

# The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

# Sunday 10th October 2021 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Thurnscoe 10:30 a.m. Partnership Service on Facebook 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Darfield

## **Harvest Celebrations**

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of our Harvest Celebrations and for the gifts of food, toiletries and cash. Across our two churches, the sum of £266 was donated and has been sent to Tearfund to support their work in impoverished countries such as Burkina Faso.

During the previous week, we had a visit to All Saints from pupils of Upperwood Academy. They came to discover why and how we celebrate Harvest. Their teachers agreed to extend a Harvest Appeal to the children's' parents. A total of thirty five bags arrived and were added to those brought by members of our two congregations. They are already with the Salvation Army Food Bank at Goldthorpe.

# **Focus on: The Prophet Amos**

Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. [Amos 5:14]

How long is it since you read any of the Old Testament passages set week by week by our Lectionary? Amos is one of the twelve Prophets whose writings make up the last section of our Old Testament. The twelve are described as the Minor Prophets only because their writings are much shorter than those of the Major Prophets [Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel] but still contain hard truths for God's Chosen People in their time and for us in our time.

They wrote over a period of around three hundred years from the 8<sup>th</sup> Century BC. The Kingdom of Israel had split into two parts following the death of King Solomon. Judah to the south and Israel in the north. Both Kingdoms had a succession of bad and good Kings. The good Kings attempted to return their kingdoms to the worship of Yahweh, the one true God. The people soon reverted to idolatry when future Kings turned out to be bad. The Lord allowed the Kingdom of Israel to be conquered by the Assyrian Empire around 721 BC. The Kingdom of Judah was defeated by Babylon around 587 BC and the people taken into exile. They were allowed to return to Jerusalem some years later to rebuild the Temple and resettle in that part of the Promised Land.

Amos, writing around 750 BC, is described as a shepherd from Tekoa in the Southern Kingdom of Judah, close to modern day Bethlehem [1: 1], but his writings were aimed mainly at the people of the Northern Kingdom. His Prophesy gave them a warning of the Lord's forthcoming judgement on their material prosperity but spiritual weakness. Although his prophesy was fulfilled, Amos ended with a Promise from God. Those who heard the message and repented of their sins would, one day, be restored and the promise of the Messiah was given to them. Many centuries later we know that promise of the Messiah in our Lord Jesus.

## **Forthcoming Services**

10th October: 9:00 a.m. St Helen, Thurnscoe
10th October: 10:45 a.m. All Saints, Darfield [HC]

17th October: 9:00 a.m. St Michael, Gt Houghton
17th October: 10:45 a.m. All Saints, Darfield
17th October: 10:45 a.m. Christ Church, Ardsley
17th October: 4:00 p.m. The Well, Darfield Hall

24th October:9:00 a.m.St Helen, Thurnscoe24th October:10:45 a.m.All Saints, Darfield [HC]24th October:4:00 p.m.Bible Story Time re-told

#### **Harvest Gifts from Upperwood Academy**



# **Prayer Requests**

#### Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw Pat Bentley Steve & Val Myers Stella and Raymond Firth Barry & Joan Bramall Andrea & Andrew Harrison Eddie and Elaine

**Prayer Contact:** 

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# 19th Sunday after Trinity Collect

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust You and to receive the gifts of Your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Readings

Amos 5: 6-7,10-15 Psalm 90: 12-17 Hebrews 4: 12-16 St Mark 10; 17-31

Bible Readings for this week

#### October:

10th Hebrews 9: 11-28 11th Hebrews 10: 1-18 12th Hebrews 10: 19-39 13th Hebrews 11: 1-12 14th Hebrews 11: 13-28 15th Hebrews 11: 29-40 16th Hebrews 12: 1-13

# The Diocesan Vision Prayer

Living God, Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.

RENEW us as we make your love known;

**RELEASE** us to share freely together in mission;

and **REJUVENATE** us to be fruitful in your service.

Give us courage, wisdom and compassion, that strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield, both flourish and grow through Christ our Lord.



4:00 p.m. **Sunday 17th October Darfield Church Hall** 

A family friendly service where all are safe and welcome, and can explore new ways of worshipping together. A chance to discover and sing new songs, to ask questions and to encounter Christianity and the Bible anew.

# Bible Story Time re-told

4:00 p.m. **Sunday 24th October Darfield Church Hall** 

A great opportunity for different generations to share together.

Come and listen to stories from the Bible with time to chat about the story, and to share your favourite with the people around you.

This Sunday we welcome Rev Canon Julie Upton, Associate Archdeacon Transition Enabler, to celebrate Holy Communion at All Saints

# **Resources and Contacts**

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