



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 6th April 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Passion Sunday

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

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship and Annual Meetings *Darfield*

Sunday 13th April 2025

6th Sunday of Lent - Palm Sunday

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

Passiontide

The fifth Sunday of Lent is commonly called Passion Sunday when we can concentrate on the events leading up to Holy Week and Good Friday. Earlier in the gospel accounts, we read that Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. [Luke 9: 51].

Jesus had repeatedly tried to explain the forthcoming events to His disciples. When Jesus asked His disciples who the crowds thought that He was and then asked them, Peter had made the great statement "**God's Messiah**". [Luke 9: 20] Jesus warned the Disciples not to tell anyone. He told them that He, 'The Son of Man', would be rejected by the religious hierarchy and killed but would rise on the third day. [Luke 9: 27] Peter tried to dissuade Jesus from this course of action and was severely rebuked for saying this. [Matthew 16; 22-23]. Even some of the Pharisees came to Jesus to warn Him not to go to Jerusalem because King Herod wanted to kill Him [Luke 13: 31]. We do not know their motives but they were told to report back to Herod that these threats would not deter Jesus from reaching his goal. Jesus suggests that no prophet can die outside Jerusalem [Luke 13: 34].

Six days before Passover, Jesus and His Disciples visited the home of Lazarus, Mary and Martha in Bethany. Following a celebratory meal, Mary took a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume, poured it on the feet of Jesus and wiped it with her hair. [John 12: 3]. Nard is what we would call an essential oil and is distilled from the roots of a plant of the honeysuckle family which grows at altitude in the Himalayas. If you were to buy a similar product today from Amazon it would cost around £220. Judas Iscariot complained about the extravagance and that the perfume could have been sold and the proceeds, equivalent to a year's wages of 300 denarii, given to the poor. His motives were not entirely philanthropic because John records that, as keeper of their communal money bag, Judas used to help himself to the contents. [John 12: 6] Jesus rebuked Judas and pointed out that this perfume was reserved for His burial and reminded His Disciples that they would always have the poor round them but "you will not always have Me." [John 12: 8]. The religious leaders continued their plotting to kill Jesus because of the numbers of people who were believing and following Him.

As we approach our Annual Meetings for 2025, we realise that much of the preparation for those meetings has involved looking back over 2024 to report on our activities as a PCC and as a Church and of our financial performance. In some ways it is difficult to realise that we are already a quarter of the way through 2025. Much of your PCC's thoughts are currently directed to producing our Parish Profile which will contribute to the recruitment of a new Oversight Minister and Priest in Charge to lead us in the next phase of our ministry to those who live and work in our Parish of Darfield.

Today's Old Testament reading should jump out to us as we contemplate the changes that we will inevitably face. 'This is what the Lord says... ¹⁸ "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past . ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." ' . [Isaiah 43: 16, 18, 19]

Annual Meeting Nominations

Nominations are now open for the elections to be held in our Annual Meeting on 6th April

Churchwardens: Deanery Synod Representative: PCC Members

Assistant Churchwardens

There are many unfilled spaces on the Sheets

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Isaiah 43: 16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3: 4b-14
John 12: 1-8

Readings for this Week

April
6th Psalm 119: 1-8
7th Psalm 119: 9-16
8th Psalm 119: 17-24
9th Psalm 119: 25-32
10th Psalm 119: 33-40
11th Acts 25: 13-22
12th Acts 25: 23-27
13th Acts 26: 1-14

Prayer Square

This week we are praying for the residents of Middlecliffe

*Middlecliffe Lane
Rotherham Road
Lesmond Crescent
Ealands Close
Belmont Crescent*

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



Join Rev Chrissy to discover more

Saturday 12th April
at Darfield Church Hall
10.30am-12noon

Or

Tuesday 15th April
at Christ Church Ardsley
7-8.30pm

Lights for Christ

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*

Note the change from 1st April 2025

Men's Breakfast

a place to chat and eat breakfast in fellowship together.
Church Hall Darfield

Saturday 12th April 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Please contact Robin Webb to reserve your place
robin.webb@churcharmy.org
Or text 07825 180 185

Resources and Contacts

Churchwarden
PCC Secretary

Peter Robinson
Jo Darlison

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Safeguarding

contact Peter Robinson
07910 728 581

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

Our Web Site

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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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