

All Saints Church, Darfield
Sunday 27th September 2020

Morning Prayer - 11 a.m. via Zoom

With Adam Fingerneissl

If you want to join the next Zoom Service...

Contact Adam or send an email

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The Way Forward...

We are moving into a new era in the life of our Parish, opening the way for different and exciting opportunities for fellowship and outreach.

We now know that our 4forMission Partnership will be extended into a Mission Area, provisionally identified as W2, as we join with the Parishes of Ardsley, Thurnscoe, Bilham Barnburgh with Melton on the Hill and Adwick on Dearne.

The process of appointing an Oversight Minister within the Mission Area will soon be under way.

We have been sharing ministry, services and events with Thurnscoe and Ardsley for over seven years and the enlarged Mission Area gives us even more opportunities for fellowship, activities and above all Mission.

In the present situation it is proving difficult to see when we can resume normal worship in our Churches and we will still need some form of on-line service for the time being. Our Sunday Zoom Services have been a blessing but circumstances mean that the time is right to explore other ways of worshipping and developing our relationships with our partners in mission. Our Staff Team has reduced in number and with their personal situations, are now finding it difficult to maintain the present format.

The congregations of Ardsley and Thurnscoe have been getting together for an on-line Service on Sunday mornings since March 2020. We know that many from our parish have benefitted from sharing in the daily morning and night prayer services that have been held via the Christ Church Ardsley Facebook page.

We intend to make some changes to our Zoom Service for an experimental period to allow us to join in worship with the rest of our Partnership. This will mean that from **Sunday 18th October 2020**, our Zoom Service will start at **09:30** and will finish in time for us to meet the **10:30** start. Rev. Fiona Kouble is keen to ensure that, from the 18th October, the Sunday Morning online worship will be truly inclusive for all three parishes and it is intended that members of all congregations will be taking an active part. It will be live-streamed to each parish's Facebook page with a Zoom Coffee Space after the service.

This should be seen as a first step in developing a sustainable pattern of worship across our Mission Area whether on-line or in Church.

Details of how to access the service will be circulated nearer the time. If you want a preview you can see the more recent services by going to Facebook.com, searching for Christ Church Ardsley and selecting the VIDEO tab.

The Prophet Jeremiah wrote these words to the exiled Israelites in Babylon:

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". *Jeremiah Ch29 v11.*

Let us step out together as **'we have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure'**
Hebrews 6:19

Peter

Thanks to Peter for this comprehensive view of the current state of play around the Partnership. And to help this along we need, as ever, to keep a close eye on the finances. So to follow, some welcome words from our Treasurer

Treasurer Talk

Firstly, huge thanks to all of you who have continued so faithfully with your planned giving to our churches, whether by standing order or by envelopes. It keeps our churches running and is even more important now that we have lost a number of our regular givers, either by death or by leaving our church. Compared to the start of 2020, we have lost **£460 a month** in this way at Darfield. Add to that the income that we have lost through the church and hall being closed because of Covid 19, and you will see that our finances have taken a very big hit this year.

It is always a good idea for all of us to have an annual rethink on whether our giving reflects what God wants of us. It may be that this year your income has been reduced by the lockdown or that your circumstances have become very uncertain. On the other hand you may be one of those who, like me, have found themselves with more money in their bank account due to no holidays and reduced outings. One such person has, in the last week, just given an anonymous donation of £1,000 to our church as they found their finances were looking so healthy for that very reason - an example for many of us. I shall need to look more closely now at my own bank account (when I get a minute from sorting out the church accounts!)

Note – I will be doing another bank run soon so please let me have any more of your accumulated envelope money. Phone me on 01226 753041 if you would like me to collect it, or you can pop it through my letter box or drop it off at church during one of the open hours.

This also now applies to Houghton church members too, as we will get that money into the Houghton bank account.

Kay

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

Resources and Contacts



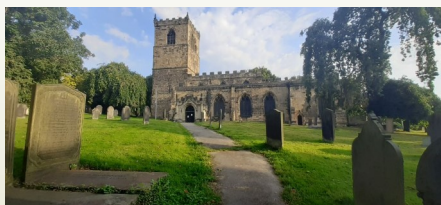
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By Wednesday 5 p.m.

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Because we have a great deal of news this week we embark upon a page 3. As I edit I'm not sure if it won't spread onto an unheard of page 4! As we need now more than ever to seek for solace and hopefulness in the words of scripture and the prayers of friends. So this page is the place where you can find, as usual, prayers, readings and reflections.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for the families of Janet Moody and Jean Smith, for Olive & Raymond Shaw and for the family of Richard Harwood.

Prayer requests for this section...

