



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 30th July 2023

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast : Darfield

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer [BCP]: Darfield

10:45 a.m. Brunch Service: Great Houghton

Sunday 7th August 2023

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

10:45 a.m. Service for Sunday: Darfield

Darfield Summer Gala

Wednesday 2nd August 2023:

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We need volunteers for 'pick-a-stick' and to talk to the visitors



The planned sessions have been postponed—watch for more details in September

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Ministry Team will not be available during our Church Services during August.

Any prayer requests to Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

More Parables of the Kingdom

Chapter 13 of Matthew's Gospel brings together eight separate parables which share the theme of the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God. These two terms can be found throughout the Gospels and can be used interchangeably. John the Baptist announced '**The Kingdom of Heaven has come near**' when referring to the imminent appearance of Jesus. [Matthew 3: 2]

The four remaining parables are relatively short and show the effects of the Kingdom on the world and on individuals.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

A mustard seed is spherical and around 1 to 2 millimetres (0.039 to 0.079 in) in diameter. It is ground into powder and mixed with water and vinegar to make the familiar yellow paste. The plant was well established in Roman times and was grown as a crop throughout what we now call the Middle East. Many varieties grow into what we might describe as a large garden shrub potentially up to 9 feet tall. [2.7 metres]

The Kingdom of Heaven is described as this small seed which, when planted, grows into a large tree. This describes the growth of Christianity from a few thousand at Pentecost to an estimated 30 percent of the world's population today.

The Parable of the Yeast

Those of us who are familiar with baking bread will know the effect of a small quantity of yeast on a batch of bread dough. Yeast is a single celled organism which has been known for thousands of years. It feeds on carbohydrates to produce alcohol, and carbon dioxide which acts as the raising agent. This parable shares the explanation of a small amount of yeast producing a major change in the dough.

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and of the Pearl

In both of these parables, the finders recognise the value and significance of the treasure and of the pearl, and sell all that they have to obtain what they see as the ultimate prize. Whilst the nature of the treasure is not specified, to its finder it must have been significant. Pearls take on a great significance in the description of the New Jerusalem, *The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl.* [Revelation 21: 21]

What of our value in the Kingdom of Heaven?

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. [John 3: 16]

What's on at St Michael's...

Mindful Mondays: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tea & Cake Tuesdays: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Thoughtful Thursdays: 11:00 to 12:00 noon

Angel Bombing

There is still time to help us meet the total number of angels which we need to celebrate Advent in our communities. Patterns available...

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, Your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in You alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

1 Kings 3: 5-12
Psalm 119: 129-136
Romans 8: 26-39
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Bible Readings for this week

July

30th Matthew 20: 17-28
31st Jonah 2: 1-10

August

1st Jonah 3
2nd Jonah 4
3rd Daniel 1
4th Daniel 2: 1-23
5th Daniel 2: 24-49
6th Matthew 20: 29-34

Prayer Square

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

*Venetian Crescent
Burnham Way
Ancona Rise
Florence Rise
Amalfi Close*

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Funeral: Thursday 3rd August: 2:00 p.m.

Norma Kathleen Sharpe

All Saints Darfield and Barnsley Crematorium

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

The Prophet Jonah:

Chapter 2: Prayer from inside the great fish

Whilst in the fish, Jonah prayed to the Lord ending with 'I will say, *'Salvation comes from the LORD.'* [2: 9]. After three days and nights, the fish was commanded to return Jonah to the land.

Chapter 3: Go to Nineveh!

Back on dry land, Jonah again receives the command to go to Nineveh. This time he obeys and after arriving, walks for a day into the city proclaiming the LORD's forthcoming judgement and destruction of the city. To his amazement the King and people respond to the call, putting on sackcloth and giving up their previous ways. The LORD relented and did not bring the promised destruction of the city.

Chapter 4: Jonah's anger

Jonah's response was to move outside the city and create a shelter to await forthcoming events. A plant grew up to give shade but the following day the plant was chewed by a worm and withered away. Jonah's anger was transferred to the plant. The LORD revealed to Jonah His concerns for the large city of Nineveh and its population.

The Sign of Jonah: [Matthew 12: 38-42]

Some of the Pharisees and teachers of the Law came to Jesus and asked for *a sign from Heaven*. Jesus answered by referring to Jonah and likened Jonah's three days and nights inside the fish to His own forthcoming death and Resurrection.

Psalm 119: 129 130, 135

129 *Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them.*

130 *The unfolding of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.*

135 *Make your face shine on your servant and teach me your decrees.*

Resources and Contacts

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael



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