



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 19th March 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Mothering Sunday

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

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

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

Sunday 26th March 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent & Vision Sunday

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

Annual Parochial Meetings: Sunday 26th March 2023

Messy Good Friday: 7th April

Collect for Mothering Sunday:

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Laetare

Few of you will have heard of the name **Laetare Sunday** which is applied to the fourth Sunday of Lent. It comes from the beginning of the Latin Mass and translates as **Rejoice**. This Sunday has other names which may be more familiar to us. **Mid-Lent Sunday** has an obvious derivation. **Refreshment Sunday** marks this half-way point when the strict rules of fasting were relaxed. We may be more familiar with Mother's Day but that is a 20th Century American 'tradition' celebrated on the second Sunday in May.

What we are celebrating is **Mothering Sunday** where, as well as remembering and celebrating our earthly mothers, we include our Mother Church which could be the Church in which we were baptised. As part of their mid-Lent celebrations, the 17th Century groups who made the journey to their Mother Church were described as *going mothering*.

The 8th Century Lectionaries for this Sunday included readings related to mothers which were continued when the Book of Common Prayer was adopted in the 16th Century. [Galatians 4: 21-31].

'I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord' [Psalm 122: 1 BCP]

Long Range Forecast

Patterns from Carol or Sheila

There are early forecasts that Darfield and Great Houghton are in danger of being **angel bombed** in December 2023

We would like to ensure that this forecast comes true!

We are calling **knitters and crocheters** to join us in our great angel campaign
are **you** willing to start knitting **NOW???**

but - hush - don't tell everyone

the Christmas angels will come with messages of Good News and Great Joy!!



A Lent journey of faith, failure and forgiveness

Daily reflections for Lent are still available on your phone or tablet

The app is now available for download from the usual places by searching for **Dust and Glory**

Prayer for this week from Dust and Glory

Lord, be with me in all the hard moments of this week, help me face up to my sin in the certainty that You love me beyond all measure. Amen

**DUST +
GLORY**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern Your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

1 Samuel 16: 1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5: 8-14
St John 9:1-41

Bible Readings for this week March

19th Psalm 139: 13-24
20th Psalm 140
21st Psalm 141
22nd Psalm 142
23rd Exodus 35: 20-35
24th Exodus 36: 1-7
25th Exodus 36: 8-38
26th Exodus 37: 10-16

Prayer Square

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

*Bly Road
Quern Way
Ridgway Avenue
Schofield Road
Schofield Place
Fensome Way*

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331



Sunday 19th March: 4:00 p.m.

Darfield Church Hall

Gifts from the Lord:

Biblical Mothers:

Of the mothers mentioned in our Bible, many are unnamed. One such mother is the widow in Zarephath who encountered Elijah and the LORD in the midst of a famine. Her response to the LORD's message provided for herself, Elijah, and her son. [1 Kings 17: 7-15].

What about the rest...

How many of these ten mothers can you identify from the names of their sons in this list? *Answers next week*

Who was the mother of...

*All the living
Isaac
Esau and Jacob
Moses
Samuel
Obed
Solomon
John the Baptist
Jesus
Timothy*

KNIT and NATTER:

St Michael's, Great Houghton

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



Nominations Invited for APM and APCM: Sunday 26th March

Two Churchwardens

Three Deanery Synod Representatives

Three PCC members

Assistant Churchwardens

Nomination Sheets and details at the back of church

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 34: 17,18

17 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 23: 1,2

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters,

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael



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