



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 4th June 2023

Trinity Sunday

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

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

Sunday 11th June 2023

First Sunday after Trinity

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

Three in one and one in three:

In 1861, John Mason Neale [1818-1896], published a translation from the Latin of a hymn which we would recognise as "*Christ is made the sure foundation*" [MP 73] His original version of the final verse offers "*Laud and honour*" to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and ends with...

"Ever three and ever one, Consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run".

The Holy Trinity is one of the most difficult concepts to explain as many a new Curate would testify having been allocated the Preaching role at a Trinity Sunday service. Our main problem with trying to describe the Trinity is that we "*see through a glass darkly, but once we see face to face, we will know fully.*" [1 Corinthians 13: 12 KJV].

One of the central doctrines of our Christian Church the Holy Trinity describes one God existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We can see this link if we read the first verses of the Book of Genesis and of St John's Gospel. In the beginning, *God created the heavens and the earth, and the spirit of God was hovering over the waters* [Genesis 1: 1] and "*In the beginning was the Word which was with God and was God, and was made flesh*" [St John 1: 1, 14].

One of the main events shared by the Trinity was at the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. The Spirit of God descended as a dove and settled on Jesus and God's voice said "*This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.*" [Matthew 3: 16]

We can find references in our Bible to the unique nature of the Trinity but not the name itself which was coined in the 13th Century. In his letter to the Philippians, St Paul sends *grace and peace from God our Father*. [Philippians 1: 3] and In his letter to Titus refers to "*the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ,*" [Titus 2: 13]. Acts chapter 5 records that Annanias and Sapphira sold a property but lied about the amount received to the Holy Spirit [Acts 5: 3] and to God [Acts 5: 4].

In the days before the Crucifixion, Jesus had told his disciples what was to happen to Him and comforted them by promising that the Father would send them a helper and comforter, the Spirit of Truth [St John 14: 16, 17].

We could find many other hymns which refer to the Trinity. One such, perhaps more familiar to us at times of Remembrance, summarises the Trinity. "*Eternal father strong to save*", written by William Whiting in 1860 and normally sung to the tune *Melita*, uses Biblical references to identify the Trinity in the first three verses. The power of God the Father "*stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.*" [Psalm 107: 29]. Jesus stilled the stormy waves [Matthew 8: 23-27] and on another occasion walked on the Sea of Galilee. [Matthew 14: 25]. The Holy Spirit's role in creation is emphasised {Genesis 1: 1}. The final verse draws all three together "*O Trinity of Love Divine*" is inspired by the words of Psalm 107.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. [2 Corinthians 13: 14]

Isaiah and the Spirit: *read Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-31*

Isaiah wrote "*Who can fathom the Spirit of the LORD*" [Isaiah 40: 13] as part of his objective to comfort God's People. He prophesied the coming of John the Baptist who would prepare the way for Jesus. {Isaiah 40: 3} and Jesus Himself in "*And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,*" [Isaiah 11: 2].

Isaiah's own interaction with God is recorded in "*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek.*" [Isaiah 61: 1].

Trinity Sunday Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-31;
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13: 11-13
Matthew 28: 16-20

Bible Readings for this week

June

4th Leviticus 26: 1-13
5th Leviticus 26: 14-26
6th Leviticus 26: 27-46
7th Leviticus 27: 1-13
8th Leviticus 27: 14-21
9th Leviticus 27: 22-34
10th Matthew 11: 1-19
11th Matthew 11: 20-30

Prayer Square

**This week we are praying
for Great Houghton and
the residents of**

Rotherham Road
Thurnscoe Lane
John Street
Ebenezer Street
Byron Street
Sandhill Court

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

KNIT and NATTER: St Michael's, Great Houghton

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

Church Flowers:

The flower rota for 2023 is still showing many gaps. If you want to see fresh flowers decorating our church buildings on a week by week basis we need you to sign up.

Please contact Wendy or Peter if you would like to make a donation to the on-going costs or see Wendy if you need help in providing and arranging your own flowers.

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*

Zoom Prayer Meeting:

Monday 13th June 2023: 8:00 p.m.

Contact Carol Hunter for the Zoom link.

Prayer is an important part of our Christian life Join us on Zoom for half an hour to pray for all things needful.



From the Parish Registers:

Wedding 29th May 2023 All Saints Darfield

Adam David Craven and Elizabeth Mary Mitchell

We acknowledge receipt of offerings totalling £48.30

Funeral: Thursday 15th June 2023

11:30 a.m. Evelyn Beck

Darfield All Saints

Psalm 8: 2, 3, 4, 9

- 1 *Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.*
- 3 *When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,*
- 4 *what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?*
- 9 *Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael



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