



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 3rd July 2022: Third after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion: Thurnscoe

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: Darfield

Sunday 10th July 2022: Fourth after Trinity

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

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

Buts and the courage of some servants

The Kingdom of Aram at the time of Elisha, around 850 BC, was a major force in the Middle East which covered the area around modern-day Syria. Naaman was a highly regarded commander in the army of Ben Hadad II, King of Aram. [2 Kings 5: 1].

But... Naaman was a leper. We now know that leprosy is caused by a long-term bacteriological infection which causes damage to nerves, skin, eyes and the respiratory tract. Nerve damage usually leads to the loss of fingers and toes due to repeated injuries and unnoticed wounds. Modern antibiotics go some way to combat the infection and prevent further damage.

During one of the many skirmishes between Aram and the neighbouring Kingdom of Israel, a young Israelite girl was captured and became a servant to Naaman's wife. She demonstrated her courage and faith by suggesting to her mistress that Naaman should travel to see the Prophet in Samaria to receive a cure for his leprosy.

The King of Aram didn't quite get the message **but** sent Naaman to the King of Israel for a cure. [2 Kings 5: 5-6] This caused concern with the King of Israel who, knowing that he could not effect a cure, became upset, thinking that it was a ruse to create yet another quarrel [2 Kings 5: 7]

But when Elisha heard about it, he sent a message to the King asking that Naaman come to see him. **But** when Naaman arrived, Elisha just sent him a message to go and wash seven times in the River Jordan. [2 Kings 5: 9-10]

But Naaman was angry that Elisha had not come out to see him to initiate the healing and that the rivers of his own country were better than the Jordan. **But** Naaman's servants urged him undertake the simple task to wash in the Jordan and be clean. Naaman was persuaded, obeyed Elisha's instructions and was cleansed [2 Kings 5: 14].

This is where today's reading ends, **but** the account needs completing. Naaman returned to Elisha who refused the valuable gifts sent by the King of Aram. Naaman renounced his previous allegiance to Baal and the temple of Rimmon and confessed that the LORD of Israel is the only God.

But that's not all... Gehazi, one of Elisha's servants followed Naaman and asked him for, and was given, some of the gifts. On Gehazi's return, he was reprimanded by Elisha and had Naaman's leprosy cling to him and his descendants [2 Kings 5: 26-27].

Gehazi had been witness to many of the miracles performed by Elisha **but** had failed to respond to their significance.

But: normally when we hear the word **but** after a statement we look for the catch, **but** not every usage of the word **but** is negative.

But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. [1 Corinthians 6: 11]

Over the next few Weeks

3rd July:	10:45 a.m.	Darfield [HC]
10th July:	9:00 a.m.	Great Houghton [HC]
10th July:	10:45 a.m.	Darfield
17th July:	10:45 a.m.	Darfield [HC]
17th July:	4:00 p.m.	The Well Darfield Hall
24th July:	9:00 a.m.	Great Houghton [HC]
24th July:	10:45 a.m.	Darfield
24th July:	4:00 p.m.	Bible Stories re-told

Salvation Army Appeal☆

During the school holidays there is always an extra need for food for families. Alison has asked if All Saints can help by donating cereals to stock their shelves in readiness. Obviously, they will appreciate any other foodstuffs with a long shelf life.

Please bring your donations to Church (leave in the car - we can transfer to ours in the car park if that's better for you)

Thank you so much for continuing to help others in this way - Sue & Frank

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive Shaw
Pat Bentley
Steve & Val Myers
Stella Firth
Joan Bramall
Linda and her family
Walt Law
Hilda Jobling

Our bereaved families

The families of Raymond Shaw
and Wendy Agar

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Third Sunday after Trinity Collect

God our Saviour, look on this
wounded world in pity and in
power; hold us fast to Your
promises of peace won for us
by Your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ.

Readings

2 Kings 5: 1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6: [1-6] 7-16
St Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Bible Readings for this week

July

3rd Psalm 43
4th Psalm 44: 1-12
5th Psalm 44: 13-26
6th Psalm 45
7th Psalm 46
8th Genesis 23
9th Genesis 24: 1-16

Monthly Prayer Meeting: Monday 4th July 2022 8:00 p.m.

Join us on Zoom for half an hour to pray for all things needful.

Contact **Carol Hunter** for the Zoom link.

Christmas

July already and a very special time for me. Since 1987, each year this month I have ventured to York to study the new music published and to look for something new for the Choir to sing.

The question this year is will I have enough volunteers to assemble a choir – ladies AND gentlemen?

There is a wonderful sense of achievement when the parts come together.

We've had that feeling before and I would love to hear it again.

We need to start in early September. I would like to know by **July 17th** who will be coming. This gives me just four days to visit York.

As the hymn says **"Be bold, be strong!"** Why not come along? There is no one who can't sing – a lot of work has to be done before we are anywhere near the voices of 2019 – remember your voice has had very little real practice – but it WILL come back.

Have a word; give me a ring; but for goodness sake please don't leave the congregation to wonder: Why no candles? No packed church; no procession – and no choir!!
Margaret

LyCiG—Leading your Church into Growth; The 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



All Saints Toilet Project:

The plans are now displayed in the Resource Area. Now is your chance to look at them and feed your comments back to the team. **See Peter or Kay**

Psalm 30: 2,10

² Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.
¹⁰ Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me; Lord, be my help."



**The Leprosy
Mission**
England and Wales

The Leprosy Mission, supported by our congregation at St Michael's is a worldwide Christian Organisation leading today's fight against Leprosy. They support pioneering research, diagnose and treat leprosy, care for those disabled by leprosy and work to eliminate leprosy discrimination.

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