



## 4th Sunday of Advent

### Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings

Isaiah 7: 10-16  
Psalm 80: 1-8, 18-20  
Romans 1: 1-7  
Matthew 1: 18-25

### Bible Readings for this week

18th	Exodus 14: 1-14
19th	Exodus 14: 15-31
20th	Exodus 15: 1-21
21st	Exodus 15: 22-27
22nd	Exodus 16: 1-18
23rd	Psalm 118: 1-14
24th	Psalm 118: 15-29

### From the Registers: Funerals:

**Monday 12th December 2022: Harry Fisher:** aged 80

*All Saints Darfield and Darfield Cemetery*

**Tuesday 13th December 2022: Rapp Smith** aged 74

*All Saints Darfield and Darfield Cemetery*

**Prayer:** Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through...

**Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331**

## The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

**Sunday 18th December 2022:**

**Fourth in Advent**

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

**6:00 p.m. Carols by Candlelight** *Darfield*

**Wednesday 21st December:**

**Messy Christingle** *Darfield Church Hall*

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**Thursday 22nd December:**

**Messy Carols at St Michael's** *Great Houghton*

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**Saturday 24th December: Christmas Eve**

**4:00 p.m. Crib Service** *Darfield*

### All Saints Church Christmas Card:

If you want to give a greeting card to all members of our congregation, it can be attached to the board at the back of Church. Any donations in the stocking will be sent to the Children's Society along with offerings at the Christingle Service and collection boxes



### Challenge and Acceptance:

What is our response to a challenge? Do we accept or reject it. Our Bible records many occasions when people were challenged by the LORD and accepted. Abraham was challenged to sacrifice his son Isaac [Genesis 22: 2]. Moses was challenged to stand in front of Pharaoh to demand the freedom of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. [Exodus 4: 21].

**Will we face up to and accept the challenges that are made to us?**

### Prayer Square

**This week we are praying for...**

- ... our Christmas Outreach programme
- ... those travelling to see their families
- ... the shops and businesses in our parish
- ... the staff in GP and Dental surgeries
- ... care staff in residential homes
- ... the housebound and their carers

## Christmas Communion Services in the Parish

**Saturday 24th December 11:30 p.m.** *St Michael's Great Houghton*

**Sunday 25th December 9:00 a.m.** *St Michael's Great Houghton*

**Sunday 25th December 10:00 a.m.** *All Saints, Darfield*



## Christmas Day

### Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

### Readings

Isaiah 52: 7-10

Psalm 98

Hebrews 1: 1-4

St John 1: 1-14

### Bible Readings for this week December

25th Psalm 119: 1-8

26th Psalm 119: 9-16

27th Psalm 119: 17-24

28th Psalm 119: 25-32

29th Psalm 119: 33-40

30th Exodus 16: 19-36

31st Exodus 17: 1-7

**Thankyou** to all who have contributed to this News sheet during 2022: the next issue will be published on 1st January 2023

*May The Peace of the  
Prince of Peace be with  
you all this Christmas*

## Christmas

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**Holy Communion:** *St Michael's Great Houghton*

**Sunday 25th December: 9:00 a.m.**

**Holy Communion:** *St Michael's Great Houghton*

**Sunday 25th December: 10:00 a.m.**

**Holy Communion:** *All Saints, Darfield*

**Sunday 1st January 2023**

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

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

### An unwanted and un-opened Gift?

Many of us will have scoured our lofts and cupboards for items that were put away last January. They will have been dusted off and will be displayed for a few days before being packed away and returned to storage.

Most families will have their own established traditions surrounding decorations and the giving and receiving of gifts at Christmas. Some may open their gifts straight away or put them under the Christmas Tree to open on Christmas Day. The choice of gift for each recipient may take us some time but we can all receive a unique gift this Christmas that took centuries to develop.

The season of Advent has once again reminded us of the fraught relationship between the Lord and the Israelites and the regular messages from the Prophets for them to repent. A common theme throughout these Prophetic writings is the promise of a Messiah who would come to redeem His people. At Christmas we celebrate the first stage of this process in the birth of Jesus. We may have a crib scene as part of our decorations but let us keep Jesus in our hearts rather than back into storage as a symbolic baby with our other decorations. Remember that in around 105 days, we will be celebrating the culmination of the redemption process with the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. Let us not reject the most precious gift we can receive and in which we have the promise of eternal life.

*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called... Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. [Isaiah 9: 6]*

## Resources and Contacts

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**Tuesday 5:00 p.m.**

All Saints



St Michael



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