



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 15th January 2023:

Second Sunday of Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion: *Great Houghton*

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

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

Sunday 22nd January 2023:

Third Sunday of Epiphany

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: *Darfield*

Discipleship

The word disciple is used to describe a follower or pupil of a leader. In the context of our Bible, you will find very few uses of this specific word in the Old Testament. Isaiah's words from the Lord [Isaiah 8: 16] include '*Bind up this testimony of warning and seal up God's instruction among my disciples*'

When John the Baptist began his ministry of Repentance and Baptism, he drew many people out to the Jordan to see him. Amongst these were the religious leaders of the day, the Priests and the Pharisees and Sadducees [St John 1: 19]. He also drew few followers described as disciples [St John 1: 35]. Some of these were still with John when he was imprisoned [St Matthew 11: 2-3] When St Paul visited Ephesus, he found some disciples who had only received John's baptism. [Acts 19: 1-3]. Paul baptised them in the name of Jesus and they received the Holy Spirit

On the day after the baptism of Jesus, John was with two of his disciples when Jesus passed by. John identified Him as '**the Lamb of God**'. [St John 1: 36] The two disciples immediately started to follow Jesus and stayed with him for most of that day. One of these was Andrew who is recorded elsewhere in the Gospels as the first disciple called by Jesus. [St Matthew 4: 18] One of Andrew's first acts as a disciple was to find his brother, Simon Peter, and to tell him that 'we have found the Messiah' and to bring him to Jesus. [St John 1:41,42]. John continued his ministry of baptism until he was imprisoned by King Herod. He always emphasised his position as a messenger rather than the Messiah. [St John 3: 28] On one occasion John's disciples came to him with the news that Jesus was baptising more people. John's response included the words '*He must become greater; I must become less.*'

The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

To the Israelites, a lamb would have been a valuable commodity to continue the existence of their flocks in much the same way as to farmers today. As a preparation for their escape from Egypt, the Israelites were instructed by the Lord to take one of their year-old male lambs, sacrifice it and smear the blood over the

door frames of their houses. The meat was then to be roasted and eaten '*in haste*' [Exodus 12: 1-11].

The series of plagues which affected Egypt were to culminate in the death of all the first-born in Egypt. The sacrificial blood indicated those households which would escape. The Feast of the Passover was to be held each year as a commemoration of the escape from Egypt. The events in Jerusalem when Jesus was crucified occurred at the time of Passover, when the Blood of the Lamb of God was shed to take away our sins.

The Lamb also appears in the vision given to St John and recorded in Revelation. A Lamb who appeared to be slain was the only one found worthy to open the seven seals on the scroll [Revelation 5: 6,7]. The scroll had writing on both sides giving the indication of complete message.

'Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!' [Revelation 5: 12]

The Monthly Service Plan

1st Sunday of the Month:

9:00 a.m. *Great Houghton* [HC]

10:45 a.m. *Darfield*

2nd Sunday of the Month:

10:45 a.m. *Darfield* [HC]

3rd Sunday of the Month:

9:00 a.m. *Great Houghton* [HC]

10:45 a.m. *Darfield*

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

4th Sunday of the Month:

10:45 a.m. *Darfield* [HC]

5th Sunday of the Month:

Watch for details in News Sheet

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning
and our end: bring us with
the whole creation to your
glory, hidden through past
ages and made known in
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Isaiah 49: 1-7
Psalm 40: 1-12
1 Corinthians 1: 1-9
John 1: 29-42

Bible Readings for this week

January

15th Exodus 21: 1-11
16th Exodus 21: 12-36
17th Exodus 22: 1-15
18th Exodus 22: 16-31
19th Psalm 119: 97-104
20th Psalm 119: 105-112
21st Psalm 119: 113-120

Prayer Square

This week we are praying for our Mission Area Partner Parishes

... Darfield and Great Houghton
... Ardsley ... Thurnscoe
... Barnburgh and High Melton
... Adwick on Dearne
... Bilham
... Marr ... Hooton Pagnell
... Brodsworth ... Clayton

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

**Did you receive any stamps on your
Christmas mail? The Leprosy Mission will
accept them to raise funds for their work.
Pass them on via Peter**



**The Leprosy
Mission**
England and Wales



2023 Flower Rota for All Saints

The new year's rota is now displayed on the notice board at the
back of Church waiting for your choice of Sundays to contribute
to the week-by-week floral decorations.

Annual Parochial Meetings: 26th March 2023

*Your chance to think how you can contribute to the work of our
Church...*

Wath Deanery Synod: This year we have to elect three
representatives for membership of the Deanery Synod for the next
three years. The Synod is the link between the parishes and our
Diocesan Synod. For more details talk to our current representatives,
Jo Darlison and Olive Shaw.

From the Parish Registers:

Monday 9th January 2023: Maureen Watson aged 86

All Saints Darfield and Darfield Cemetery

Psalm 40: 1-3

¹ *I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my
cry.*
² *He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set
my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.*
³ *He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.*

KNIT and NATTER: Will be back in February 2023

St Michael's Great Houghton

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael



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