



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 16th July 2023

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

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

Thursday 20th July 6:30 p.m. Mothers Union Closing Service

Sunday 23rd July 2023

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Deanery Visit by Bishop Sophie

Wednesday 19th July

7:30 p.m. at St Mary, Wombwell

Boardgames Club

Saturday 22nd July in the Church Hall

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

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Thursday 20th July

6:30 p.m. at All Saints Darfield

*Darfield Mothers' Union Closing Service
and a Celebration of the life of Hilda Jobling*

Teaching in Parables

A Parable is a simple story used to illustrate a spiritual lesson. The Gospel accounts record many parables told by Jesus to the gathered crowds. Many in the crowds would have been content with just hearing the story but the lesson and its explanation was revealed to those disciples who remained with Jesus after the crowds had dispersed.

This method of teaching would have been familiar to the crowds as there are many examples of its use in the Old Testament writings. The Psalmist wrote '*I will incline mine ear to a parable.*' [Psalm 49: 4, KJV]. The Prophet Isaiah includes what is described as '*The Song of the Vineyard.*' [Isaiah 5: 1-7]. The Vineyard represents the nation of Israel and its special relationship with the Lord and the consequences of their disobedience. It was directed to the Southern Kingdom of Judah following the destruction and exile of the Northern Kingdom of Israel and foretold their own exile.

Jesus used the same theme of a vineyard in the Parable of the Tenants [Matthew 21: 33-46]. A householder planted a vineyard and let it to tenants while he went on a long journey. At harvest time he sent his servants to collect the produce. They were abused and one was killed. A second group of servants suffered a similar fate. The owner then sent his son who was seized and killed by the tenants. On asking the crowds what should be done to the tenants, the reply was to '*destroy those wicked men, and let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen.*' The chief priests and Pharisees realised that they were the target of the parable [Matthew 21: 45, 46]. They were seeking for ways to arrest Jesus but were afraid of the crowds who regarded Jesus as a Prophet.

One of the more familiar parables appears in three of the Gospel narratives. [Matthew 13; Mark 4; Luke 8: 4-15] and uses a scenario that would have been familiar to the crowds. The Parable of the Sower which could also be called the Parable of the Soils describes the various responses to the seed, the Word of God. Four different areas are identified, only one of which allows the seeds to grow to mature plants and to harvest. The path where the seed was eaten by the birds represents those who hear the message but do not understand or respond. The rocky ground represents those who hear and respond but quickly fall away because of lack of roots. The thorns represent the worries of this life which make the seed unfruitful. The good soil which must have been prepared beforehand is the only area where the seed can flourish and grow to harvest.

We have opportunities to spread the Word of God through the various events scheduled over the next few months and need your help to guide those with whom we come into contact

What's on at St Michaels' Great Houghton

A peaceful place for all...

Mindful Mondays: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thoughtful Thursdays: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00

*The church will be open for times of peace,
stillness, quiet reflection and prayer:*

Knit and Natter will re-open in September

Beware—

Angel bombing in December

Join us in our great angel campaign:

Are you willing to start knitting angels
NOW???

Patterns from Carol or Sheila

Sixth Sunday after Trinity Collect

God of our pilgrimage, you
have led us to the living
water: refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our
journey, in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Readings

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65: 1-13
Romans 8: 1-11
Matthew 13: 1-9,18-23

Bible Readings for this week July

16th	Matthew 17: 22-27
17th	Esther 7: 1-10
18th	Esther 8: 1-17
19th	Esther 9: 1-10
20th	Esther 9: 11-19
21st	Esther 9: 20-32
22nd	Esther 10: 1-3
23rd	Jonah 1: 1-17

Prayer Square

**This week we are praying for our
schools as they come to the end
of their school year.**

*All Saints Academy
Upperwood Academy
Outwood Primary Academy
Sandhill Primary School
Netherwood Academy*

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our
Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331



Sunday 16th July 2023: 4:00 p.m.

Café style—Darfield Church Hall

Darfield Summer Gala

**Wednesday 2nd August 2023:
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

We need volunteers
for 'pick-a-stick'
and to talk to the visitors



A Chance to be better informed about what is being
debated within the Church of England regarding faith
and sexuality.

*How shall they call if they
have never heard the gracious
invitation of His Word.*

*MP 178
J E Seddon 1915-1983
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Daytime Sessions

Thurnscoe St Helen's Church Hall

Monday afternoons

starting

Monday 17th July @ 2:00 p.m.

Evening Sessions

St Michael's Great Houghton

7:00 p.m. – ready for a 7:30 p.m. start

Tue	18th July	Tue	25th July
Wed	2nd August	Wed	9th August
Tues	15th August		

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*

All Saints Toilet project: four years on

Recently, a small group met with Josh Hunter, the Diocesan Church
Buildings Officer to review progress on this important project:

We need **YOUR** assistance to help seek out potential grant sources
and ideas to raise funds so that this project can progress...

Talk to Peter, Kay or Jo.

Psalm 65: 1, 2, 8

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| 1 | <i>Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.</i> |
| 2 | <i>You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.</i> |
| 8 | <i>The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.</i> |

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael

