



Who is
Dropsnow?

The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 30th January 2022

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany—Candlemas

Purification of Mary

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Darfield

Dates for your Diary:

Helpers needed to meet, greet, refresh and talk to our visitors

Saturday 12th February 2022—the Snowdrops are back!

Join them in our Churchyard and Darfield Museum, and visit our Church

Sunday 3rd April 2022 All Saints Church 6:00 p.m.

Licencing of Rev. Fiona Kouble as Priest in Charge

Candlemas What is special about candles and 40 days?

Candlemas is celebrated on 2nd February, 40 days after Christmas and in some traditions marks the end of the Christmas celebrations. It is also the mid-point between the shortest day at the Winter Solstice [21st December] and of equal day and night at the Spring Equinox [20th March]. All the candles which were to be used during the following year were brought into church for a blessing.

Candles have been used as a source of light for more than 5,000 years. The Ancient Egyptians used a type of rushlight using bunches of reeds soaked in hot, melted animal fat. Candles have been used in Christian celebrations since the fourth Century. They are still used as a symbol of the **Light of Christ** in our services during some parts of our Church year and more particularly at Services of Baptism.

Candlemas also shares the titles of the **Purification of Mary** and the **Presentation of Christ in the Temple**. Jewish women were classed as ritually unclean for 40 days after giving birth to a male child. Joseph and Mary took Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to serve the dual purpose of Mary's cleansing and the consecration of her first-born son to the Lord. [St Luke 2: 22:24]. It was here that they encountered Simeon and Anna who were given the privilege of seeing Jesus and knowing exactly who He was.

References to periods of forty days appear in several places in our Bible. In the time of Noah, "For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth", [Genesis 7:17]. Moses stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. [Exodus 24: 18]. The exploration of the promised land [Numbers 13: 25], Goliath's defiance against Israel, [1 Samuel 17: 16], Elisha's journey to Horeb, [1 Kings 19: 8], and Jonah's prophetic warning to Nineveh, [Jonah 3: 4], all lasted for forty days. Jesus was in the wilderness for forty days, [St Matthew 4: 2], and remained on Earth for forty days before Ascending to Heaven.

Forthcoming Services

30th January:	9:00 a.m. Thurnscoe [HC]
30th January:	10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]
6th February:	9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]
6th February:	10:45 a.m. Darfield
13th February:	9:00 a.m. Thurnscoe [HC]
13th February:	10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]
20th February:	9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]
20th February:	10:45 a.m. Darfield
27th February:	9:00 a.m. Thurnscoe [HC]
27th February:	10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]

Saturday 12th February 2022

10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Darfield Snowdrop Trail

Displays, hot drinks and activities
in All Saints' Church

Churchyard Discovery Trail

Refreshments and Snowdrop Fairy Trail
in Darfield Museum

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw
Pat Bentley
Steve & Val Myers
Stella and Raymond Firth
Joan Bramall
Linda and her family
Carol, Stuart and Philip Ogley

Our Bereaved Families

The families of
Barry Bramall
Brian Ogley
Ena Knighton

Prayer Contact:

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Fourth Sunday of Epiphany Collect

God of Heaven,
You send the Gospel to the ends
of the earth and your messengers
to every nation: send Your Holy
Spirit to transform us by the good
news of everlasting life in Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Readings

Ezekiel 43: 27 - 44: 4

Psalms 48

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

St Luke 2: 22-40

Bible Readings for this week

January:

30th Esther 2: 19-23

31st Esther 3: 1-15

February:

1st Esther 4: 1-17

2nd Esther 5: 1-14

3rd Esther 6: 1-14

4th Esther 7: 1-10

5th Esther 8: 1-17

Baptisms:

Please pray for the parents and god-parents who will be preparing to bring their children for Baptism.

30th January 2:00 p.m. Harry Varney

You are all invited to represent our Church family at this service ...

30th January: during our Communion Service
Lucy Nicoll

We are delighted to welcome Lucy Nicoll and her family and friends to All Saints this Sunday as she comes as an adult to be baptised. Lucy, we welcome you into the church family.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Wednesday 2nd February 2022
Open Meeting: 2:00 p.m. Church Hall

A question from Kay: "Who is Dropsnow?"
All will be revealed on 12th February!

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Wednesday 2nd February

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make Your home among us, and present us pure and holy to Your heavenly Father, Your God, and our God.

Readings

Malachi 3:1-5

Psalms 24: [1-6] 7-10

Hebrews 2: 14-18

St Luke 2: 2-40

From the Parish Registers

Monday 24th January 2022

Ena Knighton aged 92

All Saints Darfield and Barnsley Crematorium

Interment of Ashes Wednesday 26th January 2022

Darfield Cemetery

Resources and Contacts

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

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St Michael



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