



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 13th February 2022

Third Sunday before Lent

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Thurnscoe

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Darfield

with Rev Canon Julie Upton

Blessings and Woes:

The theme of blessings runs throughout our Bible from the early chapters of Genesis. Abram is sent out from his home in Harran to a land that the LORD would show him. Abram and his family departed with the promise that Abram would be blessed and that all peoples on the earth would be blessed through Abram [Genesis 12: 1-3]. Many of the psalms include references to blessings including **"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked"** [Psalm 1: 1].

A verse from Revelation was the inspiration for the final chorus in Charles Jennens' libretto for the oratorio Messiah scored by George Frederic Handel.

"Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." [Revelation 5: 12]

Jesus had begun His ministry and had attracted large numbers of people to hear His words and witness His miracles of healing. He had been speaking in many of the Synagogues in the area. After one particular day, Jesus spent the night praying on a mountainside. He then selected, from his band of disciples, the twelve whom he named as Apostles. [St Luke 6: 12-14]. The name is derived from Ancient Greek meaning one who is sent off, usually to convey a message. The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews urged readers to **"fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our Apostle and High Priest"** [Hebrews 2: 1]. St Paul, also dubbed an Apostle, described Andronicus and Junia as being outstanding among the Apostles [Romans 16: 7].

On returning from the mountain Jesus encountered a large crowd of people from far and wide who were seeking His help. This help was freely given to those troubled with impure spirits and others. Many tried just to touch Jesus as His power was healing them all. [St Luke 6: 18-19]

The newly appointed Apostles and the other Disciples were then given a series of blessings and warnings to prepare them for all that was to face them as followers of Jesus. In this Sermon on the Plain, the blessings and Woes are actually paired- The poor and rich, the hungry and well fed, weeping and laughing, and the hated and praised. With each of these there is a comfort and a warning. These do not tell us how to behave, since all our lives will constantly have these in some form or another. We must beware of losing our eternal joys and riches and our spiritual blessings.

But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.

[Jeremiah 17: 7]

Forthcoming Services

13th February: 9:00 a.m. Thurnscoe [HC]
 13th February: 10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]
 20th February: 9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]
 20th February: 10:45 a.m. Darfield
 20th February: 4:00 p.m. The Well, Darfield CHall
 27th February: 9:00 a.m. Thurnscoe [HC]
 27th February: 10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]
 6th March: 9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]
 6th March: 10:45 a.m. Darfield
 13th March: 9:00 a.m. Thurnscoe [HC]
 13th March: 10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]



4:00 p.m.
Sunday 20th February
Darfield Church Hall

A family friendly service where all are safe and welcome, and can explore new ways of worshipping together.

A chance to discover and sing new songs, to ask questions and to encounter Christianity and the Bible anew.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw
Pat Bentley
Steve & Val Myers
Stella Firth
Joan Bramall
Linda and her family
Carol, Stuart and Philip Ogley
Richard and Philip Wiley

Our Bereaved Families

The families of
Raymond Firth
Lorna Wiley

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Third Sunday before Lent Collect

Eternal God, whose Son went
among the crowds and
brought healing with His
touch: help us to show His
love, in Your Church as we
gather together, and by our
lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our
Lord. Amen.

Readings

Jeremiah 17: 5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15: 12-20
St Luke 6: 17-26

Bible Readings for this week

February:

13th Micah 4: 1-13
14th Micah 5: 1-15
15th Micah 6: 1-8
16th Micah 6: 9-16
17th Micah 7: 1-7
18th Micah 7: 8-13
19th Micah 7: 14-20

Baptism:

Please pray for the parents and god-parents who will be
preparing to bring their children for Baptism.

20th February: 2:00 p.m.

Billie and Adrian

You are all invited to represent our Church family at this
service...

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 3rd April 2022: All Saints Church 6:00 p.m.

Licencing of Rev. Fiona Kouble as Priest in Charge

Sunday 10th April 2022: All Saints Church 4:00 p.m.

Deanery Confirmation Service with Rt Rev Sophie
Jelley, Bishop of Doncaster

Funeral Services

Wednesday 23rd February: 10:30 a.m.

Ray Firth

All Saints Church and Barnsley Crematorium

Friday 25th February: 11:00 a.m.

Lorna Wiley

All Saints Church and Churchyard



Wednesday 16th February 2022

Open Meeting: 2:00 p.m. Church Hall

Who is Dropsnow? — revealed here next week if you
didn't join us at the Snowdrop Trail

From the Parish Registers

Sunday 6th February 2020

Arya Irene Saunders

Baptism at All Saints



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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

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All Saints



St Michael



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