



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 12th December 2021

Third Sunday in Advent

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Great Houghton
10:45 a.m. Service for Sunday, Darfield

COVID Update: Under HM Government's Plan B, Face Masks will be compulsory in Places of Worship from Friday 10th December 2021 unless medically exempt.

Christmas Decorations

For the next few weeks the latest artwork from the children of All Saints Academy will brighten up our Churchyard for those who visit or pass through. Thanks to all the staff and children who were involved.

If you are unable to see them for yourselves, a selection of images can be found on our website.



Waiting...

The tune to the well known Christmas Carol was adopted by troops who were often forced into situations where they had to «Hurry up and wait». Their chorus of «Why are we waiting» would show their frustration in these situations.

What are we waiting for? We could all make our own lists. The Church's season of Advent is a time of waiting but also of preparation. The Psalms include many references to waiting including “**We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.**” [Psalm 33: 20]. The Old Testament Prophets were waiting for the Messiah, the Anointed One, who would redeem Israel. “**I will wait for the God of my Salvation**” [Micah 7: 7]

Simeon was waiting for **the Consolation of Israel** [St Luke 2: 25] with a promise that he would see the Lord's Christ before he died. That promise was fulfilled. [St Luke 2: 27–35]

Zechariah was visited by the Angel Gabriel to announce that his wife Elizabeth was to bear a child who would “**bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God**” [St Luke 1: 16]. The people were waiting outside the Temple for Zechariah [St Luke 1: 21] and Zechariah himself had to wait until John was born and named to be able to speak again. Both John and Jesus had to wait around thirty years before God's time was right for their ministries to begin.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas in whatever way we are able to do, let us not forget that we need to prepare for Jesus to return. We do not know when that will be [Acts 1: 7] but we have the promise of Jesus that it will happen! [St Matthew 24:]

Forthcoming Services

12th December:	9:00 a.m. St Michael Great Houghton
12th December:	10:45 a.m. All Saints Darfield
19th December:	10:30 a.m. Carols at St Michael's
19th December:	10:45 a.m. All Saints Darfield [HC]
19th December:	6:00 p.m. All Saints Outdoors
	Carols by Lanternlight
24th December:	4:00 p.m. Crib Service Darfield
25th December:	9:00 a.m. St Michaels [HC]
25th December:	10:30 a.m. All Saints Darfield [HC]
26th December:	10:45 a.m. Pick a Carol @ Darfield

The Advent Collect [BCP]

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.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw
Pat Bentley
Steve & Val Myers
Stella and Raymond Firth
Barry & Joan Bramall
Andrea & Andrew Harrison
Eddie
Linda and her family
Hilda Jobling

Our Bereaved Families

The families of
Kelly Louise Jagger
Michael Giles

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Third Sunday of Advent Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of Your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Psalm 146: 4-10

Philippians. 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 7-18

Bible Readings for this week

December:

12th Revelation 11: 1-14
13th Revelation 11: 15-19
14th Revelation 12: 1-17
15th Revelation 13: 1-18
16th Revelation 14: 1-5
17th Revelation 14: 6-13
18th Revelation 14: 14-20

Cross Keys Mini Christmas Market

Thanks to all who supported this event and our church openings. Our stall, minded by Pam, Sue and Frank, raised £130.

We welcomed 32 adults and 23 children to our Church during Saturday and Sunday and received £59 in donations.

The Children's Society

For many years, Hilda Jobling has supervised home collection boxes or the Children's Society and overseen the production of Christingles for our annual service.

She has reluctantly had to stand down from these roles.

This year the PCC has decided not to hold a Christingle Service in our Churches but for next year we will be needing someone to take up these roles.

If you would have made a donation at the Christingle Service then you can go online to..

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/>



At the heart of Christmas



**Apps for Android
and iPhone are
now available to
download**

A Bible reading, reflection and activity for each day through Advent and Christmas can be as near as your smartphone or tablet.



Advent Course *They Sang*

Based on the four songs of the Christmas Story

Monday evening or Thursday daytime

Contact Rev Fiona Kouble

for details and the **Zoom link**

From the Parish Registers

Monday 6th December 2021

Kelly Louise Jagger 'Scholey'

Funeral: St Michaels Great Houghton

and Great Houghton Cemetery

Resources and Contacts

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St Michael



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