

The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 4th December 2022: Second in Advent

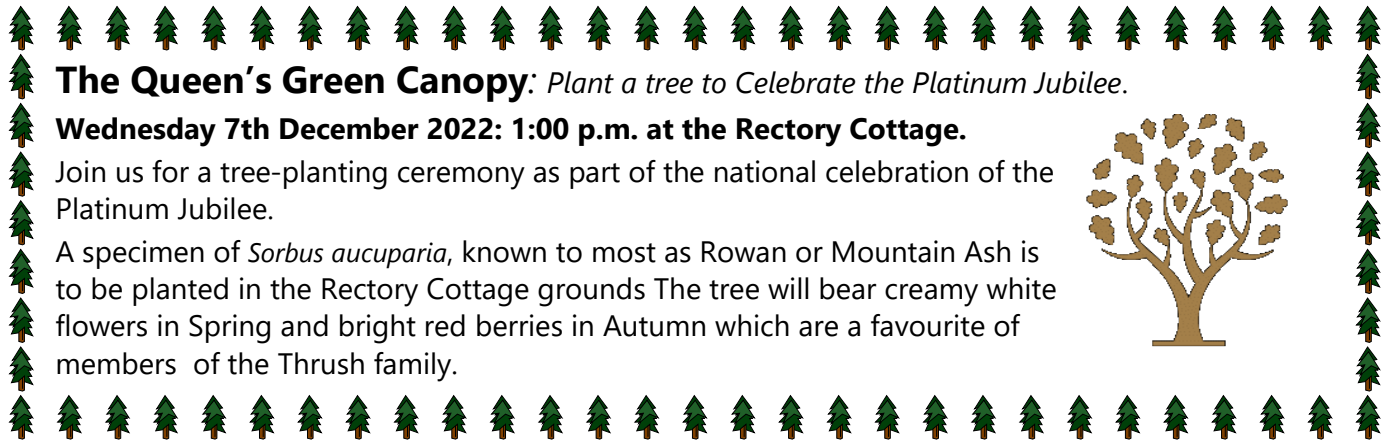
10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: *Darfield*

Sunday 11th December 2022: Third in Advent

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

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

6:00 p.m. Carols at St Michaels *Great Houghton*

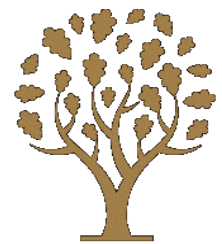


The Queen's Green Canopy: *Plant a tree to Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.*

Wednesday 7th December 2022: 1:00 p.m. at the Rectory Cottage.

Join us for a tree-planting ceremony as part of the national celebration of the Platinum Jubilee.

A specimen of *Sorbus aucuparia*, known to most as Rowan or Mountain Ash is to be planted in the Rectory Cottage grounds. The tree will bear creamy white flowers in Spring and bright red berries in Autumn which are a favourite of members of the Thrush family.



Advent - a Time of Preparation.

The writings of the Old Testament Prophets were aimed at the Israelites at times when they had strayed from following their LORD. Their failings were duly pointed out but they were also given promises of what was to come — the hope of the Messiah, a Saviour to deliver them. Today's Old Testament passage from Isaiah promises **"a shoot from the stump of Jesse"** and that **"the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him"**. [Isaiah 11: 1,2].

Our Gospel reading tells of the ministry of John the Baptist and his Baptism of Repentance [St Matthew 3: 1-12] where he prophesies **"after me comes one who is more powerful"** [St Matthew 3: 11]. The following verses describe the Baptism of Jesus by John where Jesus **"saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him."** A fulfilment of Isaiah's prophesy. [St Matthew 3: 16].

Advent gives us a time for preparation, not only for the joys of celebrating our Saviour's birth at Christmas, planning for our activities and events over the next few months but especially longing for that time when our Lord returns — **"that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father"** [St Matthew 24: 36]

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. [Romans 15: 13]

Children's Society Boxes

We are aware that some of you may have a Children's Society box at home which is ready for emptying and the contents sending to the Children's Society to support their work.

Bring them to Church or contact Kay or Peter for collection.

**The
Children's
Society**

Over the next few Weeks

10th December: 11:00 a.m. Christmas Fair Darfield
11th December 9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]
11th December: 10:45 a.m. Darfield
11th December: 6:00 p.m. Carols at Great Houghton
18th December: 6:00 p.m. Carols by Candlelight [D]
21st December 10:00 a.m. Messy Christingle [D]
22nd December 10:00 a.m. Messy Carols [GH]

Christmas Fair

Saturday 10th December

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Darfield Church Hall

Wanted:

Good as new items: Katy Stanton:
Books and Raffle Prizes: Sue & Pam:
Baking/Home-made: Catherine Alderson:
Soft Toys & Teddies: Sheila:
Books: Ruth Harrison:

2nd Sunday of Advent

Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when Your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour, we may be ready to receive Him, who is our Lord and our God.

Readings

Isaiah 11: 1-10
Psalm 72 1-7,18,19
Romans 15: 4-13
St Matthew 3: 1-12

Bible Readings for this week December

4th Exodus 10: 1-20
5th Exodus 10: 21-29
6th Exodus 11
7th Exodus 12: 1-30
8th Exodus 12: 31-51
9th Psalm 111
10th Psalm 112

Prayer Square

This week we are praying for our
Mission Area Partner Parishes

... Ardsley ... Thurnscoe
... Barnburgh and High Melton
... Adwick on Dearne
... Bilham
... Marr, Hooton Pagnell
... Brodsworth, Clayton
... Darfield and Great Houghton

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

Prayer Meeting: Monday 12th December 2022: 8:00 p.m.

Contact Carol Hunter for the Zoom link

Funeral: Monday 19th December 2022: 12:15 p.m.

Hilda Jobling: All Saints Darfield and Darfield Cemetery

Church Hall Administrator:
There is still a desperate need for an individual or group to take on the routine tasks needed in conjunction with the use of our Church Hall. See last weeks news sheet for details
The deadline of 1st January 2023 is fast approaching...

From the Parish Registers:

Sunday 20th November 2022 Baptism

Isaac Jacob Shaw St Michael Great Houghton

Wednesday 23rd November 2022: Funeral

Lydia Guest aged 44: All Saints Darfield and Darfield Cemetery

Wednesday 23rd November 2022: Funeral

John Hutchinson aged 74: St Michael's and Great Houghton Cemetery

Christmas Communion Services in the Parish

Saturday 24th December 11:30 p.m. St Michael's Great Houghton

Sunday 25th December 9:00 a.m. St Michael's Great Houghton

Sunday 25th December 10:00 a.m. All Saints, Darfield

Psalm 72, 18,19

¹⁸ Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvellous deeds.

¹⁹ Praise be to His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.

KNIT and NATTER: Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

St Michael's Great Houghton

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael



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