



## The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

# Sunday 19th December 2021

## Fourth Sunday in Advent

**9:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Thurnscoe**  
**10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Darfield**  
**6:00 p.m. Carols by Lanternlight outdoors.**  
**Darfield**

**COVID Update:** Under HM Government's Plan B, Face Masks will be compulsory in Places of Worship from Friday 10th December 2021 unless medically exempt.

### The road to Bethlehem begins...

**My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. [BCP]**

The Angel Gabriel was given two missions just a few months apart. A visit to Zechariah to announce the birth of John the Baptist and to Mary to announce the birth of Jesus. Both recipients were amazed. Zechariah was dubious because of his and his wife Elizabeth's ages. [St Luke 1: 18]. Mary was initially 'greatly troubled' [St Luke 1:29] but was reassured by Gabriel who also told her of Elizabeth's news.

Since she and Elizabeth were related, Mary quickly arranged to visit Elizabeth. On Mary's arrival, both Elizabeth and her unborn child reacted [St Luke 1:41]. Elizabeth's words "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the child you will bear!" [St Luke 1: 42] have been used for centuries as a form of devotion and a penance.

Mary's response [St Luke 1: 46-55], is included as the Magnificat in Evening Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer. In its Latin form the first line is "Magnificat ánima mea Dóminum." My soul doth magnify the Lord".

Mary remained with Elizabeth for three months before returning to her home. A few months later, the Census called by Caesar Augustus took Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem to fulfil the prophesy of Micah [Micah 5: 2]

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

### Readings for the 4th Sunday in Advent:

Psalm 80: 1-8      Hebrews 10: 5-10      St Luke 1: 39-45 [46-55]

### Forthcoming Services

19th December: 10:45 a.m. All Saints Darfield [HC]  
 19th December: 6:00 p.m. All Saints Outdoors  
 Carols by Lanternlight  
 24th December: 4:00 p.m. Crib Service Darfield  
 24th December: 11:30 p.m. Thurnscoe [HC]  
 25th December: 9:00 a.m. St Michaels [HC]  
 25th December: 10:30 a.m. All Saints Darfield [HC]  
 26th December: 10:45 a.m. Pick a Carol @ Darfield  
 2nd January 2022 10:45 a.m. All Saints Darfield [HC]

**At the heart  
of Christmas**



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## Saturday 25th December 2021

### Christmas Day

**9:00 Holy Communion Great Houghton**

**10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield**

**Sunday 26th December 2021**

**10:45 a.m. Pick a Carol, Darfield**

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

#### Prayer Requests

##### Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw  
Pat Bentley  
Steve & Val Myers  
Brian and Carol Ogley  
Stella and Raymond Firth  
Barry & Joan Bramall  
Andrea & Andrew Harrison  
Eddie  
Linda and her family  
Hilda Jobling

##### Our Bereaved Families

The family of Michael Giles

##### Prayer Contact:

**Carol Hunter: 07542 527331**

#### And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us

[St John 1:14]

As we celebrate Christmas in whatever way we are able, let us take time out from the trees, tinsel and TV to re-read the accounts of the birth of our Saviour Jesus written in the first chapters of the Gospels of St Matthew and St Luke. If you need more of a challenge, study the first fourteen verses of St John's Gospel.

Your News Sheet will be back on 2nd January 2022

#### Readings

##### December 2021:

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| 19th | Revelation 15: 1-8   |
| 20th | Revelation 16: 1-21  |
| 21st | Revelation 17: 1-18  |
| 22nd | Revelation 18: 1-8   |
| 23rd | Revelation 18: 9-20  |
| 24th | Revelation 18: 21-24 |
| 25th | Revelation 19: 1-10  |

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| 26th | Revelation 19: 11-21 |
| 27th | Revelation 20: 1-6   |
| 28th | Revelation 20: 7-15  |
| 29th | Revelation 21: 1-8   |
| 30th | Revelation 21: 9-27  |
| 31st | Revelation 22: 1-21  |

##### January 2022

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| 1st | St John 1: 1-14 |
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#### The Christmas Collect and Prayer

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.

Loving Jesus, You were born in a stable but worshipped by the angels. Be with all who are lonely, and with all who feel distant from celebrations. Be for us a living hope that lightens their hearts. Amen.

#### From the Parish Registers

##### Sunday 12th December 2021

**George Christopher Cardona**

**Baptism:** All Saints Darfield

##### Wednesday 15th December 2021

**Michael Giles**

**Funeral:** All Saints Darfield  
and Darfield Cemetery

## Resources and Contacts

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

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