



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 15th May 2022 Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion: Gt Houghton

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

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

The reset button: Behold I am making everything new [Revelation 21:5]

A new Heaven and a new Earth

When the original operating system for IBM PCs was being developed, a certain combination of key presses was incorporated to allow the computer to be reset without switching the power on and off. Many of the early computers also had a reset button to achieve the same effect.

In chapter 25 of Revelation, St John is given sight of the Judgement to come when God chooses to press our world's reset button.

In Genesis we read that **"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."** [Genesis 1: 31]. Before long the combined efforts of Satan and humankind changed this and we continue to dwell in a world which most of us would not describe as very good.

The Old Testament Prophets attempted to bring the people of Israel back to their LORD. Some were successful but the people soon reverted to their old ways.

Isaiah's prophesy includes details of the processes of Judgement and Salvation and the promise of a new Heaven and a new Earth [Isaiah 65: 17-24]. To the Israelites this would have meant the earthly hope of the LORD establishing a single stable Kingdom across the earth centred on Jerusalem.

In his second letter *"to those who have received a faith as precious as ours"* [2 Peter 1: 1], Peter indicates the future for which he is waiting - *"But in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells."* [2 Peter 3: 13]

St John's vision in Revelation continued with a sight of the new Heaven and New Earth [Revelation 21: 1-2] which will replace the first Heaven and the first Earth, with the Holy City, the New Jerusalem coming out of heaven from God and where God will live with His people. We know few details of what the new Earth will be like except that it will be free from sin, evil, sickness, suffering, and death. Jesus encouraged His disciples with a description of His Father's house with many rooms and that He would return to take them to be with Him. Thomas voiced the question that they didn't know the way. Jesus replied **"I am the way and the truth and the life"** [St John 14: 6]

When we take this on board and believe, we become a new creation **"if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"** [2 Corinthians 5:17]

What do we need to do?

"We should grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." [2 Peter 3: 18]

How can we grow?

Study God's word in the Bible: Pray individually and collectively: share fellowship with other believers.

Forthcoming Services

15th May:	9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]
15th May:	10:45 a.m. Darfield
15th May:	4:00 p.m. The Well Darfield Church Hall
22nd May:	10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]
26th May:	Ascension Day
29th May:	9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]
29th May:	10:45 a.m. Darfield
5th June:	10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]

A Prayer for Ukraine:

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw
Pat Bentley
Steve & Val Myers
Stella Firth
Joan Bramall
Linda and her family
Walt Law
Hilda Jobling

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Collect

Risen Christ, Your wounds
declare Your love for the world
and the wonder of Your risen
life: give us compassion and
courage to risk ourselves for
those we serve, to the glory of
God the Father.

Readings

Acts 11: 1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21: 1-6
John 13: 31-35

Bible Readings for this week

May

15th Psalm 22: 16-31
16th Psalm 23
17th Psalm 24
18th Psalm 25: 1-11
19th Psalm 25: 12-22
20th Psalm 26
21st Psalm 27

Help Needed!

See Peter or Kay

Can you wield a wire brush or a paint brush? If not
then now is an ideal time to improve your skills!
We are in need of a working group to scrape and re-
paint the **Churchyard gates and railings**
Other different opportunities to help are available!



Sunday 15th May 4:00 p.m.

Darfield Church Hall

From the Parish Registers:

Sunday 8th May: Baptism Noah Andrew George Butler
All Saints, Darfield

Psalm 27: 1

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

Focus on Daniel

Daniel was among those taken into captivity by the Babylonians. Along with his friends Hananiah, Azariah and Mishael, he was chosen to serve in the court of Nebuchadnezzar. They continued to remain true to the LORD and were thus given wisdom by the LORD which exceeded that of the magicians and enchanterers of the Kingdom. [Daniel 1: 20]

Nebuchadnezzar, was troubled by a dream of a large statue with a golden head and feet of iron and clay. A large rock came and struck the feet of iron and clay and the statue was smashed and blown away. The rock grew into a mountain that filled the whole earth.

The LORD gave Daniel the ability to interpret the dream in that the golden head represented Nebuchadnezzar and the rock represented the final and eternal kingdom which the LORD would establish.

Daniel himself had a vision of four beasts [Daniel 7] representing the rulers of the four kingdoms with the fourth kingdom subduing the whole earth. It was during this vision that Daniel used the term **Son of Man** to describe the forthcoming ruler. At the Last Supper, Jesus describes himself as the **Son of Man** to His disciples [St Matthew 26: 2, 23, 24, 45] and later to the High Priest [St Matthew 26: 64].

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael



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