



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 28th May 2023

Pentecost

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: Darfield

4:00 p.m. Pentecost Praise: Darfield

Sunday 4th June 2023

Trinity Sunday

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Gt Houghton

10:45 a.m. Service for Sunday Darfield

An Invitation

Adam and Elizabeth

invite the Congregation to
their wedding

All Saints Church Darfield

11:45 a.m.

Monday, 29th May 2023

Pentecost Praise

a Birthday Celebration

Come and join with the members of the
churches of our Wath2 Mission Area to
celebrate the birth of the Church.

All Saints Darfield:

4 p.m.

Sunday, 28th May 2023

followed by Tea and cakes!

Fire from the Lord

Moses grew up in the court of Pharaoh after being rescued by Pharaoh's daughter. However, he had to flee from Egypt after killing an Egyptian who was beating one of the Hebrews. [Exodus 2: 12, 15]. Moses settled in Midian on the eastern side of the Red Sea with Jethro, one of the Priests of Midian and married Zipporah, one of Jethro's daughters. [Exodus 2: 21]

After some years, Pharaoh died and the Israelites called out from the burdens of their slavery. God heard them and remembered His Covenant with their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

One day, as Moses was tending his father-in-law's flocks, he came to Mount Horeb, the Mount of God, where an Angel of the Lord appeared in flames from a bush which was burning but not being consumed. [Exodus 3: 1, 2] As Moses approached the bush, he heard the Voice of the LORD from within the bush. Moses received a commission from the LORD which was to send him back to Egypt, and to Pharaoh, and to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. Moses took on the commission and eventually brought the Israelites to Mount Horeb as the Lord had promised.

Some two years after leaving Egypt, the Israelites left the Mount of God and travelled from place to place before reaching and camping in the desert of Paran. [Numbers 10: 12] It was not long before the Israelites began to complain again about their hardships in the desert. [Numbers 11: 1] The LORD heard them and brought down fire on them which consumed some of the outskirts of the camp. Even though they were provided morning and evening with Manna to eat, they were still longing for the variety of foods that they had eaten in Egypt [Numbers 11: 4-6]

Moses was overwhelmed by the attitude of the Israelites and brought his concerns to the LORD. Moses was told to collect together seventy of the elders of the people and bring them to the Tent of Meeting [Numbers 11: 16] The LORD came down in a cloud and spoke to them and the Spirit of the LORD rested on them.

There are more references to fire throughout the Bible, many referring to its cleansing nature. In Isaiah's commissioning vision, one of the seraphim brings a burning coal from the fire and touches it on Isaiah's lips as a symbol of his "guilt being taken away and his sin atoned for" [Isaiah 6: 6, 7].

On the Day of Pentecost, the disciples were gathered together when a sound like a rushing wind filled the room. They saw Tongues of Fire come to rest on each one of them and, filled by the Holy Spirit, they began to speak in tongues [Acts 2: 1-4]. A crowd gathered and were amazed that they could hear what the disciples were saying but in their own languages.

Peter's bold statement to the crowds re-affirmed the links between the Old Testament prophecies and Jesus and Peter's call to "**repent and be baptised**" was heeded by around three thousand, who were baptised and joined the fellowship [Acts 2: 41].

Pentecost Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us Your holy fire;
strengthen Your children with the
gift of faith, revive Your Church
with the breath of love, and renew
the face of the earth, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Readings

Numbers 11: 24-30
Acts 2: 1-21
Psalm 104: 26 -36
1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13
St John 7: 37-39

Bible Readings for this week May

28th Matthew 9: 9-13
29th Matthew 9: 14-26
30th Matthew 9: 27-38
31st Matthew 10: 1-8

June

1st Matthew 10: 9-23
2nd Matthew 10: 24-42
3rd Leviticus 25: 39-55
4th Leviticus 26: 1-13

Prayer Square

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

Meadow Drive
Church View
Riverside Close
Cliff Drive
Cliff Road
Maran Avenue
Attlee Crescent

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our
Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

KNIT and NATTER: St Michael's, Great Houghton

Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

* **Church Flowers:** *
* The flower Rota for 2023 is still showing many gaps. If you want to see *
* fresh flowers decorating our church buildings on a week by week basis *
* we need you to sign up. *
* Please contact Wendy or Peter if you would like to make a donation to *
* the on-going costs or see Wendy if you need help in providing and *
* arranging your own flowers. *

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*

Pentecost

The **Festival of Weeks** or **Shavuot** is one of the three major Jewish festivals which were instituted by the Lord not long after the Israelites had left Egypt [Exodus 34: 22]. It occurs fifty days after Passover and celebrates the first of the wheat harvest. It's alternative name of **Pentecost** derives from the Greek for fifty days. It is also linked with the revelation of the Ten Commandments to Moses. These days leading up to Shavuot also act as a time of waiting and preparation in anticipation of this revelation.

At these major Festivals, all who were able were encouraged to travel to the Temple in Jerusalem to join the celebrations. The book of Acts records a gathering of "God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven" including "Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs. [Acts 2: 5-11]. This area can be identified as most of the lands of the Roman Empire surrounding the Eastern Mediterranean Sea and parts of the Parthian Empire which took in the Middle East stretching from the Caspian Sea to the Persian Gulf.

Psalm 104: 33, 34, 35

33 *I will sing to the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.*
34 *May my meditation be pleasing to Him, as I rejoice in the LORD.*
35 *But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more.
Praise the LORD, my soul. Praise the LORD.*

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael

