



# The Parish of Darfield

*All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton*

**Sunday 1st October 2023**

*Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*

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

**10:45 a.m. Harvest Service:** *Darfield*

**Sunday 8th October 2023**

*Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*

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

## More Prophets: Part 2: G–J

**Gad** was a prophet at the time of King Saul. We have three recorded incidents with him and David. David had escaped from Saul and had taken refuge in Moab. Gad told David to return to the land of Judah. David obeyed and came to the forest of Hereth. [2 Samuel 22: 5] Once David was King, he took a census of the fighting men of his kingdom which displeased the LORD. Gad was sent by the LORD to David to offer three alternatives, three years of famine, three months of fleeing from his enemies or three days of plague. David chose the plague which killed seventy thousand of the population. After the Lord caused the plague to cease, [2 Samuel 24: 13, 15] Gad then came again to David telling him to build an altar to the Lord. [2 Samuel 24: 18]

**Hanani** was a prophet during the reign of King Asa of Judah [2 Chronicles 16: 7-10]. He spoke out against King Asa for entering into a treaty with Ben-Hadad, King of Aram. This also involved breaking a treaty between Aram and the northern kingdom of Israel and the capture of several towns in the northern Kingdom. Hanani reminded Asa of previous successes when they had relied on the Lord. Siding with Aram would lead to a state of war in the land [2 Chronicles 16: 9]

**Huldah** was a prophetess in Jerusalem during the reign of King Josiah. Josiah did what was right in the sight of the Lord. [2 Kings 22: 2] He reacted to the finding of a scroll of the Book of the Law by seeking confirmation from Huldah. She confirmed that the predictions of disaster to the nation which were written in the scroll would still come to pass. Because of Josiah's repentant response to the contents of the scroll, these events would be delayed until after his death.

**Iddo** was a prophet during the reign of King Solomon, and his heirs Rehoboam and Abijah, in the Kingdom of Judah. He receives only a passing mention in that he recorded the events of Abijah's reign [2 Chronicles 13: 22]

**Jehu**, the son of the Prophet **Hanani**, prophesied against Baasha, King of Israel for leading the people into idolatry. He prophesied that the Lord would wipe out Baasha and his house. [1 Kings 16: 1-10]. When Baasha died he was succeeded by his son Elah. Within two years Elah was subject to a plot by Zimri, one of his officials, who killed him and took over the throne and soon killed all of the family of Elah. After reigning for just seven days, Zimri was ousted and died following a military coup and was replaced by Omri.

**Judas Barsabbas and Silas** were described as leaders among the brethren of the early church in Jerusalem [Acts 15: 22]. The gentile believers in Antioch had been faced with people from Judea teaching that they had to undergo circumcision to be saved. [Acts 15: 1] Paul and Barnabas were sent to bring the matter to the Apostles and Elders in Jerusalem. After consideration the Council wrote a letter to the believers at Antioch and sent Judas Barsabbas and Silas with Paul and Barnabas to deliver the letter. In Antioch Judas and Silas said '*much to encourage and strengthen the believers*' and were described as prophets [Acts 15: 32]. We read no more of Judas Barsabbas but some time later Silas was to accompany Paul on his second Missionary Journey.

## Wanted - Project Assistants

We are looking for a team or individuals to help us locate potential sources of **Grant Funding** so that we can make progress with potential works in the Church Hall and the provision of toilets and a kitchenette in All Saints Church. Would you spare some time to help the search?

**Details from Jo, Kay or Peter.**

### Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to Your wonders, that we may serve You with reverence and know Your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32  
Psalm 25: 1-8  
Philippians 2: 1-13  
Matthew 21: 23-32

### Bible Readings for this week October

1st Proverbs 3: 21-35  
2nd Matthew 28: 11-20  
3rd Mark 1: 1-13  
4th Mark 1: 14-28  
5th Mark 1: 29-44  
6th Mark 2: 1-12  
7th Mark 2: 13-17  
8th Mark 2: 18-28

### Prayer Square

This week we are praying for  
Billingley and the residents  
of...

Billingley Green  
Billingley Green Lane  
Back Lane  
Barn Owl Close  
Flat Lane  
Well Lane Court  
Chapel Lane  
High Street

### Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our  
Prayer Ministry team through

**Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331**

### Authority: read Matthew 21: 23-32

Many of the crowds who listened to Jesus were amazed because 'He taught as one who had authority and not as one of their teachers of the Law' [Matthew 7: 29]. Jesus was critical of the religious leaders because they did not practice what they preached' [Matthew 23: 3] Everything they did was for show. Amongst the parables that Jesus told against the leaders was that of a Pharisee and a Tax Collector praying in the Temple. [Luke 18: 9-14] The Pharisee's prayer was all about himself and his adherence to the Law. The Tax Collector's simple 'God have mercy on me a sinner' left him with God's mercy unlike the Pharisee who received nothing.

On the day after His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Jesus was in the Temple teaching the people and was approached by the Chief Priests and Elders. They asked Jesus by whose authority was he teaching. Jesus did not reply but instead posed a question to them about John the Baptist – Was John's Baptism from Heaven or from human origin? They had no answer because they realised that, if they said from Heaven, then Jesus would ask why did they not believe and if they answered from human origin they were afraid of the people who considered John to be a Prophet. Their answer that they did not know, allowed Jesus to avoid answering their question.

Jesus then went on to tell a parable of two sons who were asked by their father to work in his vineyard. One said no but later changed his mind, the other said yes but failed to go to work. The first son who did what his father wanted. Jesus then told them that John had come to show the way of righteousness and the leaders did not believe him but many of the other people did.

In some of His final words to the disciples Jesus said '**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations**' [Matthew 28: 18,19] a task that is still valid for us...

### 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 25

1 In You, Lord my God, I put my trust.  
2 I trust in You; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.  
4 Show me Your ways, Lord, teach me Your paths.  
5 Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Saviour, and my hope is in You all day long.

### Resources and Contacts

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

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