



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 27th February 2022

Sunday next before Lent

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Darfield

Ash Wednesday 2nd March 2022

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Darfield

Clouds and Radiant Faces...

One of the dictionary definitions of the word **radiant** describes eyes or features beaming with joy, hope or love. Our Bible tells us of at least two linked occasions where faces were radiant in the presence of God revealed in a cloud.

Three months after the first Passover meal and their dramatic exit from slavery in Egypt, the Israelites reached the Sinai desert and camped near to Mount Sinai. [Exodus 19: 19]. The LORD called Moses from the mountain to spell out His Covenant or special relationship with the Israelites. The Israelites agreed to do everything the LORD had said and that they would become a holy nation and His treasured possession. [Exodus 19: 5]

Three days later, the LORD appeared in a cloud on the mountain and gave Moses what we know as the Ten Commandments [Exodus 20] and a whole series of further details and rules to govern their day to day and religious life [Exodus 21-33]

Moses spend forty days and nights on the mountain during which the resolve of the Israelites began to waver. Aaron, the brother of Moses, took over, collected gold jewellery from the people and made an idol in the shape of a calf. [Exodus 32: 4] The people then celebrated and sacrificed burnt offerings to the calf.

On his return from the mountain, Moses destroyed the calf and smashed the stones inscribed by the LORD with the Commandments. The consequences to the Israelites were great. [Exodus 32: 25-35].

The LORD called Moses back to Mount Sinai where he chiselled out two more stone tablets for the LORD to re-inscribe the commandments. When Moses returned from the mountain, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. [Exodus 34: 29]

Peter, James and John were among the earliest to commit themselves to follow Jesus and on several occasions were privileged to witness sights that the other Disciples did not see. One such occasion is described as the **Transfiguration** and came just a few days after Peter's confession that Jesus was the Messiah. [St Luke 9: 20] We find Peter, James and John being taken by Jesus to a mountain to pray. Whilst He was praying, the appearance of the face of Jesus changed and His clothes were bright as a flash of lightning. [St Luke 9: 29]. St Matthew records that "His face shone like the sun" [St Matthew 17: 2]. Jesus was joined by Moses, representing The Law, and Elijah representing The Prophets. The Law and the Prophets is a term often used to describe the Hebrew Bible or what we know as the Old Testament. Not for the first or last time the disciples were dozing but, on awakening, Peter suggests building three shelters. A cloud then appeared surrounding them from which the voice of the LORD came... **This is My Son, whom I have chosen; listen to Him** [St Luke 9: 35]

We don't see a cloud when we meet with our Lord, but do our faces and lives shine as a result?

Forthcoming Services

27th February:	9:00 a.m. Thurnscoe [HC]
27th February:	10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]
2nd March:	10:00 a.m. Darfield [HC—Ash Wed]
6th March:	9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]
6th March:	10:45 a.m. Darfield
13th March:	9:00 a.m. Thurnscoe [HC]
13th March:	10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]
20th March:	9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]
20th March:	10:45 a.m. Darfield
27th March:	9:00 a.m. Thurnscoe [HC]
27th March:	10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]

Are you on our Electoral Roll?

If not then apply before our Annual Meetings to exercise your vote

Day of Remembering Saturday 5th March 2022

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All Saints Church
*space for prayer and reflection
or a cuppa and a chat*

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw
Pat Bentley
Steve & Val Myers
Stella Firth
Joan Bramall
Linda and her family
Walt and Diane Law
Carol, Stuart and Philip Ogley
Richard and Philip Wiley

Our Bereaved Families

The families of
Raymond Firth
Lorna Wiley

Prayer Contact:

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Sunday next before Lent Collect

Holy God, You know the
disorder of our sinful lives:

Set straight our crooked
hearts, and bend our wills to
love Your goodness and Your
glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Exodus 34: 29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3: 12- 4:2

St Luke 9: 28-36 [37-43a]

Bible Readings for this week

February:

27th Habakkuk 3: 1-19

28th Zephaniah 1: 1-18

March:

1st Zephaniah 2: 1-15

2nd Zephaniah 3: 1-13

3rd Zephaniah 3: 14-20

4th Haggai 1: 1-11

5th Haggai 1: 12-15

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 3rd April 2022: All Saints Church 6:00 p.m.

Licensing of Rev. Fiona Kouble as Priest in Charge

Tuesday 5th April 2022:

Annual Parochial Meetings

Sunday 10th April 2022: All Saints Church 4:00 p.m.

Deanery Confirmation Service with Rt Rev Sophie Jelley, Bishop of

Tankersley and Wath Deaneries:

Living in Love and Faith a Study Course

Every Thursday in March

7:30 p.m. by Zoom

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>

How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?



From Psalm 99

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among His priests, Samuel was among those
who called on His name; they called on the Lord and he answered them.

⁷ He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and
the decrees he gave them.

Baptism:

Please pray for the parents and god-parents who will be preparing to
bring their children for Baptism.

Sunday 6th March 2:00 p.m. Jessica Rose Whittle

You are all invited to represent our Church family at this service...

Wednesday 5th March 2022

Open Meeting: 2:00 p.m. Church Hall

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

From the Parish Registers

Sunday 20th February 2022

Adriana Smith

William Rapp Smith

Baptism at All Saints

Wednesday 23rd February 2022

Raymond Firth aged 80

Funeral at All Saints Church and Barnsley Crematorium

Friday 25th February 2022

Lorna Wiley aged 90

Funeral at All Saints Church and Churchyard

Resources and Contacts

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

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All Saints



St Michael



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