



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 15th November 2020

Morning Prayer - 10:30 a.m. via Facebook

Common Fund

Over the centuries, many parishioners have donated money to be invested to support the work of their Incumbent within their Parishes. When Incumbents' stipends were standardised in the mid 20th Century, these investments were also centralised and the income used to give support to all Parishes. In a similar fashion Dioceses and the Church of England nationally have received donations for investment and still use the income from them to support the work across the Diocese and Nation.

Our Diocese of Sheffield is classed as among the poorest in terms of income from investments and has some of the most socially deprived parishes in the country. Even so the parishes are seen as among the most generous.

Does anyone remember the Parish Share or even the Diocesan Quota? These were earlier ways of assessing the contributions from Parishes and are now replaced by the Common Fund. The Diocese receives a grant from National Church Funds but is reliant on the Common Fund for almost half the income needed to maintain the ministry of the Parishes across the Diocese. Funding Parochial Clergy forms a major part of the Diocesan Budget at an estimated cost of around £70,000 each.

In 2020 your PCC made a pledge of £46,785 to the Common Fund which represents only about two thirds of what it would cost to provide an Incumbent.

Financial restrictions and loss of income during the year have meant that we have only paid around two thirds of our pledge. We have just been asked to submit our pledge for 2021 with a recommendation that it be at least at the same level as for 2020. Your PCC will be meeting in December to consider the level of the Pledge for 2021.

Even though we have had our buildings closed for public worship for over six months we have saved very little on running costs as standing charges and routine annual maintenance has to be done. As we move into our new Mission Area structure, we need to maximise our Common Fund Pledge to support our Oversight Ministry Team in their work as they support our work in the Parish.

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Prayer Requests

Please pray for Olive & Raymond Shaw.

Prayer requests for this section...

Contact the Prayer Ministry Team

Carol Hunter on 07542 527331

Thursday is the Saints Day of St Hilda of Whitby, a genuine Yorkshire saint, patroness of poets, converter of the Angles and host of the Great Synod of Whitby in 664 AD

Here's one of her prayers, as relevant today as it was 1300 years ago

O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we through his poverty Might be rich: deliver us from an inordinate love of this world, that, following the example of your servant Hilda, we may serve thee with singleness of heart, and attain to the riches of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Service Update:

The planned Communion Services at Ardsley and Thurnscoe are now Cancelled until further notice.

Collect for the Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for the Week Ahead...

Sun 15th November	Luke 2 v 22-40
Mon 16th November	Luke 2 v 41-52
Tues 17th November	Luke 3 v 1-20
Weds 18th November	Luke 3 v 21-38
Thru 19th November	Luke 4 v 1-13
Fri 20th November	Luke 4 v 14-30
Sat 21st November	Luke 4 v 31-37

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 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.



Resources and Contacts

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By Wednesday 5 p.m.

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