



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 13th August 2023

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: Darfield

Sunday 20th August 2023

Eleventh 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

Elijah a time of ups and downs.

Elijah appeared on the prophetic scene in the Northern Kingdom of Israel in the 9th Century BC during the reign of King Ahab. Ahab did '*more evil in the eyes of the Lord than any of those before him*' [1 Kings 16: 30]. Ahab married Jezebel, daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians, and began, with his wife's encouragement, to serve Baal and worship the ancient Canaanite-Phoenician deity.

Elijah visited Ahab and announced a great drought. [1 Kings 17: 1] Elijah was then sent by the LORD to the Kerith ravine where he was provided for by ravens and by the brook running through the ravine. As the drought progressed the brook dried up and Elijah was then sent to Zaraphath where he was directed to a widow who provided immediate sustenance for him. With the LORD's intervention, she continued that provision. [1 Kings 17: 7-16] Sometime later, the widow's son became ill and stopped breathing. Elijah cried out to the LORD and the boy recovered [1 Kings 17: 19-24].

The drought continued and three years later, Elijah was sent again to Ahab with a summons to the people to meet on Mount Carmel. There, Elijah set up a confrontation with the 450 prophets of Baal. Throughout the day, Elijah taunted the prophets of Baal to bring down fire onto their sacrificial bull, but nothing happened. [1 Kings 18: 22-29]

Elijah then repaired an altar of the LORD and dug a trench round it. He put the wood and the bull on the altar and totally saturated it with water. Elijah prayed to the LORD and the fire of the LORD came and consumed the sacrifice, the wood, the stone altar and the water in the trench. [18: 38]. The people exclaimed '**The LORD—he is God!**' The Prophets of Baal were rounded up, taken to the Kishon Valley and slaughtered. The drought was broken as heavy rain started falling [18: 45]

When Jezebel heard about these events, she threatened to kill Elijah. Elijah was afraid and fled on a journey which eventually took him to a cave on Mount Horeb, the mountain of God where Moses had received the Ten Commandments. [19: 2-9]. It was here that the LORD met with Elijah to reassure him that he was not alone. The LORD spoke, not through the wind, the earthquake or fire but in a whisper. We would do well to respond to the same whispers.

Dates for your Diary...

Saturday 26th August Pet Blessing

11:00 a.m. at St Michael Great Houghton

2:30 p.m. at All Saints Darfield

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.

Prepare for ways you can help with these events

Something to do in August...

All Saints Bee Trail:



Have fun by following our Bee Trail through our Churchyard to find the nine Bee points and to solve our Bee challenge.

Available at any time but be aware that the churchyard paths may be slippery following rain.

What's on at St Michael's Great Houghton

Mindful Mondays: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thoughtful Thursdays: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00

Tea and Cake Tuesday 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon

A chance to meet and catch up!

Angel Bombing

There is still time to help us meet the total number of angels which we need to celebrate Advent in our communities. Patterns available...

Please bring your completed Angels to All Saints so we can see how many more we need!

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught His disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before You; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

1 Kings 19: 9-18
Psalm 85: 8-13
Romans 10: 5-15
Matthew 14: 22-33

Bible Readings for this week

August

13th Daniel 3: 1-15
14th Daniel 3: 16-30
15th Daniel 4: 1-18
16th Daniel 4: 19-27
17th Daniel 4: 28-37
18th Daniel 5 v1-16
19th Daniel 5: 17-31
20th Matthew 22: 34-46

Prayer Square

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

Padua Rise
Milano Rise
Roundwood Way
Dartree Close
Dartree Walk
Oberon Crescent

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

Walking on water: [Matthew 14: 22-33]

The tremendous miracle of feeding the 'five thousand men beside women and children' with just five barley loaves and two small fish [Matthew 14: 21] had just occurred. Jesus sent his disciples to take to their boat and sail across to the other side of the lake. Jesus then dismissed the crowds and went up a nearby mountain to be on His own to pray.

As was often the case on the lake, surrounded as it was by hills, the wind direction was against the disciples' boat, and they made little progress through the night.

Shortly before dawn, the disciples saw a figure walking across the lake and approaching the boat. They were afraid, thinking that the figure was a ghost. At this point Jesus spoke to them and identified himself. Peter, in his usual manner, wanted verification. Jesus told Peter to **Come to Him**. Peter walked on the water towards Jesus until he became distracted by and afraid of the stormy conditions and began to sink and cried out to Jesus. Jesus caught Peter's hand and, when they both reached the boat, the wind died down and those in the boat acclaimed Jesus as **the Son of God**. [Matthew 14: 13]

This miracle, seen only by the disciples in the boat, can be supported in Job's description of God as '*He alone stretches out the heavens and treads on the waves of the sea*'. [Job 9: 8]. Later in the same description, Job writes '*When He passes me, I cannot see Him; when He goes by, I cannot perceive Him*'. [Job 9: 11]. In Mark's version of the miracle, Jesus is described as 'being about to pass them by' until the disciples called out in fear [Mark 6: 48]. They had the direct experience of God, in the form of Jesus, with them in the boat as the storm died down around them.

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace"

[MP 712 Helen H Lemmell]

Psalm 85: 8, 9, 12,13

8 *I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants - but let them not turn to folly.*
9 *Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.*
12 *The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.*
13 *Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.*

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael

