Crucify him! Crucify him!"** [Luke 23: 21]

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

#### Readings

Luke 19.28-40  
Psalm 118.1-2,19-29\*  
Isaiah 50.4-9a  
Psalm 31.9-16\*  
Philippians 2.5-11  
Luke 22.14 - 23.56 or  
Luke 23.1-49

#### Readings for this Week April

**13th** Acts 26: 1-14  
**14th** Acts 26: 15-32  
**15th** Acts 27: 1-12  
**16th** Acts 27: 13-26  
**17th** Acts 27: 27-44  
**18th** Acts 28: 1-10  
**19th** Psalm 119: 41-48  
**20th** Psalm 119: 49-56

### Prayer Square

This week we are praying  
for the residents of  
Darfield

*Venetian Crescent  
Burnham Way  
Ancona Rise  
Florence Rise  
Amalfi Close*

#### Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our  
Prayer Ministry team through

**Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331**

### Community Shop on the Go and Warm Welcome Space

*Darfield Church Hall*

**Thursday 17th April** from 9:00 a.m.

**Community Shop - Next Dates:** 1st & 15th May

*Although the Community Shop on the Go continues on its  
fortnightly rota, the Warm Welcome Space is open*

**every Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**

#### Developing a Personal Rule of Life

Tuesday 15th April 7:00 p.m.

*Christ Church Ardsley*

#### Companions in Daily Prayer

**Monday to Thursday**

**8:30 a.m. for Morning Prayer**

**9:00 p.m. for Night Prayer**

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Meditate on the Last words of Jesus on the Cross

*Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull  
(which in Aramaic is called Golgotha) There they crucified  
him, [John 19: 17-18]*

**To God** "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." [Luke 23: 34]

**To the "good thief"** "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." [Luke 23: 43]

**To his mother Mary** "Woman, behold your son" [John 19: 26]

**To John** "Behold your mother." [John 19: 27]

**To God** "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" [Matthew 27: 46]

**To all** "I am thirsty." [John 9:28]

**To God** "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." [Luke 23: 46]

**To the world** "It is finished." [John 19:30]

### Meet your Parochial Church Council: April 2025

**Churchwarden** Peter Robinson

**Deanery Synod Representatives:** Justine Evans, Andrea Harrison

**Elected Members:** Jo Darlison: Stella Firth: Carol Hunter:

John McMillan: Sheila McMillan:

Kay Valentine

**St Michaels**

Lee Pywell: Linda Williams:

### Resources and Contacts

**Churchwarden**  
**PCC Secretary**

Peter Robinson  
Jo Darlison

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**Safeguarding**

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**We still need someone to act as Parish Safeguarding  
Office - see Peter for details**

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#### DEADLINE for Content

Items, preferably via e-mail, to

[pdrobinson@live.co.uk](mailto:pdrobinson@live.co.uk)

**Tuesday 5:00 p.m.**

All Saints



St Michael



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