



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 29nd May 2022: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday after Ascension

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

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

Sunday 5th June 2022: Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion: Thurnscoe

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: Darfield

Are you confused this Sunday?

If you look at the Book of Common Prayer, the Sunday between Ascension Day and Whitsunday is described as the Sunday after Ascension Day. The compilers of the Book of Common Worship were not as certain and list it as both the Seventh Sunday of Easter, and the Sunday after Ascension Day.

The disciples had spent some brief times with Jesus after the Resurrection. In what was to be their final earthly encounter on the Mount of Olives, the disciples asked when Jesus was going to restore the Kingdom to Israel and received the answer that they will not know the times or dates set by God for this to happen [Acts 1: 6-7]. Jesus promised that they would shortly "be baptised by the Holy Spirit" [Acts 1: 5] The disciples were then told that they would then receive power and be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the Earth. [Acts 1:8].

Jesus was then taken up and a cloud hid Him from view. Two men in white appeared to them and asked why they were still gazing into Heaven and told them that Jesus would come in the same way as they had seen Him go into Heaven. [Acts 1:11]

The disciples then returned to Jerusalem with great joy and devoted themselves and the others with them, to prayer and were continually in the Temple blessing God [St Luke 24: 32]

Eleven becomes Twelve again: [Acts 1: 15-26]

In the interval after the Ascension, Peter urged over 120 believers to appoint a replacement for Judas Iscariot. The qualifications for selection were made clear in that they should have been with Jesus throughout His ministry and specifically to have been a witness to the Resurrection. Two men were nominated, Matthias and Joseph Barsabbas (also known as Justus). Matthias was chosen by lot.

We know no more about these two disciples than their qualifications. In later references to the Twelve Apostles, Matthias must have been with them.

Restoring the number of Apostles to twelve would have been a significant act as there are many references to twelve in the Bible. For instance the twelve Tribes of Israel leading on from the twelve sons of Jacob and the twenty-two references to the number twelve in St John's description of the Holy City, the New Jerusalem in Revelation. [including Revelation 21: 12-14]

Forthcoming Services

29th May: 9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]

29th May: 10:45 a.m. Darfield

5th June: 10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]

12th June: 9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]

12th June: 10:45 a.m. Darfield

22nd May: 10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]

29th May: 9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]

29th May: 10:45 a.m. Darfield

Psalm 97: An enthronement Psalm

The LORD Reigns, let the earth be glad [1]

This psalm focuses on the eternal kingship of God. It is thought to have been written at the time of the Exile to remind the Israelites of the LORD's promise to them. Despite their circumstances, the LORD was still in control.

The heavens proclaim His righteousness, and all peoples see His glory. [6]

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw
Pat Bentley
Steve & Val Myers
Stella Firth
Joan Bramall
Linda and her family
Walt Law
Hilda Jobling

Prayer Contact:

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Seventh Sunday of Easter Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Readings

Acts 16: 16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22: 12-14, 16, 17, 20, 21
St John 17: 20-26

Bible Readings for this week

May

29th Psalm 28
30th Psalm 29
31st Psalm 30

June

1st Psalm 31: 1-13
2nd Psalm 31: 14-24
3rd Psalm 32
4th Psalm 33: 1-11

A date for your Diary - Saturday 25th June An Evening of Modern Board Gaming

Darfield Church Hall 6:30 p.m. for a 7:00 p.m. start

Modern board games offer so much more varied and thematic gameplay, interesting decision making and engaging social interaction.

You could bring your own games...

Refreshments will be available. If you are able to come then sign up on the notice at the back of church or contact Darren Ward daward@sky.com

Flower Rota for 2022

Do you want to mark a day which is special to you and your family?

Our flower rota has dates available when you can provide flowers to decorate our churches.

See the Rota on the notice board to sign up...

A Jubilee Prayer

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Help Needed!

See Peter or Kay

Can you wield a wire brush or a paint brush? If not then now is an ideal time to improve your skills!

We are in need of a working group to scrape and re-paint the **Churchyard gates and railings**

Other different opportunities to help are available!

Resources and Contacts

Churchwarden	Peter Robinson	01226 753572
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Items, preferably via e-mail, to

pdrobinson@live.co.uk

Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael

