



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 3rd September 2023

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

Sunday 10th September 2023

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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



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Heritage Open Days at All Saints

Saturday 9th Sept. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10th Sept. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*We need welcomers, refreshment servers and talkers
throughout both sessions.*



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Focus on Prayer

Did you know that All Saints Darfield has a Prayer Team? If not, then let us introduce ourselves ~ if you did, then read on as we are making a few changes to how we work.

There are seven of us: Irene Barraclough, Wendy Chorlton, Pamela Emson, Andrea Harrison, Sue Lee, Karen Walton, and Carol Hunter.

We meet every Thursday for an hour and a half, to pray in confidence for the Church and for the people and situations of those who have requested our prayers. Our ministry reaches far and wide and we are often asked to pray for people not only nationally, but as far away as The States, Australia, and Greece. We also have a secure WhatsApp that only the team can access ~ this serves as a prayer chain and enables us to contact each other with urgent prayer requests which cannot wait until our weekly meetings.

You will see us gather in the South Chapel before the Sunday morning Service begins. Here we pray for those who are leading the service, and for everyone in the congregation, that we may be blessed as we receive God's Word and sing His praises that morning. We occasionally visit those who have requested someone to talk to or pray with, and who are unable to get to Church.

From September, prayer ministry will be offered during and after Communion, in the Communion Services which happen twice a month. This will be announced during the service, and you will find us in the South Chapel waiting to talk with you or pray with you.

We do not have magic words and are not 'super spiritual' ~ we are a bunch of people who believe in God's goodness and grace, in the power of prayer and are passionate about seeing God's Kingdom furthered. You will also see us active in other areas of the Church ~ some of us serve on the PCC and others are on the cleaning/reading/intercession/leading and preaching rota's and actively involved in special services such as the Memorial Service. You can contact us by phone or text: 07542 527 331 (Carol), through the Parish Office, or by grabbing any of us before, during, or after Services or events.

You may also wish to avail yourself on using the Prayer Tree and Prayer Box (which are at present situated in the resource area at the back North corner of our Church).

Mount Horeb in the Sinai desert became a major geographical and religious feature for the Israelites. Two significant meetings are recorded in the Old Testament. It was here that Moses met with the LORD and received the Ten Commandments and where the fleeing prophet Elisha heard the *gentle whisper* from the LORD that encouraged him to carry on. [1 Kings 19: 13]

In an earlier incident on Mount Horeb, Moses encountered the LORD in the form of a bush which was burning but was not consumed. It was there that Moses was commissioned by the LORD to go to Pharaoh to begin the process of leading the Israelites out of their captivity in Egypt [Exodus 3: 1-15]

Flowers:

In the near future we hope to be able to decorate All Saints Church with flowers to celebrate our Harvest Festival on 1st October and, further away but approaching rapidly, Christmas.

This will only happen if we receive contributions towards the cost of flowers within the decorations.

Please see Wendy Chorlton or Sue Lee if you can help..

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, You search us and know us: may we rely on You in strength and rest on You in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Exodus 3: 1-15
Psalm 115
Romans 12: 9-21
Matthew 16: 21-28

Bible Readings for this week September

3rd Matthew 25: 14-30
4th Matthew 25: 31-46
5th Matthew 26: 1-13
6th Matthew 26: 14-30
7th Matthew 26: 31-46
8th Matthew 26: 47-56
9th Matthew 26: 57-67
10th Daniel 9: 20-27

Prayer Square

**This week we are praying for our
Schools as they start a new year
The staff and pupils at**

*All Saints Academy
Upperwood Academy
Outwood Primary Academy
Sandhill Primary School
Netherwood Academy*

*For those moving on to new schools
or preparing to move to College or
University*

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our
Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

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

What's on at St Michael's Great Houghton

Mindful Mondays: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thoughtful Thursdays: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Tea and Cake Tuesday 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon

A chance to meet and catch up!

The final Journey to Jerusalem begins... [Matthew 16: 21-28]

The scene is set. Peter has just declared Jesus to be the Messiah. [Matthew 16: 16] Jesus now begins the process of explaining the final phase of His earthly ministry to His disciples. They had witnessed a series of miracles and were given insight into the true meaning of the Parables which Jesus told to the crowds. They were still not ready to accept that Jesus was to set out for Jerusalem and to suffer death at the hands of the religious leaders even though there was a hint towards the Resurrection [Matthew 16: 21]. We, of course, have the benefit of knowing the eventual outcome. To the Disciples and to Peter in particular, this was a problem and Peter was rebuked for voicing his objections [16: 22, 23] Their concept of the Messiah was of a future conquering king who would restore the Kingdom of Israel. The disciples were told that they must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Jesus [16: 24] The disciples would have been familiar with the act of crucifixion where, in a final act of humiliation, those condemned would be forced to carry their own cross to the place of execution. To us the Cross is a sign of forgiveness, grace and love. That same command is directed towards us today!

Psalm 115: 1, 11, 12, 13

- 1 *Not to us, LORD, not to us but to Your name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness.*
11 *You who fear Him, trust in the LORD - He is their help and shield.*
12 *The LORD remembers us and will bless us: He will bless his people Israel, he will bless the house of Aaron,*
13 *He will bless those who fear the LORD - small and great alike.*
Praise the LORD!

Resources and Contacts

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Items, preferably via e-mail, to

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael

