

## The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

# Sunday 24th July 2022: Sixth after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion: Gt Houghton10:45 a.m. Service for Sunday: Darfield4:00 p.m. Bible Stories re-told Thurnscoe

# **Sunday 31st July 2022: Seventh after Trinity**

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# **The Apostle James**

We first meet James on a fishing boat with his brother John and their father Zebedee. [Matthew 4: 21] They responded immediately to the call of Jesus and followed Him, leaving their father in the boat with the hired hands. Later, James and John were among the Twelve that Jesus specifically called to be with Him, [St Mark 3: 17]. The pair must have already displayed their nature because Jesus gives them the nickname of *Boanerges* translated as *Sons of Thunder*. The Twelve were sent out by Jesus with authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness [St Matthew 10: 1]. Obeying their strict instructions [St Mark 6: 8-11] the disciples went out into the surrounding villages, preaching repentance, driving out demons and curing the sick.

Peter, James and John became the closest of the disciples to Jesus and we read of occasions where they are taken away from the other disciples to witness special events. They saw the Transfiguration of Jesus with Moses and Elijah [St Mark 9: 1-12], the raising of the daughter of Jairus [St Luke 8: 40-56] and were with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane as Jesus prayed just before His betrayal. [St Matthew 26: 36-45]. Their boldness was sometimes misdirected. On one occasion, as Jesus was heading for Jerusalem, he was rejected by the inhabitants of a Samaritan village. The response of James and John was to call fire from Heaven to destroy them, which earned them a rebuke from Jesus [St Luke 9: 51-56]. On another occasion they received another rebuke when they asked Jesus to be allowed to sit at His right and His left in His glory. [Mark 10: 35-45]. Another Gospel account puts it slightly differently [St Matthew 20: 20-28] in that it was their mother who did the asking for them. The response from Jesus was no different.

James was with the other disciples throughout their recorded encounters with Jesus after the Resurrection and when they received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Although he was amongst the leaders of the Early Church we read nothing more of him until King Herod Agrippa, sometime around 40-45 AD, arrested some of the members of the Church. He hoped to gain favour with the Jewish leaders by persecuting the increasing numbers within the Church. James was put to death by the sword. [Acts 12: 1-2] He became the first of the Apostles to die for their faith and the only one to be recorded in the Bible.

There is a major shrine to St James at Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in northern Spain. Spanish tradition has it that St James visited Spain on an evangelistic tour and a tomb located in 813 AD was said to have been divinely revealed as that of St James. During the Middle Ages it became an important place of Christian Pilgrimage, ranked after Jerusalem and Rome. Designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1985, it remains a destination for Pilgrims.

#### Over the next few Weeks

24th July: 9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]

24th July: 10:45 a.m. Darfield

24th July: 4:00 p.m. Bible Stories re-told

31st July: 10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]

7th August: 9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]

7th August: 10:45 a.m. Darfield

13th August 6:30 p.m. for 7:00 p.m. Board Games

14th August: 10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]

#### The Feast of St James: 25th July

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of Your Son Jesus Christ and followed Him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Sixth Sunday after Trinity Collect

Creator God, You made us all in Your image: may we discern You in all that we see, and serve You in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Readings

Genesis 18: 20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians 2: 6-15[

St Luke 11: 1-13

## **Bible Readings for this week** July

24th Genesis 27: 1-13 25th Genesis 27: 14-29 26th Genesis 27: 30-46 27th Genesis 28: 1-9 28th Genesis 28: 10-22 Psalm 54 29th

Psalm 55

#### **Prayer:**

30th

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

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#### When all else fails?

If we look in most dictionaries for a definition of the word prayer, we would find, amongst the expected definitions, a usage such as ... haven't got a prayer which indicates that there is a slim chance or even a fat chance of

Are we like that with prayer? What should we do? St Paul urges us to **PRAY WITHOUT** 

# **Bible Story Time re-told**

4:00 p.m. Sunday 24th July: Thurnscoe Church Hall

Psalm 138: 3-4

- <sup>3</sup> When I called, You answered me; You greatly emboldened me.
- <sup>4</sup> May all the kings of the earth praise You, LORD, when they hear what You have decreed.

**All Saints Toilet Project**—plans still on view, comments invited!

From the Parish Registers

Sunday 17th July 2022 **Baptism** 

Primrose Smith-Robinson All Saints, Darfield

**Book the date: the next evening of Board Games** Saturday 13th August: 6:30 p.m. for 7:00 p.m. start

If you enjoyed or missed, the inaugural evening of Board Games why not come to the next one?

**Book your place:** contact Darren at daward@sky.com

Contact Darren if you would like to join a small group to some new games before the main evening — *limited* responses. Contact Darren if you would like to join a small group to try out some new games before the main evening — limited places

#### The other James

The first twelve disciples included James, Son of Alphaeus, We know no more about this James than that he was one of the Twelve and was present when Jesus visited the disciples after the Resurrection.

The Epistle of James in the New Testament, written to Jewish Christians dispersed outside Israel [James 1: 1] is traditionally thought to have been written by James the Just who is mentioned in Acts as being among the Church leaders in Jerusalem. [Acts 15: 13]. He is also identified as James the brother of Jesus by St Paul [Galatians 1: 19].

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Help our church to grow in numbers, In spiritual commitment to you, And in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### **Resources and Contacts**

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