



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 21st July 2024

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship *Darfield*

4:00 p.m. Café Church *Darfield Church Hall*

Sunday 28th July 2024

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Delayed Report on the Teddy Bear Extravaganza

We had a lovely morning on Saturday 6th July at Darfield All Saints for our fourth Teddy Parachute Event (the first one was way back in 2015). Despite weather forecasts for rain, we remained dry and even enjoyed some sunshine (the power of prayer!) A total of 27 teddies parachuted from the top of the tower, with varying degrees of success. Several plummeted to the ground at speed – and they were the lucky ones. Four or five landed on the roof and two landed high up in the trees. Fortunately for all, there were ‘medics’ on site in the form of Carol’s four grandchildren who were a joy to see as they ministered (in their scrubs) to the casualties. Even more fortunately, we also had an intrepid rescue team in the form of Lauren and Seb who rescued the roof and tree dwellers. Just one tiny teddy, belonging to the Lowries, has evaded all our rescue attempts and is still ‘missing in action’. All readers in Meadow Drive – please check your gardens!



In addition to the excitement outside, we also had the Bear Hunt going on inside church and then, to wind down, the Teddy Bear Picnic took place on the Rectory Lawn.

Thank you to all who helped – Chris, Tom, Megan and Charlotte on the tower, Robin on the mike, John, Sheila, Rachel and Stephen registering the teddies, Carol, Andrea and Kay organising, Pete, Lauren and Seb rescuing, Carol’s grandchildren administering teddy first aid, and all you others who turned up on the day to make it such fun.

Now it’s time to get making your parachutes ready for next year!

Kay

Note – my teddy has landed on the Cottage roof and two different trees in the last three events. Where am I going wrong?

Sheep without a Shepherd

The disciples had returned from their first independent mission and were attempting to report back on their activities but were becoming overwhelmed by the crowds. An attempt to move to a solitary place for rest and recuperation was thwarted as those in the crowd worked out where they were going and assembled there.

Jesus described the crowd as ‘sheep without a shepherd’, a phrase which had been used by The Prophet Micaiah when Ahab was king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah were considering an attempt to re-take Ramoth Gilead from the king of Aram. Micaiah was not popular with Ahab because ‘he never prophesies anything good about me, but always bad.’ [2 Kings 22: 8]. Micaiah described ‘all Israel scattered on the hills like sheep without a shepherd’. [2 Kings 22: 17]. Ezekiel used a similar phrase in his prophesy directed to the leaders of his day and describing the people as ‘scattered because there was no shepherd,’ [Ezekiel 34: 5]. Zechariah described the peoples of his day that ‘wander like sheep oppressed for lack of a shepherd’. Jesus described himself as the Good Shepherd who would know his sheep and lay down his life for them. [John 10: 14, 11].

Jesus provided for the spiritual and physical needs of the assembled crowd by teaching them many things and, by blessing the five loaves and two fish, providing for the physical needs of five thousand men [Mark 6: 34, 41, 42]

Heritage Open Days

14th and 15th September

Book the dates and come and help

All Saints and St Michael’s



Community Shop on the Go and Warm Space

Darfield Church Hall

Thursday 25th July from 9:00 a.m.

Next Dates: *8th and 22nd August*

Eighth Sunday after Trinity Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a
Psalm 89: 20-37
Ephesians 2: 11-22
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Readings for this week

21st John 1: 35-42
22nd John 1: 43-51
23rd John 2: 1-12
24th John 2: 13-25
25th John 3: 1-14
26th Psalm 32
27th Psalm 33 1-11
28th Psalm 33: 12-22

Prayer Square

This week we are praying
for the residents of
Great Houghton

High Street
School Street
Vaughan Terrace
Normandale Road
Garraby Close
Springvale Road

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331



Darfield Summer Gala

We need YOUR help on 30th July

We have some volunteers but there is always room for more!

A Promise to David: 2 Samuel 7: 1-14

David had become settled in his new palace and a period of peace had been established with the neighbouring tribes. David became concerned that, whilst he was living in his palace, the Ark of the Covenant was still in a tent. David consulted the prophet Nathan who advised him to do whatever he had in mind. However, that same night Nathan heard the word of God with a promise for David that his house would be established and one of his offspring would be the one to build a permanent home for the Ark

What's in a book?

Genesis:

"In the Beginning, God ..." is the dramatic opening of the first book of our Old Testament. It continues with an account of the Creation of a good and fit world but one that is soon marred by the introduction of humanity and their relationships with the Creator God. The line moves from Adam to Noah and the flood where Noah and his immediate family and selected animals are saved and God makes the first great Covenant with Noah. [8: 20] Abram, renamed Abraham by the LORD, received the next covenant with a promise that he would be the father of many nations. The line continues with Isaac then Jacob and his twelve sons. It relates Joseph's successes in Egypt and the settling of Jacob's family in Egypt and ends with the death of Joseph

Craft and Natter: Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. Great Houghton

Psalm 89: 20-24, 35-37 A maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

20 I have found David my servant; with my sacred oil I have anointed him.
21 My hand will sustain him; surely my arm will strengthen him.
22 The enemy will not get the better of him; the wicked will not oppress him.
23 I will crush his foes before him and strike down his adversaries.
24 My faithful love will be with him, and through my name his horn will be exalted.
35 Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness— and I will not lie to David
36 that his line will continue forever and his throne endure before me like the sun;
37 it will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky."

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