



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 20th August 2023

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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

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

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

Saturday 26th August 2023

11:00 a.m. Pet Blessing: *Great Houghton*

2:30 p.m. Pet Blessing: *Darfield*

Sunday 27th August 2023

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

Obadiah and the Edomites

The book of Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament with only twenty-one verses. Unlike the other books of Prophecy, we are given no clue as to who wrote it or when it was written. The name Obadiah can be translated as 'Worshipper of Yahweh' or 'Servant of Yahweh'. The name Obadiah can be found 13 times throughout the Old Testament with little evidence to which, if any, was the author. Wikipedia sums up this uncertainty by saying 'The authorship of the Book of Obadiah is traditionally attributed to the prophet Obadiah'.

The Kingdom of Edom occupied the mountainous lands to the south of the Kingdom of Judah and the Dead Sea in an area split between modern day Israel and Jordan. Edom was an alternative name used to describe Esau the twin brother of Jacob, [Genesis 25: 30] The twins were totally different in appearance and in interests. [Genesis 25: 27,28]. Their father Isaac was tricked by his wife Rebekah and Jacob into giving Jacob his father's blessing [Genesis 27: 1-40]. Esau and his family eventually settled in the lands to the south and eventually established the kingdom of Edom which is derived from the word red which was also used to describe Esau. [Genesis 25: 30]

The Edomites had been enemies of the Israelites for centuries. As Moses was leading the Israelites towards Canaan, Kadesh, King of Edom, had forbidden them from passing through his territory [Numbers 20: 14-21] and threatened them with a large army.

For a time, Edom was under the control of Judah but rebelled and set up its own king. King Jehoram of Judah attempted to subdue them but failed and the enmity continued. [2 Kings 8: 20-22]

With this background, Obadiah's Vision from the LORD was directed at Edom. Their fate was to be destroyed as a kingdom. They were condemned for their attitude to and relationships with the Kingdom of Israel. The kingdom was over-run by King Nebuchadnezzar and the remnants migrated west into an area which became named Idumea. Their lands were subdued in the second Century BC and the people forced to become Jews. With the Roman occupation of the whole area, Antipater, a Idumean, was created Procurator of Judea by Julius Caesar. Antipater's son was Herod the Great and his grandson was Herod Antipas who played their parts in the events surrounding the Birth and Death of our Lord.

Something to do in August...

All Saints Bee Trail:

Have fun by following our Bee Trail through our Churchyard to find the nine Bee points and to solve our Bee challenge.

Available at any time but be aware that the churchyard paths may be slippery following rain.



Flowers:

In the near future we hope to be able to decorate All Saints Church with flowers to celebrate our Harvest Festival and, further away but approaching rapidly, Christmas.

This will only happen if we receive contributions towards the cost of flowers within the decorations.

Please see Wendy Chorlton or Sue Lee if you can help...

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught His disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before You; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8
Psalm 67

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Bible Readings for this week August

20th Matthew 22: 34-46
21st Matthew 23: 1-12
22nd Matthew 23: 13-39
23rd Matthew 24: 1-14
24th Matthew 24: 15-35
25th Matthew 24: 36-51
26th Matthew 25: 1-13
27th Daniel 6: 1-14

Prayer Square

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

Upperwood Road
Margaret Close
Margaret Road
Primrose Avenue
Verona Rise
St Barbara's Road

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

Dates for your Diary...

Saturday 26th August

Pet Blessing

11:00 a.m. at St Michael Great Houghton

2:30 p.m. at All Saints Darfield

Heritage Open Days at All Saints

Saturday 9th Sept. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10th Sept. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Prepare for ways you can help with these events



What's on at St Michael's Great Houghton

Mindful Mondays: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thoughtful Thursdays: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Tea and Cake Tuesday 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon

A chance to meet and catch up!

The faith of a Canaanite woman [Matthew 15: 21-28]

The region of Tyre and Sidon borders on the Mediterranean Sea and the cities were important in Biblical times. They were in an area of Canaan not conquered by the Israelites and were the subject of many prophetic warnings for their dealings with the Israelites [e.g. Joel 3: 4]. They were mentioned by Jesus during his shaming of the Jewish towns that had rejected his ministry. [Matthew 11: 20-24].

Jesus was in this area when he was approached by a Canaanite woman. Her daughter was demon possessed and the disciples urged Jesus to send her away. Unlike many of the Jews, and, at this point most of the disciples, she had identified Jesus as the Messiah and pleaded for help for her daughter. Her persistence and a valid response to the concerns that Jesus had about His 'coming to the lost sheep of the House of Israel' and the non-Jews receiving the crumbs from the master's table earned her a commendation for her faith and healing for her daughter.

Psalm 67 [Book of Common Prayer]

- 1 GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us:
- 2 That Thy way may be known upon earth: Thy saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the people praise Thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise Thee.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the people praise Thee, O God: let all the people praise Thee.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing.
- 7 God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear Him.

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St Michael



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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.