



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

The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 16th April 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

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: 23rd April 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

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

Thursday 20th April 2023: 11:00 a.m. at St Michael's Great Houghton

Come, share and contribute to the Vision for St Michael's

What's in a byname?

Those of us with email accounts will be familiar with the need to have a unique name for each account so that there is no confusion as to the intended recipient. How many of us have been forced to add random numbers to our name when creating such accounts?

In the days when there was little movement of population, a single given name would easily identify the individual within their community. With larger populations and more movement came the need to give more identity for individuals. Some bynames, often used as nicknames describe the occupation of the individual or of his family. For instance, in the legend of Robin Hood, we hear of Much the Miller's Son. In the same legend we find Little John where the byname is the opposite of his stature. Kings and Queens with the same regnal name adopt a sequential number to distinguish themselves. We will be familiar with the use of *-son* to denote a relationship but may not be aware of the mainly Icelandic *-dóttir* indicating the daughter of...

In our Bible, we find several bynames which are towns or villages. Simon of Cyrene was forced to carry the Cross and Joseph of Arimathea dealt with Christ's body after the Crucifixion. The first disciples include Simon the Zealot and James, son of Alphaeus to identify them from the other Simon and James.

Perhaps the most unfortunate Biblical byname is that applied to the Apostle Thomas. He was among the first disciples and was chosen as one of the twelve. At that time his byname was Didymus or the Twin [St John 11: 16]. When Jesus received the news of the illness of Lazarus and was preparing to return to Bethany, it was Thomas who, when the other disciples were fearful of the threats to Jesus, urged them saying, "**Let us also go, that we may die with him.**" [St John 11: 16].

At the Last Supper Jesus predicted his betrayal and Peter's subsequent denial. [St John 13: 18, 38]. He also told them that He was going away to prepare a place for them in Heaven and would come back to take them to that place and that they knew the way [St John 14: 2,3,4]. It was Thomas who expressed the disciples' confusion in asking "**How can we know the way?**". the response from Jesus was "**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life**" [St John 14: 5,6].

On the Day of Resurrection, Thomas was not with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to them. During the following days, the disciples tried to convince Thomas that they had seen the Risen Lord. Despite this, Thomas was sceptical and said that he would only believe unless he saw Jesus for himself. [St John 20: 25]

A week later, Thomas and the disciples were again meeting in a locked room when Jesus appeared with them. St John 20: 26]. Thomas was given the opportunity to overcome his doubts and did so. His confession "**My Lord and my God**" makes him potentially the first person to explicitly acknowledge the divinity of Jesus. Because of this it is perhaps unfortunate that his byname "Doubting Thomas" is the one by which he is remembered.

The Bible gives us no further information about Thomas but traditionally, he is thought to have taken the Gospel to present day India where Santhome Basilica in Chennai [formerly Madras] houses his shrine.

KNIT and NATTER:

St Michael's, Great Houghton

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

Have you tried the Boardgames Club yet?

Come and join us and play some new boardgames
or bring your own.

Saturday 22nd April in the Church Hall

6:30 p.m. for 7:00 p.m. start.



As we now stand in the light of the Cross rather than in its shadow, we can see that the Cross was not a failure but the fulfilling of God's plan for the Salvation of the World.

Prayer for this week from Dust and Glory

Lord who is with us every step of the journey, in our despair and delight, in our failures and our successes, may each moment of our lives be to Your glory and in the name of Your Son who died so that failure would never be the end.

Second Sunday of Easter Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Readings

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32;
Psalm 16;
1 Peter 1: 3-9
St John 20: 19-31

Bible Readings for this week April

16th Matthew 1: 18-25
17th Matthew 2: 1-12
18th Matthew 2: 13-23
19th Matthew 3: 1-17
20th Matthew 4: 1-11
21st Matthew 4: 12-17
22nd Leviticus 4: 1-21
23rd Leviticus 4: 22-35

Prayer Square

**This week we are praying
for Darfield and the
residents of...**

East Street
Illsley Road
North Street
Woodhall Road
Woodfield Close

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our
Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331



Sunday 16th April: 4:00 p.m.

Darfield Church Hall



Beware—Angel bombing in December

There is still time for all of you who are knitters to contribute to this Parish-wide forecast

Join us in our great angel campaign:

Are you willing to start knitting NOW???

Patterns from Carol or Sheila



The First Passover:

Jacob, who had been renamed Israel by the LORD, and his sons and their families had settled in Egypt. Their numbers had increase over many years until the reign of a new Pharaoh, *"to whom Joseph meant nothing"*, [Exodus 1: 8]. He saw the Israelites as a threat to his kingdom [Exodus 1: 9,10] and attempted to make their lives a misery.

Moses was commissioned by the LORD to go to Pharaoh to demand the release of His people. Moses did so but Pharaoh did not listen. The LORD inflicted a series of nine plagues on Egypt. Even turning the river to blood, frogs, gnats, flies, killing Egyptian livestock, hail, locusts and darkness had no effect. The tenth and final plague was to kill every first born in Egypt, but the Israelites would be safe if they sacrificed a lamb and daubed its blood on the doorframes of their houses. Pharaoh finally changed his mind and allowed the Israelites to leave. Pharaoh changed his mind, and his army followed the Israelites to the coast of the Red Sea. The Lord commanded Moses to stretch out his hand over the sea. The sea parted and the Israelites were able to cross as if on dry ground. [Exodus 14: 21]. The Egyptian army attempted to follow but as Moses lowered his arm, they were engulfed by the sea.

The blood of the sacrificed lamb was a mark which saved the Israelites and prompted their escape from oppression in Egypt.

In the blood of Christ we have a new birth and a living hope through the Resurrection and our inheritance can never perish, spoil or fade.

[1 Peter 1: 3, 4]

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 16; 1,5,8

¹ *Keep me safe, my God, for in You I take refuge.*

⁵ *Lord, You alone are my portion and my cup; You make my lot secure.*

⁸ *I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.*

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



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