



## The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

**Sunday 20th November 2022: 1st before Advent**

**Christ the King**

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

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

**Sunday 27th November 2022: Advent Sunday**

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

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

**Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by Thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Collect for the Sunday next before Advent [BCP]*

This Sunday has significance in that it has several names on our liturgical calendar. To those familiar with the Book of Common Prayer, it is described as the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity with a note that the Collect, Epistle and Gospel must be used on the Sunday next before Advent. This Collect leads us to a more familiar name of Stir up Sunday. We are exhorted to stir up our wills, bring forth the fruit of good works and to receive our reward. In common usage this Sunday was the traditional day by which Christmas pudding had to be made so that they could mature over the following weeks to be at their best on Christmas Day. Early recipes for the pudding would include thirteen ingredients, said to represent Jesus and his disciples. The pudding had to be stirred, usually by all members of the family, in an east to west direction to honour the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. Some traditions included stirring small silver coins into the mixture to bring health, wealth and happiness to the finder.

More recently the Feast of Christ the King has been celebrated on this last Sunday of the Church year. Instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, the celebration has spread and is now incorporated in our Common Worship.

Next week on Advent Sunday we will start the new Church year by looking forward to Christ's first coming into this world. Today reminds us of the promise that, at the end of time as we know it, Christ's Kingdom will be established.

**Blessing the Christmas Sheep at Great Houghton: Saturday 26th November at 5:00 p.m. at St Michael's**

Sheep have a walk on part in the account of the Nativity when their shepherds heard the **Glad tidings of great Joy**. Their knitted descendants will appear in windows around Great Houghton following the Service of Blessing

Score sheets will be available to hunt for the sheep and find their name and number. Completed sheets are to be returned at the Messy Carols at St Michael's on Thursday 22nd December.

*Thankyou to all the shops, businesses and individuals who have agreed to make the sheep visible in their windows.*



### The Royal British Legion

The open offering at All Saints on Remembrance Sunday amounted to £113.73. From this the sum of £56.87 has been sent to the Royal British Legion



### Over the next few Weeks

4th December: 10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]  
 10th December: 11:00 a.m. Christmas Fair Darfield  
 11th December 9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]  
 11th December: 10:45 a.m. Darfield  
 11th December: 6:00 p.m. Carols at Great Houghton  
 18th December: 6:00 p.m. Carols by Candlelight [D]  
 21st December 10:00 a.m. Messy Christingle [D]  
 22nd December 10:00 a.m. Messy Carols [GH]

### Christmas Fair

**Saturday 10th December**

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Darfield Church Hall

**Wanted:**

Good as new items: see Rob Stanton  
 Books and Raffle Prizes: see Sue or Pam

## 1st Sunday before Advent Christ the King Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in His service, whose kingdom has no end; for He reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

### Readings

Jeremiah 23: 1-6  
Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23: 33-43

### Bible Readings for this week

#### November

20th Exodus 6: 13 - 30  
21st Exodus 7: 1 - 13  
22nd Exodus 7: 14 - 24  
23rd Exodus 8: 1 - 15  
24th Exodus 8: 16 - 31  
25th Psalm 106: 1 - 27  
26th Psalm 106: 28 - 48

### Prayer Square

**This week we are praying for...**

... our Christmas Outreach Programme  
... our schools as they prepare to celebrate Christmas with us  
... our choir and friends preparing for our Service of arols by Candlelight

### 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*

### From the Parish Registers:

#### Sunday 13th November 2022 Baptism

**Penelope Crane** All Saints' Darfield

#### Baptism: Sunday 20th November St Michael's Great Houghton Isaac Jacob Shaw

*Please pray for Isaac's parents, Georgie and Kieran and god parents Michael, Alexandra and Jodie who will be preparing to bring Isaac for Baptism.*

### Rectory Cottage Garden Project update

#### Can you give some of your time to support the work of TWIGGS ?

The majority of the garden has now been cleared with the next phase set to create paths around the beds.

The funding for the project has to be matched through the involvement of volunteers. Next date not yet finalised but be prepared to come along and work, encourage or even just make the team a cuppa...

### KNIT and NATTER

**Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

St Michael's Great Houghton



### Psalm 46: 1,2,11

- 1 God is our hope and strength; a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth be moved:
- 11 The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge

### Monday 21st November: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

#### Winter Wellbeing Event at Darfield Library

Limited number of free slippers for residents aged 50+

Limited number of free Winter Wellbeing Packs

Free hot food and refreshments

Information and advice and free NHS Health Checks



**DARFIELD WARD ALLIANCE**  
Be involved, be supported

## Resources and Contacts

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

All Saints

St Michael



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