



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 4th May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

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

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

Sunday 11th May 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Gone fishing...

Following the appearances of Jesus in the locked room, the disciples had followed the instructions given to Mary Magdalene that Jesus had Risen and was going ahead of them to Galilee [Matthew 28: 7]. A group of the disciples including Peter, James and John had reached the Sea of Galilee and Peter decided to return to his earlier life as a fisherman. The others joined him on an overnight fishing trip which proved fruitless. Early in the morning they saw an unknown figure on the shore who asked them if they had any fish. Their negative response prompted the figure to tell them to cast their net on the right-hand side of the boat. They did so and caught 153 fish. [John 21: 11]. John suddenly realised that the unknown figure was the risen Jesus. The boat and net were brought to land where a fire was burning, and a fish breakfast was cooked on it by Jesus for the disciples. This was the third time that Jesus had appeared to his Disciples.

Once they had finished eating, Jesus singled out Peter and asked him the question "Do you love Me more than these?" Peter answered "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you" Jesus responded with "Feed my lambs". Jesus asked again "Simon son of John, do you love me?" to which Peter answered "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.". Jesus responded, "Take care of my sheep". To Peter's initial annoyance, Jesus asked again "Simon son of John, do you love me?"; Peter responded ""Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus replied "feed my sheep".

If we think back to the account of the arrest and appearance before Caiaphas, the High Priest [John 18:] we find Peter at first attempting to defend Jesus by cutting off the ear of one of the servants of the High Priest [John 18: 10]. The scene shifts to the high Priest's courtyard where Peter gains admission. Peter was asked three times if he was a disciple of Jesus and denied it each time. On the third time he heard a cock crow which reminded Peter of his bold statement to Jesus at the Last Supper -"Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me." [Luke 22: 33-34]. The three questions asked of Peter by the risen Jesus at the lake side is seen as forgiveness for Peter and his commissioning as a leader of the fledgling church.

Sidesmen & Welcomers

The Concise Oxford Dictionary defines Sideman as "*a Churchwarden's Assistant, who shows worshippers to their seats, takes the collection, etc.*" The Parochial Church Council appoints a team of Sidesmen to carry out their duties during the following year. Over past months it has become noticeable that there are fewer individuals prepared to undertake the vital duties of welcoming church members and visitors. Ideally, we need at least two people on duty for each service and a willingness to participate even though it may not be one of your 'duty days'

What does it involve?

Preparation

- Be available at least thirty minutes before the service starts, earlier on special occasions
- Put hymn numbers on board and check Sunday name/number.
- Put the large bible on the Lectern and find the relevant passages for the lesson reader(s)

As people arrive:

- Greet them and hand out Service Sheets, hymn books notice sheets and any other documents.
- Guide to seating as appropriate

During Services:

Be aware: watch out for and react to any problems

Offertory: Take up the collection plate during the hymn after the 'Peace' in Communion Services and during last hymn otherwise

Communion: Control flow of communicants and inform celebrant of any requiring Communion to be brought to them.

After Service:

- Collect books etc. and return to bookshelf
- Remove and file hymn numbers
- Return Bible to its box
- Check pews for personal belongings or rubbish, tidy kneelers & Bibles in Pews

Third Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Readings

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Acts 9: 1-6 [7-20]

Psalm 30

Revelation 5: 11-14

John 21: 1-19

Readings for this Week May

4th Psalm 119: 105-112

5th Psalm 119: 113-120

6th Psalm 119: 121-128

7th Psalm 119: 129-136

8th Psalm 119: 137-144

9th Psalm 119: 145-152

10th Romans 3: 1-8

11th May Romans 3: 9-20

Prayer Square

This week we are praying for
the residents of
Great Houghton

Mount Avenue

Potts Crescent

Pleasant Avenue

Stonebridge Lane

Oak Haven Avenue

Cross Street

Dearne Street

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 15th May from 9:00 a.m.

Community Shop - Next Dates: 29th May & 12th June

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.

Revelation 5: 11-14

In just twenty-three days in 1741 the composer George Frideric Handel [1685-1759] completed his Oratorio Messiah to accompany the libretto by Charles Jennens [1700-1773]. The theme follows the liturgical year from Advent to Pentecost and ends with the final triumph at the end of time.

Based on passages from the Authorised Version of the Bible, the oratorio begins with the Old Testament words of prophecy "**Comfort ye, comfort ye my people**" [Isaiah 40: 1] and others regarding the promised coming of a Messiah. These are followed by the manifestation of Jesus into our world as a baby '**For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given**' [Isaiah 9: 6].

The second part begins with the words of John the Baptist "**Behold the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!**" [John 1: 29] and follows the Passion of our Lord through the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension, culminating in the magnificent chorus "**For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah**"

The final part begins with the words of Job "**I know that my Redeemer liveth**" [Job 19: 25] which predicts the long promised second coming.

Today's New Testament reading from Revelation contains the triumphant finale to the oratorio, "**Worthy is the Lamb that was slain: to receive power – and riches, – and wisdom, – and strength, – and honour, – and glory, – and blessing**" "**To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be Praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!**" "**Amen**" [Revelation 5: 12-14] £50,595.94

Companions in Daily Prayer

Join members of the team on Monday to Thursday

8:30 a.m. for Morning Prayer 9:00 p.m. for Night Prayer

Go to Facebook.com and search for *Companions in Daily Prayer*

Resources and Contacts

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Items, preferably via e-mail, to

pdrobinson@live.co.uk

Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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