

The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 10th September 2023

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: Darfield

Sunday 17th September 2023

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

4:00 p.m. Café Church for all the family: Darfield Church Hall



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Heritage Open Days at All Saints

Saturday 9th Sept. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10th Sept. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*We need welcomers, refreshment servers and talkers
throughout both sessions.*



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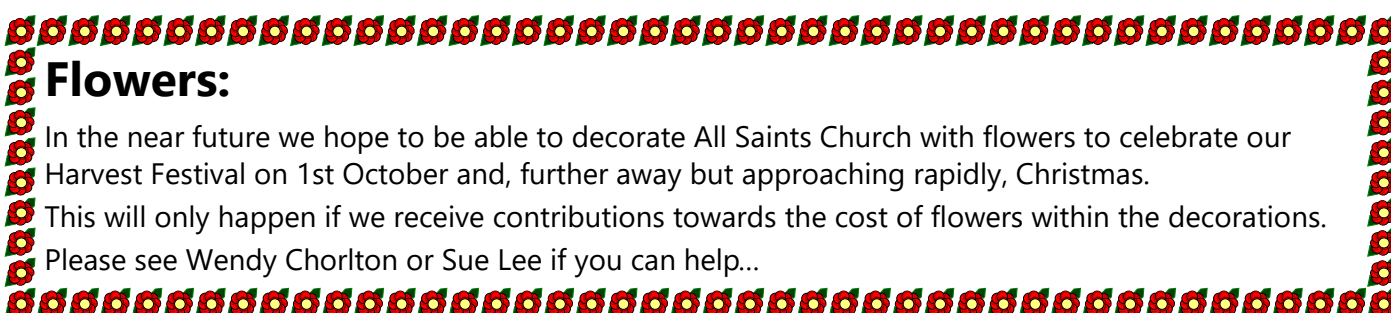
Micah and Micaiah

There are two prophets identified in our Old Testament who share similar names with the same derivation 'Who is like Jehovah'.

King Ahab of Israel and King Jehoshaphat of Judah were planning to regain territory at Ramoth Gilead occupied by the King of Aram. Jehoshaphat insisted on '*seeking the council of the LORD.*' [1 Kings 22: 5] Some four hundred prophets were summoned by King Ahab, and all predicted a victory. Jehoshaphat was not convinced and asked if there was still a prophet of the Lord in Israel [1 Kings 22: 7]. The Prophet Micaiah, son of Imlah, was summoned. He was out of favour with King Ahab because '*he never prophesies anything good about me*' [1 Kings 22: 8]. Micaiah described his vision from the LORD that confirmed that the prophets had been possessed by a deceiving spirit from the LORD to persuade the kings to undertake the attack. Micaiah's vision showed the Israelites scattered on the hillside like sheep without a shepherd. [22: 17]. Micaiah validated his words by saying that if the king returned safely from the battle then LORD had not spoken through Micaiah. The Kings duly took their armies into battle. King Ahab was hit by an arrow and suffered a fatal wound and died that same day.

The book of Micah in our Old Testament is attributed to Micah of Moresheth, a small town in southern Judah, and was written in the second half of the eighth century BC, during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, Kings of Judah. Other prophets active at that time included Isaiah, Hosea and Amos. Micah's main theme is the forthcoming judgement against Samaria and Jerusalem which would occur some 150 years later at the hands of the Babylonians.

Among the promises is that of a new ruler for Israel. "*But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.*" [Micah 5: 2]. This is the passage that the Chief Priests read to King Herod and which pointed the Wise Men to the house in Bethlehem to present their Gifts to the infant Jesus [Matthew 2: 1-14]. Micah was also the inspiration for Jesus when He warned the disciples that He had come '*not to bring peace but a sword*' [Matthew 10: 34] and that he would set some families against each other [Matthew 10: 35-39 & Micah 7: 6]. As for the Last Days, Micah prophesied that '*They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.*' [Micah 4: 3]



Flowers:

In the near future we hope to be able to decorate All Saints Church with flowers to celebrate our Harvest Festival on 1st October and, further away but approaching rapidly, Christmas.

This will only happen if we receive contributions towards the cost of flowers within the decorations.

Please see Wendy Chorlton or Sue Lee if you can help..

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, Your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in Your mercy and know Your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord

Readings

Exodus 12: 1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13: 8-14
Matthew 18: 15-20

Bible Readings for this week September

10th Daniel 9: 20-27
11th Daniel 10: 1-21
12th Daniel 11: 1-19
13th Daniel 11: 20-35
14th Daniel 11: 36-45
15th Daniel 12: 1-13
16th Proverbs 1: 1-7
17th Matthew 26: 69-75

Prayer Square

**This week we are
praying Darfield and the
residents of...**

George Street
Pitt Street
Derefield Drive
Providence Street
Lantern Mews
Colliery Mount

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Focus on Prayer

Did you know that All Saints Darfield has a Prayer Team? If not, then let us introduce ourselves ~ if you did, then still read on as we are making a few changes to how we work.

There are seven of us: Irene Barraclough, Wendy Chorlton, Pamela Emson, Andrea Harrison, Sue Lee, Karen Walton, and Carol Hunter.

We meet every Thursday for an hour and a half, to pray in confidence for the Church and for the people and situations of those who have requested our prayers. Our ministry reaches far and wide and we are often asked to pray for people not only nationally, but as far away as The States, Australia, and Greece. We also have a secure WhatsApp that only the team can access ~ this serves as a prayer chain and enables us to contact each other with urgent prayer requests which cannot wait until our weekly meetings. You will see us gather in the South Chapel before the Sunday morning Service begins. Here we pray for those who are leading the service, and for everyone in the congregation, that we may be blessed as we receive God's Word and sing His praises that morning. We occasionally visit those who have requested someone to talk to or pray with, and who are unable to get to Church.

From September, prayer ministry will be offered during and after Communion, in the Communion Services which happen twice a month. This will be announced during the service, and you will find us in the South Chapel waiting to talk with you or pray with you.

We do not have magic words and are not 'super spiritual' ~ we are a bunch of people who believe in God's goodness and grace, in the power of prayer and are passionate about seeing God's Kingdom furthered. You will also see us active in other areas of the Church ~ some of us serve on the PCC and others are on the cleaning/reading/intercession/leading and preaching rotas and actively involved in special services such as the Memorial Service.

You can contact us by phone or text: 07542 527 331 (Carol), through the Parish Office, or by grabbing any of us before, during, or after Services or events.

You may also wish to avail yourself on using the Prayer Tree and Prayer Box (which are at present situated in the resource area at the back North corner of our Church).

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

Psalm 149: 1, 11, 12, 13

- 1 *Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people*
4 *For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.*
6 *May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands.*

Praise the LORD!

Resources and Contacts

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St Michael



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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.