



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 11th June 2023

First Sunday after Trinity

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: Darfield

Sunday 17th June 2023

Second Sunday after Trinity

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

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

4:00 p.m. The Well – café style: Darfield Church Hall

The Prophet Hosea

Hosea is the first of the group of twelve Minor Prophets identified as such by the length of their writings rather than their importance. His writings cover a period of forty years during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, Kings of Judah and Jeroboam, King of Israel in the 8th Century BC. He is thought to be a native of the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

Little is recorded about his life except that the LORD told him to marry a wife who would be unfaithful to him [Hosea 1: 2,3]. Hosea's life and his love for his wife, Gomer, was seen as a representation of the loving relationship of the LORD with the Israelites and their continual rejections.

His writings were directed at the Northern Kingdom and the increase of idolatry and abandonment to sin within the population. He continued to urge the people to return to the LORD. In chapter 13, the people are reminded of their long relationship with the LORD but are warned of the forthcoming over-running of the kingdom by the Assyrian Empire which occurred a few years after Hosea's final writings. The LORD's love for Israel did not fail even though they faced hardships. The attack from Assyria came in 722 BC when the capital was over-run and many of the people were taken captive and led off to live as Prisoners of War.

In his description of the events immediately following the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus, St Matthew quotes the words of Hosea "*out of Egypt I called my son*" as a part of his account of the time that Joseph, Mary and Jesus spent in the relative safety of Egypt. [St Matthew 2: 15 : Hosea 11: 1]. On His way to the Cross, Jesus quoted another passage in Hosea referring to the daughters of Jerusalem who were mourning and wailing for Jesus. '*They will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!"*' [St Luke 23: 30 : Hosea 10: 8]

The Feast of St Barnabas 11th June.

We first meet Barnabas in Jerusalem under his given name of Joseph, a Levite from the Island of Cyprus. He had sold a field and brought the proceeds to the Apostles. As was the custom of the time he was given the alternative name Barnabas, *Son of Encouragement*, by the Apostles to mark his concerted efforts to encourage others. [Acts 4: 36]

When the converted Saul reached Jerusalem, it was Barnabas who supported him and convinced the brethren of Saul's conversion and of his preaching activities in Damascus [Acts 9: 27]. Barnabas was despatched to Antioch following news of those who were spreading the Good News to the visiting Greeks as well as to the Jews, Barnabas saw that the Hand of God was on them and great numbers were converted. Barnabas brought Saul from Tarsus to Antioch to support the work in the place where the name Christians began to be used to describe the disciples [Acts 11:25-26]. It was also around this time that Saul took on the name Paul.

Commissioned by the Church in Antioch, Barnabas and Paul set out on a Missionary Journey which took in Cyprus, and Galatia and Pamphylia now parts of southern Türkiye [Acts 13: 1-3]. Barnabas was to accompany Paul on his second much longer Missionary Journey but friction relating to John Mark caused them to separate with Barnabas taking John Mark to Cyprus.

St Luke described Barnabas... **"He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith"** [Acts 11: 23]

The Feast of St Barnabas

Readings

Acts 11: 19-30 Psalm 112
Galatians 2: 1-10 John 15: 12-17

The Collect

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Sunday after Trinity Collect

God of truth, help us to keep
Your law of love and to walk
in ways of wisdom, that we
may find true life in Jesus
Christ Your Son.

Readings

Hosea 5:15-6.6
Psalm 50: 7-15
Romans 4: 13-25
Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

Bible Readings for this week June

11th Matthew 11: 20-30
12th Matthew 12: 1-14
13th Matthew 12: 15-21
14th Matthew 12: 22-37
15th Matthew 12: 38-50
16th Matthew 13: 1-23
17th Ruth 1: 1-22
18th Ruth 2: 1-12

Prayer Square

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

Doncaster Road
Fitzwilliam Road
Balkley Lane
Howard Street
Cover Drive
Norville Crescent
Middlewood Hall

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our
Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331



Sunday 18th June 2023: 4:00 p.m.

Café style—Darfield Church Hall

KNIT and NATTER: St Michael's, Great Houghton

Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



A Date for your Diary...

Wednesday 2nd August 2023

We have booked a stall at the Darfield
Summer Gala .

We NOW need ideas for the stall and
volunteers to set up and run the stall

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*

Zoom Prayer Meeting:

Monday 12th June 2023: 8:00 p.m.

Contact Carol Hunter for the Zoom link.

Prayer is an important part of our Christian life Join us on Zoom
for half an hour to pray for all things needful.



Funerals:

Thursday 15th June 2023

11:30 a.m. Evelyn Beck

All Saints, Darfield and Barnsley Crematorium

Monday 19th June 2023

10:30 a.m. Frank Lane

St Michael, Great Houghton and Great Houghton Cemetery

Psalm 50: 1, 2, 7

- 1** *The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from
the rising of the sun to where it sets.*
- 2** *From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.*
- 7** *"Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel: I
am God, your God.*

Resources and Contacts

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael



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