



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Saturday 9th December

4:00 p.m. Café Church *Great Houghton*

Sunday 10th December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Saturday 16th December 2023

Carol Service *Great Houghton*

Sunday 17th December 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

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

10:45 a.m. Service for Sunday *Darfield*

6:00 p.m. Carols by Candlelight *Darfield*

Angel Bombs away... *Thanks to all our knitters and the small number of helpers, the angels are ready to meet us at 6:00 p.m. for hot chocolate and a prayer before setting out*

We need many more helpers to achieve our aim of distributing the angels...

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER: DARFIELD RECTORY COTTAGE

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER: ST MICHAEL'S GT HOUGHTON

All Saints Church Christmas Card

If you want to give a greeting card to all members of our congregation, it can be attached to the board at the back of Church. Any donations from the money you would have spent on individual cards can be placed in the stocking and will be sent to support the work of the Salvation Army Food Bank in Goldthorpe.

Preparing the Way [Mark 1: 1-8]

The twenty-four Priestly Divisions were set up by King David to perform their priestly duties in the Tabernacle. The division members were all descendants of Aaron, the brother of Moses, who, with his sons, had been chosen by the LORD to act as priests [Exodus 28: 1]. By the first Century each division came, in strict rotation, to Jerusalem approximately every six months to perform their duties in the Temple for one week. The Division of Abijah was eighth out of the twenty-four in the original fixed order chosen by lot by King David [1 Chronicles 24: 1-19].

We now turn to an old, childless couple, Zechariah a Priest of the division of Abijah and Elizabeth his wife, also a descendent of Aaron. They are described as *righteous in the sight of God* [Luke 1: 5-7]. On a day when the division of Abijah was on duty and Zechariah had been chosen by lot to burn incense in the Temple, he was visited by the Angel Gabriel. Zechariah received a promise from God that Elizabeth would bear a child who was to be called John and would be *great in the sight of the Lord and filled with the Holy Spirit*. John would go on before the Lord and turn the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous in order to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. [Luke 1: 1-17] As a sign, Zechariah was struck dumb until John's naming ceremony and circumcision when all around were filled with awe as they saw that the Lord's hand was on John.

John's sudden appearance from the wilderness and his preaching around 30 years later was prophesied by Isaiah as 'A voice of one calling in the wilderness; *"prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."*' [Isaiah 40: 3] John preached a baptism of repentance which was heard by many who responded and were baptised in the river Jordan. [Mark 1: 4, 5]. Some believed that John was the promised Messiah, but when questioned by the Priests and Levites on behalf of the Jewish leaders, John denied this using Isaiah's words

The following day, Jesus came into the area and John identified Jesus as the Lamb of God. Jesus was baptised by John and received a commendation from God in Heaven *"You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."* [Mark 1: 11]

How are you preparing the way?

We need many volunteers to distribute our knitted angels around our communities, to support the *Community Shop on the Go* and to extend invitations to our Carol Services, Crib Service and Nativity and our Christmas Services.

Community Shop

On the 

coming to:

Darfield

Darfield All Saints church Car Park, S73 9JX

the times that the pantry is open to provide light refreshments and a warm space for their customers.

In order to support our community we need YOUR help. This will only happen if YOU volunteer to help.

See Jo to get your name on the rota

Community Shop on the Go

brings high quality food to areas where people may be struggling to access good food for either financial or geographical reasons.

21st December 2023

We intend to open the Church Hall during some of

Seasonal Services in the Parish in December

SAT 16TH: 6:00 P.M. CAROL SERVICE *GT HOUGHTON*

SUN 17TH: 6:00 P.M. CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT *DARFIELD*

SAT 23RD: 4:00 P.M. NATIVITY SERVICE *GT HOUGHTON*

SUN 24TH: 4:00 P.M. CRIB SERVICE *DARFIELD*

SUN 24TH 11:30 P.M. MIDNIGHT MASS *GT HOUGHTON*

MON 25TH: 10:00 A.M. FAMILY COMMUNION *DARFIELD*

SUN 31ST 10:45 A.M. PICK A CAROL *DARFIELD*

Other Sunday Services as normal at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Second Sunday in Advent

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

Isaiah 40: 1-11
Psalm 85: 1-2,8-13
2 Peter 3: 8-15a
Mark 1: 1-8

Bible Readings for this week December

10th Proverbs 19: 1-13
11th Mark 11: 27-33
12th Mark 12: 1-12
13th Mark 12: 13-27
14th Mark 12: 28-37
15th Mark 12: 38-44
16th Mark 13: 1-13
17th Mark 13: 14-31

Prayer Square

This week we are praying for those who are involved in the weekly cycle of services

... Clergy and Readers
... Worship Leaders
... Musicians
... Welcomers and Sidesmen
... Cleaners
... Lesson Readers and Intercessors

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331



Follow the Star—The Great Invitation...

This app for your phone or tablet features daily reflections for **Advent** (1-23 December) and the **Twelve Days of Christmas** (24 December - 6 January). Each reflection takes you on a journey that will help you take fresh encouragement and hope into the year ahead.

Download from Apple App Store or Google Play Store

The Advent Collect:

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.

A Prayer for Growth:

Lord Jesus, as a Church Family in All Saints' and St Michael's, it is our mission to know You and proclaim You.

We want to connect with our community and see Your Kingdom grow. Send Your Holy Spirit to renew, invigorate and inspire us in our work for You.

Give us grace, wisdom and joy as we seek to hold out Your Word. Make us strong, powerful and courageous witnesses and grant that we grow in faith and in numbers, to the honour of Your Name, Amen

Companions in Daily Prayer

Join members of the team on weekdays

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*

The prayers will no longer be on the individual Church Facebook pages

Coat appeal. The Salvation Army at Goldthorpe (which helps people our area too) are hoping to be able to ensure that everyone has a warm coat this winter.

If you have one which you no longer require, please bring it to church and pop it in the Tower Room and it will be collected ready to be given to someone in need.

A chance to make a big difference !

Psalm 80: 1, 2, 3, 18,19

- 1 *Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth ² before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken Your might; come and save us.*
- 3 *Restore us, O God; make Your face shine on us, that we may be saved.*
- 18 *Then we will not turn away from You; revive us, and we will call on Your name.*
- 19 *Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make Your face shine on us, that we may be saved.*

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael



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