



# The Parish of Darfield

*All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton*

**Sunday 29th October 2023**

*Twenty first Sunday after Trinity*

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

**10:45 a.m. Brunch Service: Darfield**

**Wednesday 1st November 2023**

**10:30 a.m. Said Holy Communion [BCP] Darfield**

**Sunday 5th November 2023**

*4th Sunday before Advent*

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

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

**Sunday 12th November**

*3rd Sunday before Advent*

**10:00 a.m. Remembrance Sunday Darfield**

## Parking in the Rectory Drive

Whilst the Revd Sarah Maughan and her family are happy for people to use the driveway as necessary for services etc, they do have a couple of requests

Please do not park immediately outside the Rectory windows - which is in front of their living room and can be quite disturbing for family who are in the room and also please do not park in front of the garage as access is required at all times.

*many thanks for your kind consideration: Fiona*



## Common Fund Pledge for 2024

The Sheffield Diocesan Common Fund represents the financial gifts from the congregations of parishes across the Diocese. More than one third of the Diocesan yearly income depends on these parochial contributions. Over half of the Diocesan annual expenditure of around £11 million for 2024, will pay for clergy, including pay, housing, pensions and other employment costs, and ministry support costs within the parishes. For 2024 this will be around £53,000 for each Oversight Minister and £20,000 for Parish Support making a total of around £73,000

At this time each year, your PCC is asked to decide how much it can include in its Budget for the following year as a pledge towards the Common Fund. In 2023, the amount pledged from the Parish totalled £11,000, split £10,000 from All Saints' and £1,000 from St Michael's. At the time the pledge was made we were faced with a vast increase in the cost of heating and lighting for our buildings. However, we received grants towards heating totalling £6,150 which allowed us to release an equivalent amount to add to our Common Fund Pledge which means that, by the end of 2023, we, as a Parish, will have paid £17,150 into the Common Fund for 2023.

After discussion, your PCC agreed its Pledge for 2024 which totals £13,750, made up of £12,500 from All Saints' and £1,250 from St Michael's. This amount falls well short of the costs of providing Clergy for our part of the Mission Area

More details about the Diocesan Common Fund can be found on the Sheffield Diocese webpage - [www.sheffield.anglican.org](http://www.sheffield.anglican.org) Enter 'Common Fund' in the search box.

## For all the Saints, who from their labours rest

*1864: William Walsham How 1825-1897*

Join us at All Saints' on

**Wednesday 1st November at 10:30 a.m.**

for a said Holy Communion service following the Book of Common Prayer

## Collect and readings for All Saints' Day

*God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord*

Revelation 7: 9-17 ; Psalm 34: 1-10 ;  
1 John 3: 1-3 ; Matthew 5: 1-12

## An Appeal for Volunteer(s)...

At this time of year we assess our annual church budget to ensure that we can get as near to breaking even at the end of December. One area which is running well short of our expectation is that of

**Fund Raising Events.** In an attempt to improve this situation and to re-connect with our community we have provisionally scheduled a **Christmas Coffee Morning for Saturday 9th December** in Darfield Church Hall.

We already have offers of some stalls to add to the event, **BUT we need someone to co-ordinate the event** to ensure that it is as successful as it can be. **Is this You? If so please contact Peter, Kay or Jo.**

**Also volunteer if you have any ideas for, or can run, a stall or game on the day.**

## Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey You with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18  
Psalm 1  
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8  
Matthew 22: 34-46

### Bible Readings for this week

#### October

29th Proverbs 10: 1-10  
30th Mark 5: 11-20  
31st Mark 5: 21-34

#### November

1st Mark 5: 35-43  
2nd Mark 6: 1-13  
3rd Mark 6: 14-29  
4th Mark 6: 30-44  
5th Mark 6: 45-56

## Prayer Square

**This week we are praying  
for ourselves and for...**

*the Choir members as they  
prepare the Christmas music*

*the Bellringers who  
announce our services to the  
community*

*those who clean the Church  
week by week*

### 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*

### The Greatest Commandment? [Matthew 22: 34-40]

Within the groups of Pharisees, there were disputes about which was the greatest Commandment. Some would say the Law of Circumcision, whilst others said the Law of Sacrifices or the Law of the Sabbath.

**The Law of Circumcision** was a sign of the Covenant established between the LORD and Abram to increase Abram's family and descendants if Abram was to walk faithfully before the LORD. [Genesis 17: 2,10]. **The Law of Sacrifices** is derived from the first seven chapters of Leviticus where the detailed procedures for the offering of sacrifices for a great variety of events were given to Moses by the LORD. **The Law of the Sabbath** was established as a day of rest in the fourth of the Ten Commandments following the day of rest following Creation. A whole range of additions had been added over the centuries. For example to define what was meant by 'work' and what 'work' could be done on the Sabbath.

The question asked by the Pharisee who was an expert in the Law, was another attempt to set parts of the population against Jesus. Picking any individual commandment could then be seen as denying the rest.

In His response, Jesus called on two passages from the Old Testament. 'Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.' [Deuteronomy 6: 5] as the first and greatest Commandment and 'love your neighbour as yourself.' [Leviticus 19: 18] as the second, but like it in importance. It is not a surprise that we hear no response from the questioner!

### Whose Son is the Messiah? [Matthew 22: 41-46]

Jesus turned the tables on the Pharisees by asking them the question 'What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?' At this time the Roman Empire was the latest in the long line of occupiers of the lands and oppressors of the Israelites. As the prophets tell them and us, this situation was mainly brought on them by failure to follow the LORD. The Messiah was a long-promised saviour who would deliver the Jews from their oppressors. Their reply of 'Son of David' was one of the usual names given to the Messiah. David had received a promise from the LORD that David's House and line of succession would be established for ever [2 Samuel 7: 16] and that the Messiah would come as a descendant of David. Jesus then quotes King David 'The Lord says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand"' [Psalm 110: 1] and shows that the Messiah could not be a son of David; This reply dissuaded any further questions.

### Psalm 1: 1-3

- 1 *Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,*
- 2 *but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night*
- 3 *That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither - whatever they do prospers.*

## Resources and Contacts

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**Tuesday 5:00 p.m.**

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