

The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 5th December 2021

Second Sunday in Advent

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Thurnscoe

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Darfield

Looking Forward to the Sunday before Christmas...

Last year we were unable to join in our Churches to hear the Bible readings and to sing the familiar carols relating to the earthly birth of our Saviour Jesus.

We continue to advise the wearing of face masks whilst moving about or singing in our buildings. Normal congregation sizes allow social distancing for those who feel safer.

In view of the numbers we would normally expect at our Carols by Candlelight service we have reluctantly decided not to hold the service this year on COVID safety grounds.

As a replacement we will be holding an Outdoor Carol Sing around the Church Hall Car Park on Sunday 19th December at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 19th December:

10:30 a.m. Carols at St Michael's
6:00 p.m. Outdoor Carols All Saints

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Crib Service at All Saints

Christmas Day Holy Communions

9:00 a.m. St Michael's

10:30 a.m. All Saints

Malachi - last of the Minor Prophets

I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. [Malachi 3: 1]

The prophecy of Malachi has been placed as the last book in our Old Testament to act as the final pointer to what was to occur around four hundred years later. In his time, some years after the return from exile in Babylon, the Priests and people were, once again, forgetful of the LORD and of His Temple.

We can move to a moment in time, what we now count as the year AD 31, which St Luke describes by reference to the reign of Tiberius Caesar and the Local Roman Governors [St Luke 3:1].

We are reacquainted with John whose birth is linked to Malachi's prophecy [Malachi 4:5; St Luke 1: 16] and with that of Jesus [St Luke 1:]. John had spent his adult life in the wilderness and was prompted by God to begin preaching a baptism of repentance in the area around the River Jordan.

A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord...'

[John 3: 4; Isaiah 40: 3]

Despite what some of the crowds thought, [St Luke 3: 15] John the Baptist was this Messenger, foretold by Malachi and Isaiah, sent to prepare the people for the forthcoming ministry of our Lord Jesus, the true Messiah. The baptism of Jesus by John brought a response from God, recorded in all the Gospels, **You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.** [St Luke 3: 22]

Forthcoming Services

5th December: 9:00 a.m. St Helen Thurnscoe
5th December: 10:45 a.m. All Saints Darfield [HC]
12th December: 9:00 a.m. St Michael Great Houghton
12th December: 10:45 a.m. All Saints Darfield
19th December: 10:30 a.m. Carols at St Michael's
19th December: 10:45 a.m. All Saints Darfield [HC]
19th December: 6:00 p.m. All Saints Outdoor Carols

The Advent Collect [BCP]

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw
Pat Bentley
Steve & Val Myers
Stella and Raymond Firth
Barry & Joan Bramall
Andrea & Andrew Harrison
Eddie
Linda and her family
Hilda Jobling

Our Bereaved Families

The families of
Sadie Wharam
Mary Dent

Prayer Contact:

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Second Sunday of Advent Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Readings

Malachi. 3: 1-4

Philippians 1: 3-11

St Luke 3: 1-6

Bible Readings for this week

December:

5th	Revelation 5: 1-14
6th	Revelation 6: 1-17
7th	Revelation 7: 1-17
8th	Revelation 8: 1-13
9th	Revelation 9: 1-12
10th	Revelation 9: 13-21
11th	Revelation 10: 1-11

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Monday 6th December 8:00 p.m.

Join us on Zoom for half an hour to pray for all things needful.









Contact **Carol Hunter** for the Zoom link.

At the heart of Christmas



Apps for Android and iPhone are now available to download

A Bible reading, reflection and activity for each day through Advent and Christmas can be as near as your smartphone or tablet.


 **Christmas Gifts:** A message from Alison at Goldthorpe SA
 As part of plans to support single adult males and single
 adult females at Christmas, they are asking for toiletries as
 gifts for those without family or stable accommodation.
 If you wish to support this appeal we need the items **by**
 **Sunday 12th December** to meet their deadlines.




Advent Course *They Sang*

Based on the four songs of the Christmas Story

Monday evening or Thursday daytime

Contact Rev Fiona Kouble

for details and the **Zoom link**

From the Parish Registers

Thursday 25th November 2021

Sadie Wharam

Funeral: St Michaels Great Houghton

and Great Houghton Cemetery

Monday 29th November 2021

Mary Dent

Funeral: All Saints Darfield

and Barnsley Crematorium

Resources and Contacts

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

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All Saints

St Michael



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