

The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 15th August 2021

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10:30 a.m. Partnership Service on Facebook
10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: Darfield

Jesus said "I am..." Verses from St John's Gospel

Jesus offers a choice between the darkness of sin and the bright light of His presence

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life" [8: 12].

The first verses of Genesis describe the initial acts of Creation with "*darkness upon the face of the deep*". God said, "*Let there be Light*" [Gen 1: 3]. We know from the first Chapter of St John's Gospel that the Word, Jesus, was with God at the beginning and that "*In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*" [1: 4-5]

Jesus alone offers us the path to Salvation.

"I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture" [10: 9].

In the Parable of the Lost Sheep [St Luke 15: 3-7] we see the nature of sheep to stray and with their total lack of homing instinct frequently becoming separated from their flock. The door to the sheepfold was a help to the shepherd enabling them to watch over their sheep.

Christ died to save us all

"I am the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" [10: 11].

It was common for hired shepherds to desert their post when danger threatened. Jesus describes His forthcoming death and resurrection to save us, His sheep.

Jesus has promised to raise all who believe in Him

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live" [11: 25].

These words are said to Martha following the death of her brother Lazarus. Martha confesses that she believes in the Resurrection and that Jesus is the Messiah

Jesus is God and our only route to salvation

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" [14: 6].

The disciples were with Jesus celebrating what was to be their last meal together. Over the past months, Jesus had tried to explain to them his chosen path to death and resurrection without much success. This explanation is in response to a question from Thomas, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" [St John 14: 5]

Jesus is the source of our life for today and for ever.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser" [15: 1]

"I am the vine; you are the branches." [15: 5]

The fruit of any plant, in whatever form, relies on the stems or branches and the skills of the gardener or farmer to ripen. Vineyards were a common sight in the area at that time.

Services of Holy Communion

15th August:	9:00 a.m.	St Helen, Thurnscoe
15th August:	10:45 a.m.	All Saints, Darfield
22nd August:	9:00 a.m.	St Michael, Gt Houghton
22nd August:	10:45 a.m.	No service at All Saints
		Church open 10:45 to 11:15
22nd August:	10:45 a.m.	Christ Church, Ardsley
29th August:	9:00 a.m.	St Helen Thurnscoe
29th August:	10:45 a.m.	All Saints, Darfield

Bookings are no longer required but we will need you to record your attendance.

There is a wedding booked for 12:30 on Sunday 22nd August

Who fits all these descriptions? (and many more!)

The assumed son of Joseph	St John 6:42
The first born of the dead:	Revelation 1: 5
An advocate with the Father	1 John 2: 1
The holy and righteous one	Acts 3: 14
High Priest.	Hebrews 5: 10
The chief cornerstone	Ephesians 2: 20
The wisdom of God	1 Corinthians 24
Our Passover lamb	1 Corinthians 5: 7
The Messiah	St John 1:41
The vast majority of books in our Bible make direct or indirect references to our Lord Jesus.	

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw

Pat Bentley

Steve & Val Myers

Stella and Raymond Firth

Barry & Joan Bramall

Prayer Contact:

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Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Readings

Proverbs 9: 1-6

Psalms 34: 9-14

Ephesians 5: 15-20

St John 6: 51-58

Bible Readings for this week

August:

15th Philippians 2: 19-30

16th Philippians 3: 1-14

17th Philippians 3: 15-21

18th Philippians 4: 1-9

19th Philippians 4: 10-23

20th Colossians 1: 1-14

21st Colossians 1: 15-23

The Diocesan Vision Prayer

Living God, Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.

RENEW us as we make your love known;

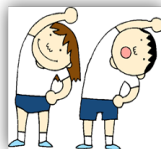
RELEASE us to share freely together in mission;

and **REJUVENATE** us to be fruitful in your service.

Give us courage, wisdom and compassion, that strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield, both flourish and grow through Christ our Lord. Amen



Churchyard Summer Exercise Trail



Body



Soul



Mind

Find the 14 exercise boards around the churchyard and see how many you can do.

For all ages from 2 to 102

A Thankyou:

This message is relayed from Alison Sykes on behalf of the Goldthorpe Salvation Army Foodbank: Our donation of £625 came from our Tithe on our regular income.



Just a quick email to let you know what we have been able to do with the kind donation that Darfield Parish Church gave to us.

It has enabled us to buy extra food to support our healthy holiday programme where we aim to make sure no child goes hungry; at the moment we are supporting around 40 families each week working alongside with social workers and other professionals.

In each parcel we make sure it's a well-balanced parcel with fruit, veg, meat, store cupboard items and fridge and freezer items.

In each parcel we put a simple cookery book and activities for children. If they need further support such as debt, fuel and benefit support we can do that. Through your kind donation we have been able to do so much more and feed more families.

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All Saints



St Michael



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Items, preferably via e-mail, to

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Wednesday 5:00 p.m.

