



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 27th March 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion: Thurnscoe

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: Darfield

Mothering Sunday

Limited employment opportunities during the 19th and early 20th Centuries led to many young people 'going into service' when they were recruited as servants in the many 'Big Houses' of the time. For some this would have been local but for the majority they would be in positions far away from their home and family.

The middle or 4th Sunday of Lent was also called Refreshment Sunday. On this day the disciplines of Lent were relaxed and limited festivities were allowed. A tradition built up of visiting one's Mother Church on this day and servants and apprentices were given leave to make this journey. In many cases this would also be one of very few times that they would be able to see their families.

Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to Himself: Strengthen us in our daily living that, in joy and in sorrow, we may know the power of Your presence to bind us together and to heal;

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. Amen

Lost and found: Rejoice with me...

How many times do we mislay items and spend time searching for them only to find them in an obvious place when we give up and look for something else? In chapter 15, St Luke records three Parables told by Jesus which are collectively described as the Parables of the Lost and Found. They were told in response to comments made by the Scribes and Pharisees, the religious leaders of the day, that Jesus was associating with sinners and eating with them [St Luke 15: 2]

The subjects of the parables would have been familiar to the hearers.

The sheep owner notices one of his sheep is missing, leaves the rest and searches until he finds it.

The silver coin lost by the woman was probably a Roman denarius which was the typical daily wage for a labourer. She swept her house carefully until she found it.

The younger son asks his father for his share of the estate, leaves home for a far country and "squandered his wealth in wild living" [St Luke 15: 13]. He then realises his mistake and returns home. His father had been longing for that day and must have spent many hours watching the road.

All three parables end with the lost being found and a celebration.

What must we do to find and rescue the lost?

To where is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

[St Luke 15: 10]

Support for the People of Ukraine:

Ardsley Church has links with a church in Romania, close to the border with Ukraine, who are already supporting refugees and are better able to assess their needs. If you would like to add your financial support via this method, please place cash in a sealed envelope marked for the Ukraine and put it in our offertory box.

Forthcoming Services

3rd April: 9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]
3rd April: 10:45 a.m. Darfield
3rd April: 6:00 p.m. Licencing Darfield
10th April: 9:00 a.m. Thurnscoe [HC]
10th April: 10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]
10th April: 4:00 p.m. Confirmation: Darfield
14th April: Maundy Thursday
15th April: Good Friday: Darfield
2:00 p.m. Hour at the Cross
17th April: Easter Sunday

A Prayer for Ukraine:

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

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

Our Bereaved Families

The families of
George Venters
Diane Law
Mary Chandler
John Oddy

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Fourth Sunday of Lent Collect

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Joshua 5: 9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
St Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Bible Readings for this week

March:

27th Malachi 2: 1 - 9
28th Malachi 2: 10 - 17
29th Malachi 3: 1 - 12
30th Malachi 3: 13 - 18
31st Malachi 4: 1 - 5

April:

1st Psalm 1
2nd Psalm 2

Dates for your Diary:

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

Licencing of Rev. Fiona Kouble as Priest in Charge

Tuesday 5th April 2022: 7:00 p.m.

Annual Parochial Meetings

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

Deanery Confirmation Service

with Rt Rev Sophie Jelley, Bishop of Doncaster

Funeral Services

Wednesday 30th March: 10:30 a.m.

Diane Law

All Saints Church and Barnsley Crematorium

Wednesday 30th March: 1:45 p.m.

Mary Chandler

All Saints Church:

Baptism

Sunday 27th March

Eleanor Rose Dunwiley

All Saints



Psalm 32: 7

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

From the Parish Registers

Sunday 20th March

Jessica Rose Whittle Baptism at All Saints

Monday 21st March

George Ayres Venters aged 97

Funeral at All Saints Church and Darfield Cemetery

Church Flowers for Easter

Wendy is in need of financial help to provide flowers to decorate All Saints for Easter

Goldthorpe Salvation Army: Easter Eggs

There is still time to support the Food bank as they aim to distribute Easter Eggs to their needy families.

Resources and Contacts

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All Saints



St Michael



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