Contact the Prayer Ministry Team

Carol Hunter on 07542 527331

Years ago, on our first trip abroad, I was sitting on a cliff marvelling at the crystal blue sea and the thousands of fish I could see swimming around from my vantage point about 30 metres above! I wondered how anyone could deny the existence of God. I get an absolute thrill when I see God's creation in its natural habitat. I've seen whales, turtles, deer, foxes, red squirrels, stoats, foxes and many more. My absolute favourite is the kingfisher, my heart leaps each time I'm lucky enough to see one. When I attended grammar school I studied art. One day I was struggling to find an accurate colour match for the flower I was painting. As the art teacher came to look at my work I told him that I couldn't match the colour... His reply never left me... He said "You never will!". How profound was that, we can never match God's astounding creation, but he gave it freely for us to enjoy.

As I walked through Locke Park with my youngest granddaughter I watched with joy as she eagerly collected conkers, acorns and sycamore helicopters. Let us all rejoice at God's creation and especially as we approach Harvest time. We may not be able to meet together as usual but we can be generous with our gifts to one another.

God bless

Pamela. X

Readings for the Week Ahead...

Sun 27th September	John 18: v 15-27
Mon 28th September	John 18: v 28-40
Tue 29th September	John 19: v 1-16
Wed 30th September	John 19: v 17-27
Thu 1st October	John 19: v 28-37
Fri 2nd October	John 19: v 38-42
Sat 3rd October	John 20: v 1-10

The 16th Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
Here is the sea, great and wide,
which teems with creatures
innumerable,
living things both small and great.

Psalm 104:24-25

Around the Partnership:

Christ Church, Ardsley & St Helen's Thurnscoe have re-opened for services of Holy Communion. Sunday at 5pm & Wednesday at 10.30am services alternating between the two churches each week.

Sun 27th Christ Church

Weds 30th St Helens

Pre-Booking Essential, Contact

Revd Fiona Kouble

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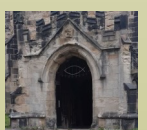
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Also at Christ Church—**4for4- ZOOM club** for 11-18 year olds resumes on 27th September at 4pm.

Open for Prayer: Sunday 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

All Saints will be open only for private prayer with Social Distancing and hygiene requirements in place and subject to change at short notice.

Face covering must be worn unless personally exempt.



And finally.....

Some thoughts and prayers from last weeks reading *Philippians 1.21-30* courtesy of www.rootsonline.com

Bible Notes

Paul wrote this letter to the Philippians around 20-25 years after the resurrection. He had already visited Philippi; he knew the people he was writing to and was fond of them. Throughout the letter, Paul recognises that life as a Christian isn't easy. In Philippi, people struggled with low life expectancy, disability, and slavery. Paul calls for unity in the Spirit, regardless of their standing in society – it is the 'faith of the gospel' that unites them. This call to be found 'standing firm in one spirit' questions the social order of the day, where each person is out for themselves and knows their place in the strict social hierarchy.

- Today, we are still living within social rules and hierarchies that tend to value one person over another. We still struggle with issues of life and faith, and with 'doing the right thing'. Throughout all of this, Paul's call for us to stand together and encourage each other, as we face the difficult decisions of life, is as valid today as it ever was.

Questions for reflection

▶ When was the last time you really struggled to make a choice?

▶ How is it helpful to know that Paul struggled with choices, like we do?

A personal prayer

In trial and tribulation, God of comfort, be near me. In loss and devastation, God of grief, grieve with me. In uncertainty and confusion, God of the way, show me a path. In want and in need, God of provision, provide for me. In times of sluggishness and laziness, God of patience, wait for me. In comfort and in joy, God of love, let me not forget you. Amen.

A prayer for others

Eternal, ever-living, ever-present God, in the struggles and joys of this day, we pray: for those who are overburdened, weighed down, demoralised, fearful or desolate because of what life has thrown at them... For those engulfed in pain and anguish, facing illness and death... For those troubled in mind and spirit, who find no peace or calm... For those alone and lonely, without friend or comfort... For those frightened and bewildered, who see no direction or purpose in their lives... Eternal, ever-living God, bless them all in this and every hour, in this and every step of life's journey. Amen.

A prayer for our journey of life

Lord, give us a way to go, a path to follow, a purpose to fulfil and meaning to our deeds. Amen.

Choosing hats Watch or read the section of the first Harry Potter film/book where the 'Sorting Hat' is first encountered. Imagine a hat that recognised people's qualities, and allocated them to houses whose names are: 'Love', 'Faith', 'Hope' and 'Peace'. Which 'house' do you think you would be allocated to, and why?

