



All Saints Church, Darfield

Sunday 25th October 2020

Morning Prayer - 10.30am via Facebook

This week in the News-Sheet, services around the Partnership, report back on the APCM and a message or two from our Treasurer . There's also a whole page of prayer resources to keep us focussed. Don't forget, if you have thoughts or ideas for the News-Sheet, just let us know.

Warden's Remarks APCM 2020

Towards the end of our Annual Meeting we would normally be encouraged by our Incumbent's appraisal of our immediate future as a Church congregation. This year we face, in human terms, an uncertain future.

It would be fair to say that our Annual Report for 2019 shows that it was a mixed year in which some of our activities came to an end, but we were planning for new ones.

We are all aware of the challenges that 2020 continues to give us but we will leave those details to our 2021 Annual Meetings.

What does the future hold for us?...

Co-operation with our Partners in Mission will be extending across a wider geographical area as we move into our new Mission Area. By the middle of 2021, we anticipate that an additional Oversight Minister will have joined our Area team. We hope that we will be more aware of how the Oversight of all the Parishes will work in practice and how to develop Focal Ministry within our Parish.

Some things will not change. We will retain our identity as the Parish of Darfield [All Saints, Darfield and St Michael and all Angels, Great Houghton] and we will still have our own Parochial and District Church Councils. The provisional Steering Group for our Mission Area has already met to begin the task of coordinating and sharing our resources as we seek to obey our Lord's command to "go and make disciples of all nations"

The two and a half Oversight Ministers within our Mission Area will have to cope with six Parishes covering eleven churches and can only work effectively with the full co-operation and support of the Laity. Some tasks which have traditionally been seen as part of the Incumbent's Role may well devolve to the Focal Ministry Team.

We should continue to maximise, as far as possible, our Pledge to the Diocesan Common Fund to support our Oversight Ministers. In 2019 our Pledge only contributed around **seventy percent** of the estimated cost of providing a full time incumbent. We have therefore been receiving a subsidy from elsewhere. Our Diocese of Sheffield is one of the poorest Dioceses in the country, but through its Parishes is seen as one of the most generous. The provision of full time Clergy across the Diocese depends on the Common Fund. If payments from the parishes are reduced, then the knock-on effect is even fewer full time Clergy.

We may be uneasy or even scared that the way forward means that we will see changes to our familiar weekly patterns of worship and activities. We are moving into a new way of working and have been given the chance to shape this new organisational structure. We, in a united Mission Area, can show the rest of the Mission Areas in our Diocese the blueprint for the future as they face their transition to Oversight Ministry.

My sincere thanks to all of you who have supported your Church and its activities since our last Annual Meeting.

Peter

Around the Partnership:

For Church Services at St Helens, Thurnscoe & Christ Church, Ardsley please see grid on the right

Pre-Booking Essential, Contact

Revd Fiona Kouble 01226 950643 or 0781 716 7386

4th@4—Online club for 11-18 year olds, this month on 25th October.

Contact Fiona for more information

Christ Church		St Helen's	
Wednesday 21 st Oct	10.30 am	Sunday 20 th October	5pm
Sunday 25 th October	5pm	Wednesday 28 th Oct	10.30am
Wednesday 4 th Nov	10.30 am	Sunday 1st November	5pm
Sunday 8 th November	5pm	Wednesday 11 th Nov	10.30am
Wednesday 18 th Nov	10.30 am	Sunday 15 th November	5pm
Sunday 22 nd Nov	5pm	Wednesday 25 th Nov	10.30am

News from the treasurer

We are now just over two months from the end of 2020 which is the end of our accounting year, so I thought that I would update you on how Darfield All Saints stands financially. This is the information that I gave our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 20th October.

My latest forecast for the year end is that we will be between £16,000 and £17,000 down on the amount of annual income that we anticipated at the start of the year. This shortfall is caused mainly by the lack of open collections and fund raising events, and the huge reduction in Church hall income. Our total income for the year will probably be around £52,000. I am enormously grateful to all those of you who have continued so faithfully with your planned giving, either by standing order or by envelopes or even, on occasion, by one-off gifts. Thank you, we could not continue to run without you.

The total expenditure for the year looks like being around £56,500. This is assuming that we pay just 80% of the amount that we had pledged towards our Diocesan Common Fund (about £33,000 rather than £41,000). Fortunately we brought forward a healthy sum of £12,600 from 2019. We should therefore reach the end of 2020 with about £8,000 in the current account. We need at least £5,500 there to pay the first month's expenditure in 2021, so we have a little cushion available – which is just as well because, even as I am writing this, it is being announced that our region is moving into Tier 3 which will impact our income even more!

In addition to our current account we also have a further £13,500 in Restricted Funds (£8,700 of which is grant money for youth work) and £53,900 in Designated Funds (£51,500 of which is our 'Projects Fund').

I will update again at the end of November. In the meantime, stay safe, keep smiling, and ...
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding". (Prov. ch3 v5)

Resources and Contacts

Our Web Site



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DEADLINE for Content

Items, preferably via e-mail, to
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By Wednesday 5 p.m.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for Olive & Raymond Shaw. Also for the family of Richard Harwood.

Prayer requests for this section...

Contact the Prayer Ministry Team

Carol Hunter on 07542 527331

As it looks like our world is changing yet again, let us draw hope & strength from our prayers.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,
and keep me in your care.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
Amen.

The 20th Sunday after Trinity

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land
of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Harvest Gifts

Thank you to all who contributed to our Harvest Appeal. We are pleased to announce that we have collected a total of **£366** which has been sent to Alison Sykes of the Goldthorpe branch of the Salvation Army for her food-box ministry. May God continue to bless and prosper this vital ministry.

The Prayer Team

Thank you

Carol x

Readings for the Week Ahead...

Sun 25th October	Proverbs 11: v 13-31
Mon 26th October	Ruth 1: v 1-5
Tues 27th October	Ruth 1: v 6-22
Weds 28th October	Ruth 2: v 1-23
Thur 29th October	Ruth 3: v 1-18
Fri 30th October	Ruth 4: v 1-12
Sat 31st October	Ruth 4: v 13-22

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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.

