



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 29th November 2020
Advent Sunday
Morning Prayer - 10:30 a.m. via Facebook



Advent Sunday

The word advent derives from the Latin meaning arrival and more particularly that of an important visitor. Our season of Advent reminds us of **the most important Visitor** to our World in history and in the future.

Advent is thus a season of preparation and expectation. We prepare to celebrate the Incarnation of Jesus in Bethlehem as the prelude to His life, preaching, death on a cross, Resurrection and return to Heaven.

We are reminded that **"this Jesus who was taken up from you into Heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into Heaven"** [Acts 1:11]

We must live in a state of alert watchfulness as we anticipate the return of Christ in Glory sometime in the future at a day and time known only to God the Father.

Purple, the liturgical colour of Advent, in many ways matches our experience of this time of the year in the Northern Hemisphere where the hours of daylight get fewer as we move towards the shortest Day – the Winter Solstice, just before Christmas Day.

The tradition of lighted candles on our Advent display, imported from Northern Europe in the 19th Century is a symbol of the Light of the World as we use them to count down the Sundays in Advent before lighting the fifth candle on Christmas Day.

The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So, let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. [Romans 13:11-12]



Lights for Christ Light in the Darkness

A 4-part advent course; helping us to reflect,
at the darkest time of the year, on our calling to be Lights for Christ.

Available start dates/times:

Monday 30 November – 7.30pm

Tuesday 1 December – 1pm

Thursday 3 December – 10am

Comment below, or email

jo.darlison@sheffield.anglican.org,

to request a Zoom link!



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Free Advent Calendar!

Over the past few months an international group of over 3000 members have produced an online Advent calendar which covers the themes of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy through Scripture, music, visual art, tradition, and creative writing.

<https://adventonline.faith/advent-calendar/>

<https://www.facebook.com/AdventOnline.Faith>



Prayer Requests

Please pray for Olive & Raymond Shaw and Christopher and his twin, Caroline Browne

Prayer requests for this section...

Contact the Prayer Ministry Team

Carol Hunter on 07542 527331

Christmas Greetings:

A further casualty of our Church being closed for Public Worship will be our Church Family Christmas Greetings board.

We are planning a special edition of our News-sheet for Christmas which can circulate your messages to all our church members.

If you wish to add your message to this distribution, please submit it **by MONDAY 14th DECEMBER** in order to include it with the regular news-sheet for 20th December.

Contributions accepted by whatever means you can **to Peter** –



email pdrobinson@live.co.uk,
phone, post, hand delivery,
Rector's letter box, via your
buddy or news-sheet distributor,
text to 07910 728581

Service Update:

The planned Communion Services at Ardsley and Thurnscoe are now Cancelled until further notice.

Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to
the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Readings for the Week Ahead...

Mon 30th November	Luke 6 v 37-42
Tues 1st December	Luke 6 v 43-49
Weds 2nd December	Luke 7 v 1-10
Thur 3rd December	Luke 7 v 11-17
Fri 4th December	Luke 7 v 18-35
Sat 5th December	Luke 7 v 36-50

Open for Prayer: Sunday 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



All Saints will be open for private prayer with Social Distancing and hygiene requirements in place and subject to change at short notice.

Face covering must be worn unless personally exempt.



Resources and Contacts

Our Web Site



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DEADLINE for Content

Items, preferably via e-mail, to

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By Wednesday 5 p.m.

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