

The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 2nd April 2023: Palm Sunday Sixth Sunday of Lent:

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

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

Maundy Thursday 6th April 2023

7:30 p.m. Holy Communion: *Darfield*

Good Friday 7th April 2023

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Messy Good Friday *Darfield Church Hall*

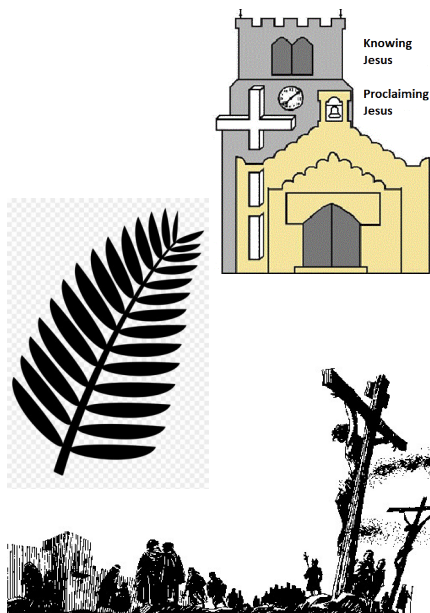
2:00 p.m. An Hour at the Cross: *Great Houghton*

2:00 p.m. An Hour at the Cross: *Darfield*

Easter Sunday: 9th April 2023

9:00 a.m. Easter Holy Communion *Great Houghton*

10:45 a.m. Easter Holy Communion *Darfield*



Review of the Annual Parochial Meetings: 26th March 2023

A new format was implemented this year with the meetings taking place in the context of a Holy Communion Service

The Meeting of Parishioners agreed the election of **Peter Robinson** as the sole **Churchwarden** for the Parish

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting elected **Jo Darlison** and **Olive Shaw** as our representatives on the Wath Deanery Synod with **one position unfilled**.

Sheila McMillan, Katy Stanton, Stella Firth, Deborah Exley and Justine Evans were nominated with three elected and two to be co-opted at the next PCC Meeting.

The Electoral Roll for the Parish stands at **92: All Saints'** at **75** including 2 additions and one removal; **St Michael's** at **17** with no changes since 2022;

The Annual Report of the activities of the PCC and the rest of the Church were accepted. Copies are still available.

Mrs Ruth Harrison was thanked for stepping in to act as **Independent Examiner** for the PCC Accounts and appointed for the current year.

The PCC accounts for the whole parish showed a **total income of £62,833** and **total spending of £60,359** - which gives the happy result that we took in more than we paid out. However, £2,500 of the income was from a legacy, which was added to our 'Projects Fund' (which will be used towards the cost of installing toilets and kitchenette in church). Without the £2,500 we would have been £26 in the red!

We had a couple of pies in the meeting - unfortunately not the edible variety, but rather the pie chart variety to show how our income and spending was apportioned.

We saw how **67%** (almost three quarters) of our income came from '**voluntary receipts**' - that is envelopes, standing orders, open collections, one-off donations and Gift Aid tax reclaimed.

On the spending side we saw that **40%** of our spending was on our contribution to the **Diocesan Common Fund**, which pays for the stipends and housing for clergy as well as training, and Diocesan support/advisors for the parishes. Around another **40%** of our spending was on our **buildings** - the Church, Church Hall and the Rectory Cottage., covering utility bills and insurance amongst other things.

If you would like to know more, please ask Kay for a copy of the accounts, the individual accounts for All Saints or St Michaels, or for answers to any of your other questions to do with parish finances

KNIT and NATTER:

St Michael's, Great Houghton

Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Have you tried the Boardgames Club yet?

Come and join us and play some new boardgames or bring your own.

Saturday 22nd April in the Church Hall

6:30 p.m. for 7:00 p.m. start.

**DUST +
GLORY**

A Lent journey of faith, failure and forgiveness

Daily reflections for Lent are still available on your phone or tablet

The app is now available for download from the usual places by searching for **Dust and Glory**

Prayer for this week from Dust and Glory

Lord, You are strong when we are frail, and gentle when we let You down. Help us to lean on You this week. Amen.

Sixth Sunday of Lent Palm Sunday Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know You and love You, that we may be found beside You on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

Readings

Isaiah 50: 4-9

Psalms 31: 9-16

Philippians 2: 5-11

Matthew 26: 14 – 27: 66

Bible Readings for this week April

2nd Psalm 145: 13-21

3rd Psalm 146

4th Psalm 147

5th Exodus 39: 1-21

6th Exodus 39: 22-42

7th Exodus 40: 1-21

8th Exodus 40: 22-38

9th Leviticus 1: 1-17

Prayer Square

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

*High Street
School Street
Normandale Road
Garraby Close
Springvale Road*

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

A Tumultuous week: *Hosannah to Crucify Him!*

The Prophet Malachi has the distinction that his prophecies form the last book in our Old Testament. He is thought to have been active during the time when the Persians had allowed the Israelites to return from exile and some years after the re-building of the Temple. The Israelites had over a thousand years of history from the times of Abraham but their allegiance to the LORD had been inconsistent. The Old Testament prophets had attempted to bring the people back to their position as God's people. Throughout their writings is the promise of a Messiah that would redeem Israel.

Jesus had revealed Himself as the Messiah to the Samaritan woman at the well [St John 4: 1-40]. Mary in Bethany had confessed her belief that Jesus was the Messiah [St John 11: 27] and Peter had also made that confession [St Luke 9: 20].

Jesus was returning to Jerusalem, just before the Passover Feast. He made his way into Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey [St Matthew 21: 1-6] in fulfilment of the prophecy of Zechariah *See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey*, [Zech 9: 9]. The gathered crowds were enthusiastic with palm leaves and their garments laid on the road, and shouts of '**Hosannah to the King of David**' [St Matthew 21: 8]. Jesus continued into the city where he cleansed the Temple of the corrupt money-changers and seller of doves for the Sacrifice. [21: 12,13]. He continued to teach the people in parables and to perform miracles of healing. The Chief Priests were annoyed and plotted ways to rid them of Jesus.

On the evening that Jesus and His Disciples celebrated the Passover meal, Jesus was betrayed by Judas Iscariot, one of the original twelve disciples. Taken before the High Priest and the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, Jesus was condemned and when given the option the crowd cried **Crucify Him** [St Matthew 27: 23].

Taken to Golgotha, the place of the Skull, Jesus was crucified and in His final recorded words: **It is finished** [St John 19: 30]

The Disciples and the other followers of Jesus would have been despondent and the two on the road to Emmaus summed it up with *we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel*. [St Luke 24: 21]

We of course, some two thousand years later know that that hope is fulfilled!

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

Psalm 31: 14, 16

14 *But I trust in you, LORD; I say, "You are my God."*

16 *Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.*

Resources and Contacts

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael

