



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 21st January 2024

Third Sunday of Epiphany

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

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

4:00 p.m. Café Church *Darfield Church Hall*

Sunday 28th January 2024

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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

Community Shop on the Go — a review by Kay

On Thursday morning, 25th January, we have our next fortnightly visit from the 'Community Shop on the Go' in the Church Hall and we will also be putting on the '**Welcoming Warm Space**' which supplies free drinks, toast and crumpets, and all manner of toppings. Our Warm Space opens from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the shop opens from 9:30 a.m. to 12 midday, or as long as stocks last.

What is there not to like about all this? The shop offers **6 items for £3** or **12 items for £5**. They sell mainly fruit, vegetables and bread and it is all near its sell-by date (hence the prices) and comes from Morrisons, Marks and Spencer and such like.

Over the last couple of sessions I have had some marvellous raspberries, blackberries, blueberries, mangoes, apples, pears, bananas, cauliflower, potatoes, avocado, fennel, rocket, peppers, French beans, runner beans, brown loaf, sourdough loaf, and much more that I can't remember now. All were top quality and none have gone to waste so far (I still have some in my fridge). The only criterion to buy things there is that you live in the area of Darfield. Meanwhile, in the Warm Space (otherwise known as the Supper Room!) we are drinking coffee or tea, eating buttered crumpets or toast (with peanut butter and marmite if you are Fiona), talking, laughing and even sometimes - especially if you're under 10 - colouring and drawing. The Warm Space expenses are covered by a grant from the Household Support Fund administered by Barnsley MBC on behalf of the Department of Work and Pensions. It is manned by our volunteers with this week's team of Andrea, Maureen and me, and we live in hope that the new wonderful coffee machine will have arrived (and that I don't break it on its first use!).

Come and join us and pass on the word. Flyers are available...

Next sessions are 25th January and 8th February and then fortnightly.

Lent 2024: The Prayer Course:

Eight Weekly Sessions based on the Lord's Prayer

*Starting on **Wednesday 18th February***

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Ardsley:

7.30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Darfield or Great Houghton

Saturday sessions will be offered at Thurnscoe:

Sign up with Jo

the
prayer
course

Signs and Miracles

Our word miracle derives from the Latin *miraculum*, *an object of wonder*. In current usage it describes an event which cannot be explained by natural or scientific laws. In our Gospels we read of many miracles or signs performed by Jesus. These records start with the events at a wedding in Cana [John 2: 1-11] and end with the miraculous catch of fish [John 21: 1-14].

The purpose of these signs and miracles was to reveal the glory of Jesus and to prompt his disciples' belief in him. In the last verse of his Gospel John records that Jesus performed many more signs and miracles that have not been recorded. [John 24: 25]

Jesus had been baptised by John and had begun to build his team of disciples. They were invited, along with His mother Mary, to a wedding in Cana. During the festivities, the wine provided by the bridegroom ran out. This first miracle converted the contents of six large water jars into the equivalent of around one thousand bottles of the best wine that the steward had tasted on the day.

Third Sunday of Epiphany Collect

God of all mercy, Your Son
proclaimed good news to the
poor, release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with Your Holy Spirit
and set all Your people free to
praise You in Christ our Lord

Readings

Genesis 14: 17-20
Psalm 128
Revelation 19: 6-10
John 2: 1-11

Readings for this week

January

21st Proverbs 27: 1-12
22nd Luke 1: 1-25
23rd Luke 1: 26-38
24th Luke 1: 39-56
25th Luke 1: 57-80
26th Luke 2: 1-21
27th Luke 2: 22-40
28th Luke 2: 41-52

Prayer Square

**This week we are
praying for the residents
of Great Houghton...**

*Crabtree Drive
Pinewood Close
Ashwood Grove
Lister Row
Mileswood Close*

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our
Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

From the Parish Registers

Friday 12th January 2024: Margaret Smith aged 78

All Saints Darfield and Darfield Cemetery

*We acknowledge with grateful thanks, the receipt of £91.00 for Church
funds from the retiring collection at Margaret's funeral service.*

Funerals

Friday 26th January 2024: 12:30 p.m. Frank Lee

All Saints' Darfield and Barnsley Crematorium

Monday 29th January 2024: 11:15 a.m. Sylvia Anne Watson

St Michael's Great Houghton and Barnsley Crematorium

Tuesday 30th January 2024: 2:30 p.m. Fay Hoyle

All Saints' Darfield and Barnsley Crematorium

A date for your new Diary and a promise of Spring on the horizon

Saturday 10th February: Snowdrop Day, All Saints Darfield

Plan now to visit the churchyard to see the snowdrops, join us in
church for refreshment, and serve refreshments to and talk to our
visitors **The snowdrops are ready to play their part, Are You?**



Coat appeal.

The Salvation Army at Goldthorpe (which helps people our area too) are
hoping to be able to ensure that everyone has a warm coat this winter.
If you have one which you no longer require, please bring it to church and
pop it in the Tower Room and it will be collected ready to be given to
someone in need. **A chance to make a big difference !**

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 128: 1, 2, 5, 6

- 1 *Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him.*
- 2 *You will eat the fruit of your labour; blessings and prosperity will
be yours.*
- 5 *May the Lord bless you from Zion; may you see the prosperity of
Jerusalem all the days of your life.*
- 6 *May you live to see your children's children—peace be on Israel.*

Resources and Contacts

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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