



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 22nd January 2023:

Third Sunday of Epiphany

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

Sunday 29th January 2023:

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

10:45 a.m. Brunch Service: *Gt Houghton*

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion with prayers for Healing and Wholeness: *Darfield*

Recruitment...

Around AD 30, precisely in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, [St Luke 3: 1,2], John the Baptist fulfilled the prophesy of Isaiah by appearing from the wilderness to preach '**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near**' [St Matthew 3:2]. John soon attracted crowds who came to listen to him, to be baptised by him and to become one of his followers or disciples. Amongst these who were baptised was Jesus who was immediately led by the Spirit into the wilderness for forty days and at the end faced and withstood the three temptations. [St Matthew 4: 1-11]

John had antagonised Herod Antipas, the tetrarch or district ruler of Galilee, by denouncing Herod's marriage to Herodias the divorced ex-wife of his half-brother Philip. John was arrested and thrown into prison and was eventually condemned and killed under Herod's orders.

On hearing of John's imprisonment, Jesus returned to Galilee and lived in Capernaum by the Sea of Galilee around Zebulun and Naphtali [St Matthew 4: 13]. St Matthew picks up a section of Isaiah's prophesy [Isaiah 9: 1,2] directed at this area where '**the people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned**'. Whilst in that area Jesus continued to preach and extended John's theme of 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near'.

Whilst moving around the area Jesus begins to build up the team of disciples who would become his closest followers and would later be called Apostles and be responsible for the development and extension of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension.

We first read of four Galilean fishermen who accepted a challenge. Andrew and his brother Simon Peter were fishing Jesus called them to become *Fishers of Men*. James and his brother John, sons of Zebedee, were working on their nets when they were called. All left their work and families to follow Jesus. [Matthew 4: 18-22]. Philip who was from the same town also received the command and obeyed and immediately went and fetched Nathanael also identified as Bartholomew. [St John 1: 44]

Matthew was working as a tax collector when Jesus passed by and called him to be a disciple. Of the other 5 disciples, [Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, Judas Iscariot and Thaddeus], we do not know how or when they made the commitment but other than Judas Iscariot, they all formed part of the group of eleven who met together immediately after the Ascension. [Acts 1: 13]

How do we respond to the call to discipleship?

Sunday 29th January 2023
The fifth Sunday in January

Two special services in the Parish

A new initiative

Brunch Service

10:45 a.m. at St Michaels

A Service of Holy Communion with prayers for Healing and Wholeness

10:45 a.m. at All Saints

What are you doing on Saturday 18th February and do you remember 'Dropsnow'?

If you have spent any time in our churchyard over the past few days, you will have seen that the Snowdrops are beginning to appear.

As our first event of this year, we hope to hold a '**Snowdrop Event**' in conjunction with the Museum on **Saturday 18th February**. Book the date in your diary and more so make yourself available to help on the day. Publicise the event amongst your family and friends and bring them along.

Have you any ideas for activities in Church or Churchyard for adults or children?

Pass them on to Kay or Peter.

This is our chance to reach out to the village and beyond where we are putting on a sideshow to the main event provided by God's creation!



Second 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

Isaiah 9: 1-4
Psalm 27: 1, 4-12
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18
St Matthew 4: 12-23

Bible Readings for this week

January

22nd	Psalm 119: 121-128
23rd	Psalm 119: 129-136
24th	Psalm 119: 137-144
25th	Psalm 119: 145-152
26th	Exodus 23: 1-13
27th	Exodus 23: 14-19
28th	Exodus 23: 20-33

Prayer Square

This week we are praying for our Communities...

... Darfield
... Great Houghton
... Little Houghton
... Middlecliffe
... Billingley

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*

2023 Flower Rota for All Saints

The new year's rota is now displayed on the notice board at the back of Church waiting for your choice of Sundays to contribute to the week-by-week floral decorations.

Annual Parochial Meetings: 26th March 2023

Your chance to think how you can contribute to the work of our Church...

Parochial Church Council: The PCC has the duty to assist the clergy in the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Our PCC has nine elected lay members with three Deanery Synod representatives and two Churchwardens, together with Clergy licensed to the Parish.

The usual term of office is three years, but retiring members can seek re-election.

This year there will be three places available for election.

An ongoing request—the production of this week's news sheet has been affected by the tasks needed to deal with the fallen tree in the churchyard. Could you help in future by providing something to fill a space like this? [or a larger space!]

Psalm 27:

- 1 *The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?*
- 5 *For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.*
- 7 *Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.*

KNIT and NATTER: Will be back on 31st January 2023

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. St Michael's Great Houghton

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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