

**The Parish of Darfield**  
All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton  
**Sunday 22nd August 2021**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**  
**9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Gt Houghton**  
**10:30 a.m. Partnership Service on Facebook**

**Ephesians 6: 10-20: A call to Walk in Victory!**

Over the past few Sundays, the Epistle readings have led us through St Paul's letter to the Ephesian Church. In the later chapters Paul gives practical advice to his readers. He is fully aware, as we should be, that we are in a continual battle **against Sin, the World and the Devil** as described in the Baptismal Prayer.

Theologians generally agree that this Epistle was written whilst St Paul was held in chains in prison in Rome [6: 20] and that he took inspiration from the Roman soldiers who were his guards and who would have been a familiar sight across the Roman Empire.

We are given "**The Whole armour of God**" [10: 11] to defend us against the pressures that are upon us. When the time comes, we can stand our ground knowing that we are fully protected.

**The Belt of Truth**

"The truth will set you free" [St John 8: 32]. The truth of God's Word in the Bible protects us from Satan, the father of lies.

**Breastplate of Righteousness**

Our heart and lungs are vital organs and need to be protected. Righteousness, perfect holiness, comes only through Jesus and his death and resurrection.

**Feet fitted with the Gospel of Peace**

There are many circumstances in our daily life where we would not want to walk around barefoot. We need to be sure-footed to be ready to go out with our Gospel message.

**Shield of Faith**

To a Roman soldier, a fiery dart was one of the tactics used against them. Their wooden shields were soaked in water to extinguish the flames. We face many darts such as fear, doubt, anxiety and discouragement. With our faith and trust in Jesus we can be protected from these darts.

**Helmet of Salvation:**

Salvation comes only from our Lord Jesus. Our minds may be filled with doubts but with the Helmet of Salvation we can live every day focussed on the promises of eternity in God's presence.

**The Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God**

We should follow the examples that Jesus gave us. Following His Baptism, by John the Baptist, Jesus spent 40 days in the Wilderness. The three temptations that followed [St Matthew 4: 11] were offered by Satan to take the easy ways to popularity. All were rejected by Jesus in "it is written..." with quotations from the Jewish Scriptures, our Old Testament.

**Forthcoming Services**

<b>22nd August:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St Michael, Gt Houghton</b>
<b>22nd August:</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>No service at All Saints</b>
		Church open 10:45 to 11:15
<b>22nd August:</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Christ Church, Ardsley</b>
<b>29th August:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St Helen Thurnscoe</b>
<b>29th August:</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>All Saints, Darfield</b>
<b>5th September:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St Michael, Gt Houghton</b>
<b>5th September:</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>All Saints, Darfield</b>
<b>5th September:</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Christ Church Ardsley</b>

*Bookings are no longer required but we will need you to record your attendance.*

*There is a wedding booked for 12:30 on Sunday 22nd August*

**Focus on the Apostles: Bartholomew**

The only mentions of the Apostle Bartholomew come in the Gospels of St Matthew [10: 3], St Mark [3: 18] and St Luke [6:14], and in the Acts of the Apostles [1:13]. His name derives from the typical Hebrew patronymic "son of Tolomai". Some Bible scholars link him with Nathanael [St John 1: 45-49, 21: 2], another of the disciples listed in the Gospels. Nathanael was described by Jesus as "an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." [St John 1: 47] when Philip brought him to Jesus. Nathanael's response was " Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are King of Israel." [John 1:49]

## Prayer Requests

### Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw

Pat Bentley

Steve & Val Myers

Stella and Raymond Firth

Barry & Joan Bramall

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### 12th Sunday after Trinity

#### Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Readings

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

Psalms 34: 15-22

Ephesians 6: 10-20

John 6: 56-69

Bible Readings for this week

#### August:

22nd Colossians 1: 24-29

23rd Colossians 2: 1-15

24th Colossians 2: 16-23

25th Colossians 3: 1-17

26th Colossians 3: 18-25

27th Colossians 4: 1-18

28th 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

## The Diocesan Vision Prayer

Living God, Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.

**RENEW** us as we make your love known;

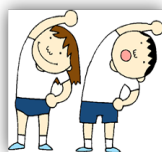
**RELEASE** us to share freely together in mission;

and **REJUVENATE** us to be fruitful in your service.

Give us courage, wisdom and compassion, that strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield, both flourish and grow through Christ our Lord. Amen



## Churchyard Summer Exercise Trail



Body



Soul



Mind

Find the 14 exercise boards around the churchyard and see how many you can do.

For all ages from 2 to 102

### A contradiction

What do you think if you see a document which has a page which has "this page is intentionally left blank" printed on it. To the more literal and pedantic among us it is a contradiction because it isn't blank at all.

Being blank was nearly the fate of this section this week and, to be blunt, of some of the other sections on a week by week basis.

The keen eyed amongst you will notice a change in the deadline for content. The present production and distribution system needs the news sheet to be complete and ready to print by 10:30 a.m. on Thursday.

### From the Parish Registers

Saturday 14th August 2021

Wedding

Nathan Poxton Burbridge

Camilla Marie Dilworth

All Saints Church, Darfield

### What could YOU contribute?

A favourite bible passage, a prayer, a thought for the week, even an idea or theme for a section

**Over to You...**

## Resources and Contacts

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