

the times of the Solstices and Equinoxes.

#### The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

# **Sunday 26th September 2021 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Thurnscoe 10:30 a.m. Partnership Service on Facebook 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Darfield

## Michaelmas: St Michael and All Angels: 29th September

Michaelmas was traditionally seen as the end of the harvest season in the northern hemisphere and, as the nights draw in, the Archangel Michael is seen as a protector and guardian for the coming winter. During the Middle Ages, four days in the year were designated as Quarter Days when servants were hired or fired, and debts and rents became due. The Quarter Days in England are 25th March, Lady Day, the Feast of the Annunciation, 24th June, Midsummer Day, the Feast of St John the Baptist, 29th September, Michaelmas and 25th December, Christmas Day. These Religious Festivals occur around

Our Church at Great Houghton was originally built around 1650 as a Chapel of Ease for the Rodes family who lived at the adjacent Old Hall. The building became part of our Parish in 1908 and was dedicated to St Michael and All Angels in December 1970 by the then Assistant Bishop of Sheffield, Rt Rev G.V. Gerard, CBE MC MA.

Angels are seen as the Messengers of God whose task is to do God's service in Heaven and to aid mankind. We can find around three hundred references to them within our Bible, but very few have names. Some appearances refer to "The Angel of the Lord" who acts not as a representative of God but is God Himself. Hagar, the slave girl to Abraham and Sarah, was running away until she encountered The Angel of the Lord and recognised Him as the Lord Himself. [Genesis 16: 7-14] The Messenger Angel Gabriel brought news of the impending births of John the Baptist and Jesus to Zacharias and to Mary [St Luke 1].

Michael is described as an Archangel [Jude 8] when disputing with the devil. He is also referred to in the book of Daniel [chs 10-11]. In the Book of Revelation, Michael leads God's Armies in a war in Heaven against the Dragon and his angels [Rev 12: 7-9]. The dragon or ancient serpent were defeated and lost their place in Heaven. The serpent, described in Genesis 3: 1 as being "more crafty than any beast of the field" is clearly identified in Revelation as Satan.

#### The Collect for St Michael and All Angels [BCP]

O Everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; Mercifully grant, that as Thy holy Angels alway do Thee service in heaven, so by Thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Forthcoming Services**

26th September: 9:00 a.m. St Helen, Thurnscoe 26th September: 10:45 a.m. All Saints, Darfield

#### **Harvest Celebrations**

3rd October:
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10:45 a.m. All Saints, Darfield
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10:45 a.m. Christ Church, Ardsley

10th October:9:00 a.m.St Helen, Thurnscoe10th October:10:45 a.m.All Saints, Darfield



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Next Meeting...

Wednesday 6th October 2:00 p.m. Church Hall

Mrs Sylvia Charles

"The Art of Lockdown"

## **Prayer Requests**

#### Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw Pat Bentley Steve & Val Myers Stella and Raymond Firth

Barry & Joan Bramall

#### Our bereaved families

Andrea & Andrew Harrison The family of William Smith The family of Beryl Wilks

**Prayer Contact:** 

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## 17th Sunday after Trinity Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings

Numbers

11: 4-6,10-16,24-29 Psalm 19: 7-14 James 5: 13-20 St Mark 9: 38-50

Bible Readings for this week

## September:

26th Philemon 1: 1-25 27th Hebrews 1: 1-14 28th Hebrews 2: 1-18 Hebrews 3: 1-19 29th 30th Hebrews 4: 1-16

October:

Hebrews 3: 1-19 1st Hebrews 4: 1-16 2nd

#### 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.

## **Harvest: Sunday 3rd October**

As part of our Harvest celebrations we are supporting Tearfund and the Salvation Army Food bank in Goldthorpe. Gifts of tinned goods and non-perishables will be taken to the Food Bank and cash donations to Tearfund.

**Tearfund** goes where we are not able to go. It is active in over 50 of the most impoverished countries, proclaiming the Gospel as it works with local partner churches to support the poorest in their communities and to provide relief at times of disaster

## Please select items for the Food Bank from this listwith long use by dates

Tinned Foods: Vegetables, Fruit, Beans, Soup, Corned Beef Cereals other than Corn Flakes

Longlife Milk

Toiletry items - Shampoo, Conditioner, Shower Gel

Cleaning Products & Laundry Detergent

Toilet Rolls

Honey, Jam, Chocolate Spread

If you are able, let us have your gifts before the Harvest Sunday so that we can use them in decorating the church.

You can bring them to All Saints on Saturday 25th September between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

# From the Parish Registers Sunday 19th September: Baptism **Ophelia Nell Meadows**

All Saints, Darfield

## **Resources and Contacts**

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#### **DEADLINE for Content**

Items, preferably via e-mail, to pdrobinson@live.co.uk

Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

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