



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 12th March 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: Darfield

Sunday 19th March 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Mothering Sunday

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

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

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

Long Range Forecast

There are early forecasts that Darfield and Great Houghton are in danger of being **angel bombed** in December 2023

We would like to ensure that this forecast comes true!

We are calling **knitters and crocheters** to join us in our great angel campaign
are **you** willing to start knitting **NOW???**

but - hush - don't tell everyone

the Christmas angels will come with messages of Good News and Great Joy!!



A Lent journey of faith, failure and forgiveness

Daily reflections for Lent are now available on your phone or tablet

The app is now available for download from the usual places by searching for **Dust and Glory**

Prayer for this week from Dust and Glory

Lord, I know that I am a sinner: I rejoice that you sent your only Son to die for my sins, that I might be redeemed and saved by Your love: Amen

**DUST +
GLORY**

Zoom Prayer Meeting:

Monday 13th March 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.

Annual Parochial Meetings:

Sunday 26th March 2023

Living Water and a Samaritan woman

The history of the Samaritans starts with the breaking up of the Israelite Kingdom into the northern kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of Judah. The Kingdom of Israel was overrun by the Assyrians and many of the population inter-married with the local pagan tribes. They did keep some of their Jewish traditions including the worship of Yahweh and were despised by the Jews. Their lands lay between Jerusalem and Galilee and most travellers along that way would take a detour rather than pass through Samaria.

With this background we find Jesus making this journey and reaching the Samaritan town of Sychar [St John 4: 5]. Whilst sitting near the well, Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman and asks for water from the well. This astounded the woman [4: 9] but Jesus offers the woman **Living Water springing up to eternal life** [4: 14]. The woman initially misses the point, but Jesus eventually reveals himself as the Messiah. The woman spreads the news and many of the locals believed. **'we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.'**

Snowdrop Update: Thanks to all who supported The Snowdrop Hamper Raffle which raised £95.

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Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern Your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Exodus 17: 1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5: 1-11
St John 4: 5-42

Bible Readings for this week March

12th Exodus 33: 12-23
13th Exodus 34: 1-16
14th Exodus 34: 17-35
15th Exodus 35: 1-19
16th Psalm 137
17th Psalm 138
18th Psalm 139: 1-12
19th Psalm 139: 13-24

Prayer Square

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

Park Lane
Pear Tree Close
Milton Street
Old Crown Gardens
Woodlands View

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

KNIT and NATTER:

St Michael's, Great Houghton

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



Nominations Invited for APM and APCM: Sunday 26th March

Two Churchwardens

Three Deanery Synod Representatives

Three PCC members

Assistant Churchwardens

Nomination Sheets and details at the back of church

Forty years in the desert

It didn't take long for the Israelites to forget the dramatic way that the LORD had led them out of Egypt. Their route took them through the desert of Shur [Exodus 15: 22] where they travelled for three days without finding water. Moses was the target for their grumbles when they came to a spring at Marah where the water was unfit to drink. [Exodus 15:24] Moses prayed to the Lord and was shown a stick which, when thrown into the water, made it fit to drink. [15: 25] They then travelled to Elim and on into the Desert of Sin. The grumbling against Moses resumed but this time about the lack of food. Some even wished themselves back in Egypt. For the next forty years, the Lord provided Manna in the mornings to feed the Israelites but some even failed to heed the Lord's instructions about it. [Exodus 16: 17-30]

The Israelites journeyed on through the desert and the grumbling continued. The Lord guided Moses to strike his rod against a stone through which water was provided. We read of a similar incident where Moses was told by the Lord to speak to the rock [Numbers 20: 6-11] to provide water. Moses actually struck the rock with his rod which, because his perceived lack of trust prompted the Lord to deny Moses entry to the Promised Land. [Numbers 20: 12]

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 95: 1-3 VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO: Book of Common Prayer

- 1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

Resources and Contacts

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All Saints



St Michael



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Items, preferably via e-mail, to

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.