



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 3rd April 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

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

6:00 p.m. Licencing Rev Fiona Kouble: Darfield

Monday 4th at 8:00 p.m. Zoom Prayer Meeting

The Old Testament Prophets and today.

Our Old Testament was written over a period of several centuries. It has 39 separate books which can be divided into four main sections. The first five books, the Pentateuch, tell the history of the Israelites from Abraham to Moses. The second group of twelve books relate their continued History from Canaan, the Promised Land, through exile in Babylon and a return to Jerusalem. The next five books are described as the Poetic or Wisdom Books. The final group of seventeen books record the writings of the Prophets.

The Prophets were inspired by the LORD to remind the Israelites of their special relationship with the Lord and how much they were neglecting it. We can find many other references to prophets starting with Moses who prophesied to Pharaoh [Exodus 7-12] and eventually led the Israelites out of Egypt and guided their relationship with the LORD as they wandered in the wilderness. In the Old Testament History books we find details of many other prophets such as Deborah [Judges 4: 4], Nathan [2 Samuel 7: 2-3], Elijah [1 Kings 17: 1] and Elisha [1 Kings 19:16].

In most cases the Israelites did respond to these calls but with immediate problems solved they soon reverted to their old ways of neglecting the LORD.

Most of the recorded prophecies warn of the breakup of the Kingdom and the exile of its people in Babylon and the subsequent return to Jerusalem. There are many references in the books of the prophets to the LORD's plan to redeem His people with the coming Messiah.

The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews opens with

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe [Hebrews 1: 1-2]

But now, this is what the LORD says ... Do not be afraid, for I am with you; [Isaiah 43: 1,5]

Support for the People of Ukraine:

Ardley Church has links with a church in Romania, close to the border with Ukraine, who are already supporting refugees and are better able to assess their needs. If you would like to add your financial support via this method, please place cash in a sealed envelope marked for the Ukraine and put it in our offertory box.

Forthcoming Services

3rd April: 9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]
3rd April: 10:45 a.m. Darfield
3rd April: 6:00 p.m. Licencing Darfield
10th April: 9:00 a.m. Thurnscoe [HC]
10th April: 10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]
10th April: 4:00 p.m. Confirmation: Darfield
14th April: Maundy Thursday
15th April: Good Friday:
2:00 p.m Hour at the Cross
17th April: Easter Sunday

A Prayer for Ukraine:

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
 We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
 We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
 Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.
 We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

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

Our Bereaved Families

The families of
Diane Law
Mary Chandler
John Oddy

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Fifth Sunday of Lent Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up
your Son out of love for the
world: lead us to ponder the
mysteries of his passion, that
we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our
Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Readings

Isaiah 43: 16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3: 4b-14
St John 12: 1-8

Bible Readings for this week

April:

3rd Psalm 3
4th Psalm 4
5th Psalm 5
6th Psalm 6
7th Psalm 7
8th Genesis 1: 1 - 13
9th Genesis 1: 14 - 26

What is a God-incidence?

The words of what we call the 43rd chapter were written by Isaiah around 2,700 years ago.

The compilers of our current Lectionary selected part of this chapter as the reading for the Fifth Sunday of Lent in Year C of a three year cycle.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent 2022 is this Sunday, 3rd April.

Sunday April 3rd was chosen for Fiona's licencing as Priest in Charge of our Parish as the essential people and facilities were available. Now read Isaiah chapter 43 verses 18 and 19 - need we say more?

¹⁸ *Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.*

¹⁹ *See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*

Dates for your Diary:

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

Licencing of Rev. Fiona Kouble as Priest in Charge

Tuesday 5th April 2022: 7:00 p.m.

Annual Parochial Meetings in All Saints Church

Sunday 10th April 2022: All Saints Church 4:00 p.m.

Deanery Confirmation Service

with Rt Rev Sophie Jelley, Bishop of Doncaster

Funeral Service

Monday 4th April: 12:00 noon

John Oddy aged 82: All Saints Church and Darfield Cemetery

Wednesday 6th April 2022

The meeting scheduled for this week has
been cancelled



Psalm 126

³ The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the Negev.

From the Parish Registers

Sunday 27th March

Eleanor Rose Dunwiley

Baptism at All Saints

Wednesday 30th March

Diana Law aged 83

Funeral at All Saints Church and Barnsley Crematorium

Wednesday 30th March

Mary Chandler aged 89

Funeral at All Saints Church and Darfield Cemetery

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All Saints

St Michael



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