



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 14th May 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: Darfield

Thursday 18th May 2023: Ascension Day

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion [BCP] Darfield

12:00 noon: Holy Communion Great Houghton

Sunday 21st May 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.



Coronation Celebrations Tuesday 23rd May

A Festival of Music; All Saints Darfield

In celebration of the Coronation

Entrance by ticket only, available from Margaret Venables



Ringling for the King

The Bell Ringers had a very busy Coronation weekend. It started at 9:00 a.m. on Coronation Day when Chris Walton took his two new flag-raising apprentices, Will Stanton and Seb Walton, to change the flag on the tower roof from St George's to the Union Flag. They were then joined in the Ringing Chamber by fellow ringers Ray, Julie, Mike and Kay to ring seven bells for 30 minutes to start the Coronation Day with a joyous sound.

After the Coronation, at 2:30 p.m., 6 ringers rang a 'Quarter Peal' for 45 minutes - Chris, Tom, Kay and Mike plus two helpers from Monk Bretton, Mike and Ted. This band included three octogenarians who had all watched the previous coronation as youngsters.

On Sunday, after ringing for morning service as usual, we rang at midday for the Parish Picnic which enjoyed lovely sunshine - but we saw nothing of it as we were up the tower the entire time and welcomed 14 various visitors who came to see the bells and bellringing in action.

It was a privilege and joy to join with ringers up and down the country in ringing for our new King.

Kay

Reinstatement and Ascension

Over a period of forty days from the Day of Resurrection, Jesus appeared several times to his disciples either individually or in groups. Thirteen occasions are recorded in the New Testament with one group numbering over 500 [1 Corinthians 15: 6]

A group of the disciples, Peter, James, John, Thomas, Nathanael and two others had returned to Galilee [St John 21: 1,2]. One evening, Peter decided to go fishing and the others accompanied him. They spent all night but caught nothing. In the morning they saw a figure on the shore who, having found out that they had caught nothing, told Peter to throw his net on the right side of the boat. Probably with some reluctance, Peter did so, and the net was filled with 153 fish. John was the first to recognise Jesus. They came to shore and met Jesus near a small fire. Some of the fish was cooked and, along with some bread was shared between them

After the breakfast meal, Peter was given the chance to redeem his denials of Jesus by answering the question "**do you love me more than these**" three times. Peter was given the commands to **Feed my lambs, Take care of my sheep and Feed my Sheep**, [St John 21: 15,16,17]

The final appearance of Jesus took place near Bethany. Jesus met the disciples and '*opened their minds*' so that they could understand the Scriptures [St Luke 24: 45]. Their task was to spread the news of repentance and forgiveness to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. They were to stay in Jerusalem for a few days before they would receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

With a final blessing Jesus left his disciples and was taken up into heaven [St Luke 24: 51].

This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." [Acts 1: 11]

Sixth Sunday of Easter Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Readings

Genesis 8: 20 – 9: 17
Acts 17: 22-31
Psalm 66: 8-20
1 Peter 3: 13-22
St John 14: 15-21

Bible Readings for this week May

14th Matthew 7: 1-12
15th Matthew 7: 13-20
16th Matthew 7: 21-29
17th Matthew 8: 1-17
18th Matthew 8: 18-27
19th Matthew 8: 28-34
20th Leviticus 23: 15-32
21st Leviticus 23: 33-44

Prayer Square

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

Mount Avenue
Potts Crescent
Pleasant Avenue
Stonebridge Lane
Oak Haven Avenue
Cross Street
Dearne Street

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

Ascension Day: Thursday May 18th

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion [Book of Common Prayer]

All Saints Darfield

12 noon Holy Communion Great Houghton

Collect for Ascension Day

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever.

Readings: Acts 1: 1-11: Psalm 47: St Luke 24: 44-53

Preparation

The day before the Sabbath was classed as a *day of preparation* allowing the Jews to prepare food for the Sabbath. According to the fourth Commandment [Exodus 20: 8, 9, 10] the Jews had to "*Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy*". No work had to be done but generations of religious leaders had generated many more strict conditions on Sabbath Day observance.

Almost all the writings of the Prophets were in preparation for the coming Messiah, such as "*prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God*". [Isaiah 40: 3]. Throughout His ministry Jesus spent a large amount of his time with the Disciples in preparing them for what was to come with his impending arrest, trial, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension. At the last meal that they shared with Jesus, the disciples were comforted and prepared by the words "*My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?*" [St John 14: 2]



Sunday 21st May 2023: 4:00 p.m.

Darfield Church Hall

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 66: 8, 9, 20

8 Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard;
9 He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.
20 Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

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All Saints



St Michael



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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.