



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 29th January 2023:

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

10:45 a.m. Brunch Service: *Gt Houghton*

**10:45 a.m. Holy Communion with prayers for
Healing and Wholeness: *Darfield***

Sunday 5th February 2023

Third Sunday before Lent

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

10:45 a.m. Service & Thanksgiving: *Darfield*

Behind the scenes.

When you are sitting in your pew do you ever think about what goes into the running of that service? Here are some of the tasks that have to come together to make this happen...

- ⇒ Duty rotas have to be prepared and published
- ⇒ The content of the service has to be prepared
- ⇒ Heating during the colder months has to be programmed in Church and Hall.
- ⇒ The buildings have to be cleaned regularly
- ⇒ The notice boards have to be kept up to date and relevant
- ⇒ The coloured cloths on the Holy Table and Pulpit have to be changed for the different seasons of the Church year
- ⇒ Health and safety checks have to be done.
- ⇒ The building has to be opened before the service
- ⇒ Computer and audio equipment has to be set up and tested.
- ⇒ The Powerpoint slides have to be produced, checked and loaded onto the computer
- ⇒ Computer and sound desk have to be operated during the service.
- ⇒ The correct service sheets and hymn books have to be available for the Sidesmen
- ⇒ The hymn board has to be updated
- ⇒ Music has to be prepared and played
- ⇒ Communion plate and linen has to be set out for Communion Services
- ⇒ Lesson readers have to prepare for their readings
- ⇒ Intercessors have to prepare and deliver their prayers
- ⇒ Preachers have to prepare and deliver their talk
- ⇒ Congregation and communicants have to be counted.
- ⇒ Books and service sheets have to be collected and stored away
- ⇒ Offertory has to be counted by two people and entered in the service register.
- ⇒ Communion plate has to be washed and returned to the safe
- ⇒ Communion linen has to be laundered and maintained.
- ⇒ Refreshments have to be prepared and served, and cleared afterwards
- ⇒ Buildings checked and secured after the service.

Once you have read this list consider three things

Who performs each of these tasks now?

What do I do to contribute?

What should I do to assist? take appropriate action

What are you doing on Saturday 18th February?

If you have spent any time in our churchyard over the past few days, you will have seen that the Snowdrops, and even some daffodils are beginning to appear.



As our first event of this year, we intend to hold a '**Snowdrop Event**' in conjunction with the Museum on **Saturday 18th February**.

Book the date in your diary and more so make yourself available to help on the day. Publicise the event amongst your family and friends and bring them along.

Have you any ideas for activities in Church or Churchyard for adults or children?

Pass them on to Kay or Peter.

This is our chance to reach out to the village and beyond where we are putting on a sideshow to the main event provided by God's creation!

Candlemas: 2nd February

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

Readings

Malachi 3: 1-5
Psalm 24: 1-6] 7-10
Hebrews 2: 14-18
St Luke 2: 22-40

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Micah 6: 1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

St Matthew 5: 1-12

Bible Readings for this week January

29th Exodus 24: 1- 18

30th Exodus 25: 1-9

31st Exodus 25: 10-22

February

1st Exodus 25: 23-40

2nd Psalm 119: 153-160

3rd Psalm 119: 161-168

4th Psalm 119: 169-176

5th Psalm 120

Prayer Square

**This week we are praying
for Little Houghton and
the residents of**

... Buttercross Drive

... Chapel Lane

... Ings Lane

... Middlecliff Lane

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our
Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

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

2023 Flower Rota for All Saints

The rota is now displayed on the notice board at the back of Church waiting for your choice of Sundays to contribute to weekly floral decorations.

The Feast of the Presentation in the Temple [St Luke 2: 22-38]

February 2nd is the 40th day since we celebrated Christmas. The 40th day was significant for an Israelite mother of a new-born baby boy. On that day she had to present herself to the Priest with a lamb as a burnt offering and a dove as a sin offering in order to be ritually cleansed following childbirth.

At the appointed time Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem [St Luke 2: 22-24] for her cleansing and, as her first-born, to consecrate Jesus to the Lord in accordance with instructions given to Moses following the Exodus from Egypt [Exodus 13: 1,2]

It was here that Simeon and Anna were able to meet with the infant Jesus. Simeon had received a promise from the Holy Spirit that he would live to see the Lord's Christ and responded with what we know as the *Nunc dimittis*, a feature of Evening Worship since at least the 4th Century.

Anna was a prophetess who had spent many years in the Temple and recognised Jesus as the Christ. She continued to speak about Jesus to all who were looking forward for the Redemption of Jerusalem, the coming of the Messiah.

The Feast of Presentation has been celebrated since the late 4th Century and from the following Century the use of candles in the rituals lead to the alternative name of Candlemas. Half way between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox it became the day on which the year's supply of candles were brought into Church to be blessed.

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Have you tried the Boardgames Club yet?

Come and join us and play some modern boardgames and card games or bring your own.

Saturday 11th February in the Church Hall at 6:30 p.m. for 7:00 p.m.

Psalm 15: 1,2

1 Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?

2 The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;

KNIT and NATTER: Back on 31st January 2023

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. St Michael's Great Houghton

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael



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