



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 12th February 2023

Second Sunday before Lent

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: *Darfield*

Wednesday 15th February 2023

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Messy Morning: *Darfield Church Hall*

Sunday 19th February 2023

First Sunday before Lent

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

10:45 a.m. Service & Thanksgiving: *Darfield*

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

Wednesday 15th February:

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Messy Morning

Darfield Church Hall

Join us for a fun morning filled with activities for all the family...



Ash Wednesday:

22nd February 2023

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

[Book of Common Prayer]

All Saints Darfield

Saturday 18th February: All Saints, Darfield: Snowdrop Day

The snowdrops are ready: The crocus and even the daffodils may be ready. **Are YOU ready!**

Join us at All Saints between **10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** to celebrate as the cycle of God's Creation moves us towards Spring, the trials of Good Friday and the Joys of Easter.

Spare some time to visit the Church, Churchyard and the Maurice Dobson Museum to take part in the activities for all ages or just join us for a chat and a cuppa!

Why not visit and stay behind to help in the organisation of the day. We need as many of you as possible to be available throughout the day to welcome our visitors, serve light refreshments and support the activities.

Sign up on the list at the back of All Saints!



THE
WELL

Sunday 19th February 2023

4:00 p.m. @ Darfield Church Hall

(Doors open at 3:45 p.m.)

*A café style service for
people of all ages*

Bearing Fruit:

The words of the hymn 'Go forth and Tell' [Mission Praise 178] give us a clear picture of our mission as a Church. In the second verse the writer James R Seddon issued a challenge to us when wrote 'How shall they call if they have never heard the gracious invitation of His Word!'

We all must play a part in ensuring that we obey our Lord's final command to '**go and make disciples of all nations**' [St Matthew 28: 19]

If someone asks you questions about your faith, do you have an answer ready? Why not spend some time this week to remember how Jesus became real to you so that you can be ready to respond.

Make a list of some of those you come into contact with on a regular basis and who might be interested in knowing more. You can then pray for them on a regular basis. You can then seek opportunities to share your story with them and invite to join with you at one of the services, activities or events that we hold. This week you have a choice... Messy Morning, Snowdrop Day, the Well or Knit and Natter.

Zoom Prayer Meeting:

Monday 13th February 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.

Second Sunday before Lent

Collect

Almighty God, give us
reverence for all creation and
respect for every person, that
we may mirror your likeness in
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Genesis 1:1 – 2: 3

Psalms 136

Romans 8: 18-25

St Matthew 6: 25-34

Bible Readings for this week February

12th	Exodus 27: 9-21
13th	Exodus 28: 1-14
14th	Exodus 28: 15-30
15th	Exodus 28: 31-43
16th	Psalms 124
17th	Psalms 125
18th	Psalms 126
19th	Psalms 127

Prayer Square

**This week we are praying
for Great Houghton and
the residents of**

... Crabtree Drive
... Pinewood Close
... Ashwood Grove
... Lister Row
... Mileswood Close

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our
Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

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

2023 Flower Rota for All Saints

The rota is now displayed on the notice board at the back of Church waiting for your choice of Sundays to contribute to weekly floral decorations.

KNIT and NATTER: Tuesday

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. St Michael's Great Houghton



A Lent journey of faith, failure and forgiveness

Watch for more details of the Church of England's daily reflections for Lent 2023: apps for your phone or tablet, on your Smart Speakers or on Social media at

#DustandGlory

'Whoever has ears, let them hear.'

The Parable of the Sower [St Matthew 13: 3-9; 18-23]

The farmer described in this Parable experienced a variable response to his seed-sowing with only a small fraction surviving and growing into mature plants to produce a crop.

The Parable itself was directed at the large crowd which had gathered to hear Jesus. As with the majority of the other Parables, Jesus gave the explanations only to the small group of disciples who were with him. There seems to be no record in the Gospels as to how many of the listeners became disciples as they responded to their individual call from Jesus.

We will find these same variable responses to our attempts at evangelism but bear in mind two additional thoughts. The response to a seed being sown is not instantaneous as the gardeners among us will verify, and the 'good ground' would have needed preparation and regular maintenance throughout the growing season.

We should always be looking for opportunities to share our faith but not be discouraged when our time scale does not match God's time scale for the individuals we seek to bring to faith in Jesus.

Psalm 136: 1-4

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. *His love endures forever.*
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods. *His love endures forever.*
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords: *His love endures forever.*
- 4 To him who alone does great wonders, *His love endures forever.*

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael



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