



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 10th July 2022: Fourth after Trinity

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

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

Sunday 17th July 2022: Third after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion: Thurnscoe

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: Darfield

4:00 p.m. The Well: Darfield Church Hall

Samaria and Samaritans

In the 10th Century BC, the Israelite Kingdom became split between the northern tribes of Israel and the Southern tribes of Judah, each with their own King. Despite the repeated exhortations of the Prophets, both Kingdoms were not consistent in following the LORD. In 721 BC the Northern Kingdom fell to Assyria and many were taken as captives. Those left, along with foreign immigrants, intermarried and became known as the Samaritans after Samaria, one of the capital cities of the former Northern Kingdom. In 586 BC the Southern Kingdom fell to the Babylonian Kingdom and the people were exiled to Babylon.

When Nehemiah returned to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple, he faced opposition from the Samaritans. [Nehemiah 6: 1-14] This was just the beginning of the long-held animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans.

The Samaritans had built a Temple to Yahweh on Mount Gerazim. They had their own versions of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible, but rejected the writings of the Prophets, Jewish traditions, and the rules of the Pharisees. They claimed to be the true descendent of Israel and preservers of the true religion. To the Jews, the Samaritans were half-breeds, classed even lower than the Gentiles.

At the time of Jesus, Samaria occupied the area between Galilee to the north and Judea to the south and to the west of the River Jordan. Many travellers would avoid the area by crossing the Jordan, travelling along its eastern bank and recrossing as they neared their destination.

We can read the Gospel reports of various encounters that Jesus had with Samaritans. On one occasion He was travelling to Jerusalem and passed through a village on the border of Galilee and Samaria [St Luke 17: 11-17]. A group of ten lepers met Jesus and asked for help with their affliction. Jesus told them to go and show themselves to the Priest. As they did, they were cleansed but only one returned to Jesus, praising God – a Samaritan.

On another journey from Judea to Galilee, Jesus came to the Samaritan village of Sychar. When a Samaritan woman came to the well, Jesus asked her for water. The woman was amazed as under Jewish law and customs, this was not allowed. Jesus went on to reveal Himself to this woman as the Messiah and through her testimony, many of the Samaritans in the village believed. [St John 4: 39]

In His last commission to the Disciples, just before He ascended to Heaven, Jesus commissioned them to "**be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth**". [Acts 1: 8]

As the early church was growing it soon faced serious persecution, and many were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria, **but** they preached the word wherever they went. [Acts 8: 4]. Philip was in a Samaritan city and preached the Messiah there. [Acts 8: 5] Many believed and were baptised [Acts 8: 12].

The history of Samaria reminds us that no matter who we are or where we come from, there is Good News through Jesus Christ.

Over the next few Weeks

10th July:	9:00 a.m.	Great Houghton [HC]
10th July:	10:45 a.m.	Darfield
17th July:	10:45 a.m.	Darfield [HC]
17th July:	4:00 p.m.	The Well Darfield Hall
24th July:	9:00 a.m.	Great Houghton [HC]
24th July:	10:45 a.m.	Darfield
24th July:	4:00 p.m.	Bible Stories re-told
31st July:	10:45 a.m.	Darfield [HC]

Salvation Army Appeal☆

During the school holidays there is always an extra need for food for families. Alison has asked if All Saints can help by donating cereals to stock their shelves in readiness. Obviously, they will appreciate any other foodstuffs with a long shelf life.

Please bring your donations to Church (leave in the car - we can transfer to ours in the car park if that's better for you)

Thank you so much for continuing to help others in this way - Sue & Frank

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive Shaw
Pat Bentley
Steve & Val Myers
Stella Firth
Joan Bramall
Linda and her family
Walt Law
Hilda Jobling

Our bereaved families

The families of Wendy Agar

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Fourth Sunday after Trinity Collect

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus You brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with Your will, that we may find all things restored in Him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Readings

Deuteronomy 30: 9-14

Psalm 25: 1-10

Colossians 1: 1-14

Luke 10: 25-37

Bible Readings for this week

July

10th Genesis 24: 17-33
11th Genesis 24: 34-49
12th Genesis 24: 50-67
13th Genesis 25: 1-18
14th Genesis 25: 19-34
15th Psalm 47
16th Psalm 48

The Parable of the Good Samaritan Read St Luke 10: 25-37

This Parable was told in response to the question "who is my neighbour?" from one described as an expert in Jewish Law.

We can see a pictorial representation of the parable in our stained-glass window. A traveller is set upon by robbers and left seriously injured. A Priest and a Levite, a Priestly aide, both passed by and ignored the injured traveller. A Samaritan, who would have been shunned by the Jews, came along and took care of the wounded traveller, treated his wounds, took him to an inn to recover and paid the Innkeeper to look after him.

Truly his neighbour.

Psalm 24: 9-10

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is the King of Glory? Even the Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

Christmas

July already and a very special time for me. Since 1987, each year this month I have ventured to York to study the new music published and to look for something new for the Choir to sing.

The question this year is will I have enough volunteers to assemble a choir – ladies AND gentlemen?

There is a wonderful sense of achievement when the parts come together.

We've had that feeling before and I would love to hear it again.

We need to start in early September. I would like to know by **July 17th** who will be coming. This gives me just four days to visit York.

As the hymn says "**Be bold, be strong!**" Why not come along? There is no one who can't sing – a lot of work has to be done before we are anywhere near the voices of 2019 – remember your voice has had very little real practice - but it WILL come back.

Have a word; give me a ring; but for goodness sake please don't leave the congregation to wonder: Why no candles? No packed church; no procession – and no choir!!

Margaret

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The Collect

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to Your Church, send Your Holy Spirit to give **Vision** to our planning, **Wisdom** to our actions, and **Power** to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers, In spiritual commitment to you, And in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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All Saints Toilet Project:

The plans are now displayed in the Resource Area. Now is your chance to look at them and feed your comments back to the team. **See Peter or Kay**

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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