



# The Parish of Darfield

*All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton*

**Sunday 24th September 2023**

*Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

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

**Sunday 1st October 2023**

*Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*

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

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

## More Prophets: Part 1: A-D

Writing to the members of the Church at Corinth, St Paul lists the various gifts of the Holy Spirit which are given to each of us in a special way. [1 Corinthians 12: 7] Amongst this list of gifts is the gift of Prophecy which Paul says is given to some of us. [12: 10]. Our occasional series on the writings of the Prophets preserved in our Old Testament does not tell the full story of all the other prophets who receive a mention for their prophetic gifts.

**Aaron** the older brother of Moses was described by the LORD as a prophet and acted as a spokesman for Moses in front of Pharaoh [Exodus 7: 1,2]

**Ahijah the Prophet of Shiloh** met with Jeroboam, who had rebelled against King Solomon. Ahijah tore a new cloak he was wearing into twelve pieces and told Jeroboam to take ten of them. This was to signify the splitting in the Kingdom into the Northern Kingdom of Israel to be ruled by Jeroboam and the Southern Kingdom of Judah. This came to pass during the reign of Rehoboam following the death of King Solomon.

**Anna** was an elderly woman described as a prophet. She was present in the Temple when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to be consecrated to the LORD in line with the Law of Moses. She spoke about the Child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. [St Luke 2: 36-38]

**Agabus** was one of a group of prophets who came from Jerusalem to Antioch at a time when Paul and Barnabas were there. Through the Spirit Agabus predicted that a severe famine would spread throughout the Roman Empire which happened around 45 AD during the reign of Emperor Claudius.

**Aariah, son of Oded**, proclaimed a prophecy that prompted King Asa of Judah to remove all the idols from his kingdom, to repair the Altar of the Lord and then lead his people in peace for thirty-five years [2 Chronicles 15: 1-8]

**Deborah**, a prophetess, normally described as one of the Judges, was ruling Israel at a time when they were under persecution from Jabin, King of Canaan. Her prophecy of a victory against Jabin was fulfilled when the Israelite army completely defeated the armies of Jabin and created peace in the land for forty years [Judges 4: 5: 31]

## Wanted - Project Assistants

We are looking for a team or individuals to help us locate potential sources of **Grant Funding** so that we can make progress with potential works in the Church Hall and the provision of toilets and a kitchenette in All Saints Church.

Would you spare some time to help the search?

**Details from Jo, Kay or Peter.**

## From the Parish Registers

**Monday 18th September**

**Funeral** Ernest Hicks *aged 90*  
*All Saints Church and Churchyard*

**Tuesday 19th September**

**Funeral** Janet Bosley *aged 72*  
*All Saints Church and Barnsley Crematorium*

**Wednesday 20th September**

**Funeral** Dorothy May Gladman *aged 88*  
*Barnsley Crematorium*

**Memorial Service** Terry and Dorothy Gladman  
*All Saints Church*

## Sunday 1st October: A Celebration of the Harvest

As part of our celebration we will, once again, be supporting the Salvation Army Food Bank in Goldthorpe. Many families in our communities, including Darfield, benefit from this excellent project.

We ask for gifts of non-perishable foods especially the following: children's cereals, soup, beans and sausages, spaghetti and Sausages, Long Life milk, sugar, sweets and chocolate. Cash gifts as well as nappies, size 3 and above will also be appreciated.

We would be grateful if you could bring your gifts as soon as possible so that we can use them in the decorations in preparation for the service

### Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to Your wonders, that we may serve You with reverence and know Your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings

Jonah 3: 10 – 4: 11

Psalm 145: 1-8

Philippians 1: 21-30

Matthew 20: 1-16

### Bible Readings for this week

#### September

24th Proverbs 1: 8-19

25th Proverbs 1: 20-33

26th Proverbs 2: 1-11

27th Proverbs 2: 12-22

29th Proverbs 3: 1-10

30th Proverbs 3: 11-20

#### October

1st Proverbs 3: 21-35

2nd Matthew 28: 11-20

3rd Mark 1: 1-13

## Prayer Square

**This week we are  
praying Darfield and the  
residents of...**

Doveside Drive

Alder Grove

Aspen Grove

Fern Close

Celandine Grove

Maytree Close

### Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our  
Prayer Ministry team through

**Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331**

## Fairness or Generosity? Read Matthew 20: 1-16

How many times do we hear the words "it's not fair". Jesus told the parable of a landowner and the workers in his vineyard to remind us of the generosity of our God.

At the time of Jesus, labourers were usually hired on a day-by-day basis. The landowner went out to the marketplace early one morning to hire workers for his vineyard. Those hired were promised a denarius for their day's labour. This was fair as the denarius, a small silver coin in circulation throughout the Roman Empire, was the going rate at the time for a day's wage for a skilled labourer.

At nine o'clock he went back to the marketplace and, seeing other workers doing nothing hired them promising only to pay 'whatever is right'. This was repeated at twelve o'clock and three o'clock and even at five o'clock, hiring those who remained unemployed each time.

The evening arrived and the workers lined up to be paid with those hired at five o'clock being first to be paid. They each received a denarius. All of those who had been working longer also received a denarius. These groups began to grumble and felt that they ought to receive more for working through the heat of the day. The landowner dismissed their complaints by saying that they had received what had been agreed. He added that it was his own money and that he could do what he liked with it and could be generous to all the workers if he thought fit.

Our God is generous, and His gifts of eternal life and salvation are freely given to all who believe and trust in Him whenever that belief is expressed.

### 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 114: 1-3, 8

- 1 *I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name for ever and ever.*
- 2 *Every day I will praise You and extol Your name for ever and ever.*
- 3 *Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom.*
- 8 *The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.*

## Resources and Contacts

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

All Saints



St Michael



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