



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 16th October 2022: 18th after Trinity

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 October 2022: 19th after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion: *Thurnscoe*

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

4:00 p.m. Bible Story Time re-told *Darfield Church Hall*

Jacob's encounters with the LORD

Jacob and Esau were fraternal twins born to Rebecca and Isaac. Esau was the firstborn. [Genesis 25: 26] but the twins were struggling with each other even before they were born and Jacob was born holding on to Esau's heel. Rebecca enquired of the LORD and was told that her forthcoming twins would go on to found two nations. One would be stronger than the other and the elder would serve the younger. [Genesis 25: 21-23]. As they grew up, Esau became a skilful hunter, but Jacob preferred to stay in their encampment. The two parents had favourites in that Isaac favoured Esau and Rebecca favoured Jacob. [Genesis 25: 27-28]. As firstborn, Esau would have expected to be his father's heir and to have the birthright. However on one occasion when Esau came back from the hunt, Jacob persuaded Esau to pass the birthright over for the sake of a good meal [Genesis 25: 29-34].

Some years later when Isaac was old and blind, Jacob, with his mother's help, convinced Isaac to give Jacob his blessing in place of Esau. [Genesis 27: 1-40]. On his return from hunting Esau heard what had happened and threatened to kill Jacob. Rebecca then sent Jacob to a place of safety with her brother Laban in Harran. [Genesis 27: 42-45]

As Jacob was on his journey to Harran, he stopped overnight near the city of Luz. Whilst sleeping, he had a dream in which he saw a stairway stretching from earth to heaven with angels moving up and down on it. [Genesis 28: 10-11] The LORD was above the stairway and the Covenant with Abraham and Isaac was renewed in Jacob. His descendants would inherit the promised land. Jacob named the place Bethel, the House of God.

Jacob prospered during his time in Harran, so much so that the sons of Laban were concerned for their own inheritance. The Lord then told Jacob to return to his home country which would involve facing Esau. On the way Jacob met with a man who wrestled with him throughout the night. At daybreak, Jacob asked for a blessing and along with it was told that his name would be changed to Israel because he had struggled with God and with humans and had overcome [Genesis 32: 24-29]

Jacob's Ladder

In a number of places across this country and overseas the name Jacob's Ladder has been given to long flights of steps. The island of St Helena in the South Atlantic has a particularly steep example in Jamestown which links to Hill Top Fort, with 700 steps in a length of 924 ft (282 m). During their annual Festival of Running a race up the steps attracts international entries with the present record of around 5 minutes.

You may even have a Jacob's Ladder in your garden! Polemonium caeruleum is an erect perennial flowering plant, native to the UK, in which the leaves have leaflets which are said to resemble the steps in a ladder as described in our Biblical passage.

Over the next few Weeks

20th October:	6:30 p.m.	Thurnscoe
		The Institution of Rev Sarah Maughan
23rd October:	10:45 a.m.	Darfield [HC]
23rd October:	4:00 p.m.	Bible Story time re-told
30th October:	9:00 a.m.	Great Houghton [HC]
30th October:	10:45 a.m.	Darfield
6th November:	10:45 a.m.	Darfield [HC]

We Support:

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18th Sunday after Trinity Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to Your truth and to trust in Your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Genesis 32: 22-31

Psalms 121

2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5

St Luke 18: 1-8

Bible Readings for this week

October

16th Psalm 89: 19-52

17th Psalm 90

18th Psalm 91

19th Psalm 92

20th Psalm 93

21st Psalm 94

22nd Genesis 47: 1-12

Leading your Church into Growth;

The LYCIG Collect

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to Your Church, send Your Holy Spirit to give **Vision** to our planning, **Wisdom** to our actions, and **Power** to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers, In spiritual commitment to you, And in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Bible Story Time re-told

4:00 p.m. Sunday 23rd October: Darfield Church Hall

KNIT and NATTER

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

St Michael's Great Houghton



Psalm 121: 1, 2, 8

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?
- ² My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
- ⁸ The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.

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* Harvest Celebrations *

This week we welcomed All Saints Academy to All Saints Church for a lively Harvest Celebration. They were supported by a large number of Parents and grand-parents. Their gifts of Harvest produce decorated parts of the Church overnight. After the service the gifts were returned to the Academy for sorting and distribution around Darfield.

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Carols by candle-light?

Members of the choir are working hard to prepare for the singing element of the service

BUT the candle-light element will only happen if volunteers come forward to assist.

We need teams to put the candles in their holders before the day: To be at the service to light and snuff out the candles: then later to remove the used candles and clean the holders.



From the Parish Registers

Friday 7th October All Saints' Darfield and Darfield Cemetery

Funeral: Joyce Hazel Camplejohn aged 86

Do you receive any stamps from anywhere on your mail?

The Leprosy Mission will accept them to raise funds for their work. Pass them on via Peter

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael

