



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 1st January 2023:

First Sunday of Christmas

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

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

Sunday 8th January 2023: Epiphany

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

A New Year...

Although our Church Year starts with the season of Advent, the first day of a new calendar year gives us another chance to pause and consider the future. Some of us will have made our New Year Resolutions but it would be impolite to ask whether they have been broken already!

This new year will see a revision to our pattern of services which will put them back onto a regular monthly cycle.

1st Sunday of the Month:

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion at *St Michael's Great Houghton*

10:45 a.m. Service for Sunday at *All Saints Darfield*

1st January

2nd Sunday of the Month:

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion at *All Saints Darfield*

8th January

3rd Sunday of the Month:

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion at *St Michael's Great Houghton*

10:45 a.m. Service for Sunday at *All Saints Darfield*

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

15th January

4th Sunday of the Month:

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion at *All Saints Darfield*

22nd January

5th Sunday of the Month:

29th January, 30th April, 30th July and 29th October

New initiatives are being explored and developed for the 5th Sundays — details to follow

A time and a season:

The LORD's promise to Noah [Genesis 8: 22] gives us a reminder of the familiar patterns to life on earth.

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." As we move through January we will gradually begin to see the increase in daylight hours as our seasons progress.

Ecclesiastes is one of the books in the Wisdom section of our Old Testament which rarely appears in our weekly Lectionary. After a cryptic reference to the identity of the writer, chapter 1 begins with a statement where the word *meaningless* is repeated four times within the ten words of verse 2. The chapter continues with an affirmation of the cyclic nature of the natural processes in our earth.

In chapter 3, the writer gives us an insight into the day-to-day lives of we humans. It opens by telling us that "there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens" [3: 1]. The list of familiar activities and life-events are generally grouped as opposites.

We can be inspired by the writings in Revelation where the Lord declares that "*He is making everything new*" [Revelation 21: 5] and all the negatives within this current world will be no more.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. [Revelation 22:13]

1st Sunday of Christmas

Collect

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13
Psalm 8
Revelation 21: 1-6a
Matthew 26: 31-46

Bible Readings for this week January

1st Exodus 17: 8-16
2nd Exodus 18: 1-12
3rd Exodus 18: 13-27
4th Exodus 19: 1-13
5th Psalm 119: 41-48
6th Psalm 119: 49-56
7th Psalm 119: 57-64

Prayer Square

This week we are praying for those who are involved in our weekly cycle of services

... Clergy and Readers
... Worship Leaders
... Musicians
... Welcomers and Sidesmen
... Cleaners
... Lesson Readers and Intercessors

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

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

Zoom Prayer Meeting: Monday 9th January 2023: 8:00 p.m.

Contact Carol Hunter for the Zoom link



This week a total of **£471.20** has been sent to support the work of the Children's Society. This includes the collection of **£323.00** at Hilda's funeral, **£130.00** from personal collecting boxes, **£7.20** from Messy Christingle and **£11.00** from the Church Christmas Card stocking.

The Children's Society works directly with young people giving them support through the serious challenges of abuse, exploitation and neglect. They also develop resources and deliver training to other professionals working with children including supporting young carers.

The Children's Society

Do you receive any stamps on your mail?
The Leprosy Mission will accept them to raise funds for their work.
Pass them on via Peter



The Leprosy Mission
England and Wales

From the Parish Records

Monday 19th December 2022: Funeral: Hilda Jobling aged 96

All Saints' Darfield and Darfield Cemetery

Retiring collection raised £323 for the Children's Society

Thursday 22nd December 2022: Funeral: Elaine Lancaster aged 75

Barnsley Crematorium

Psalm 8: 1,3,4

¹ Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

KNIT and NATTER: Will be back in January 2023

St Michael's Great Houghton

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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