



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 30th October 2022: Fourth before Advent

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

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

4:00 p.m. Bible Story Time re-told *Darfield Church Hall*

Tuesday 1st November: All Saints Day

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion: *Darfield*

Sunday 6th November 2022: Third before Advent

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

Publicans, Tax-Farmers and Disciples:

In the early days of the Roman Republic, taxes were collected directly from individuals and levied against their land, homes, slaves, animals, personal items and monetary wealth. As the Republic expanded through a series of conquests, the new provinces provided a larger tax base for collection. Taking an accurate census of the whole population proved difficult. The Gospel account of the census called by Caesar Augustus [St Luke 2: 1-3] tells us that all the population had to return to their ancestral homes to take part. Mary and Joseph were included and had to make the hazardous journey from their home in Nazareth to Bethlehem. [St Luke 2: 4-5]

The collection of taxes evolved into a system where communities were taxed rather than individuals. The system was controlled by the local Governors and Magistrates and the collection of taxes was devolved locally. Tax-Farmers were allowed to bid for the right to collect taxes in particular areas. This occurred every few years and the appointed Tax-Farmers had then to pay the State the full tax assessment for their areas in advance. The State did pay interest on what were effectively loans to the State. The Tax-farmer or Publican was then permitted to collect the taxes from his area. They were able to keep any collected amounts over and above their bid but would have to stand any potential shortfall. This led to many opportunities for corruption and scheming. Particularly in the occupied provinces like Palestine, the tax collectors were despised by the population and were seen as collaborators with the Roman Occupation. Jesus told a parable of a Pharisee and a Tax Collector both praying in the Temple. [Luke 18: 9-14]. The Tax Collector's prayer left him justified by God rather than the Pharisee.

St Matthew, one of the original disciples, was called directly from his tax-collecting duties in Capernaum and followed Jesus throughout the rest of His earthly ministry and beyond. [St Matthew 9: 9-12]. Whilst sharing a meal with Matthew, Jesus encountered more Tax Collectors and Sinners who had been invited by Matthew: [St Matthew 9: 10]. The Pharisees who were aware of the meal were critical of Jesus for eating with them.

Zacchaeus was the chief Tax-Collector in Jericho, who on hearing that Jesus was passing by, climbed up a tree to see Him over the crowds. Jesus saw Zacchaeus and called him down from the tree and invited Himself to a meal with Zacchaeus. As with the earlier encounter with Matthew, the Pharisees and people criticised Jesus for eating with the Tax-Collectors. [St Luke 19: 3-9]. Zacchaeus responded to Jesus by giving half of his possession to the poor and repaying four-fold any that he had cheated. [St Luke 19: 8].

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. [St Luke 19: 10]

Over the next few Weeks

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| 1st November: | 10:30 a.m. | All Saints Holy Communion Darfield [BCP] |
| 6th November: | 10:45 a.m. | Darfield [HC] |
| 12th November: | 11:00 a.m. | Day of Remembering Darfield & Great Houghton |
| 13th November: | Remembrance Sunday 10:00 a.m. | Darfield Great Houghton |
| 20th November: | 10:45 a.m. | Darfield [HC] |
| 20th November: | 4:00 p.m. | The Well Darfield Hall |
| 27th November: | 9:00 a.m. | Great Houghton [HC] |
| 27th November: | 10:45 a.m. | Darfield |

Day of Remembering

Saturday 12th November 2022

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a short
Service at 2:00 p.m.

At All Saints Church, Darfield and
at St Michael's Great Houghton
*space for prayer and reflection or a
cuppa and a chat*

4th Sunday before Advent Collect

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of Your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing Your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Isaiah 1: 10-18
Psalm 32: 1-8
2 Thessalonians 1: 1-12
Luke 19: 1-10

Bible Readings for this week

October

30th Psalm 96
31st Psalm 97

November

1st Psalm 98
2nd Psalm 99
3rd Psalm 100
4th Exodus 1
5th Exodus 2 : 1-10

Leading your Church into Growth;

The LYCIG Collect

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to Your Church, send Your Holy Spirit to give **Vision** to our planning, **Wisdom** to our actions, and **Power** to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers, In spiritual commitment to you, And in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through
Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Bible Story Time re-told

4:00 p.m. Sunday 30th October: Darfield Church Hall

Carols by candle-light????

Members of the choir continue to work hard to prepare for the singing element of the service

BUT the candle-light element will only happen if volunteers come forward to assist.

We need teams to put the candles in their holders before the day:

To be at the service to light and snuff out the candles:

then later to remove the used candles and clean the holders.

Only one volunteer so far to put the candles in the holders and to remove them afterwards. Be well aware that...the candle-light element will not happen without a team to do it!



All Saints Day: 1st November.

Ever since the creation of the Christian Church, many people have been formally recognised as a Saint for their degree of holiness or closeness to God. On All Saints Day we remember all those, known and unknown, who have made their contributions to the life and work of the Church.

Collect: *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.*

O LORD God, be clothed with cb salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness. [2 Chronicles 6: 41 AV]

KNIT and NATTER

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

St Michael's Great Houghton



Psalm 32: 1,2

- 1 Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
- 2 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Do you receive any stamps from anywhere on your mail?

**The Leprosy Mission will accept them to raise funds for their work.
Pass them on via Peter**

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael



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