



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 4th September 2022: 12th after Trinity

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

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

Sunday 11th September 2022: 13th after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion: Thurnscoe

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: Darfield

Philemon

Philemon was from Colossae and had been converted whilst Paul was on an extended stay in nearby Ephesus whilst on his third Missionary Journey. Paul's letter to Philemon is the only written record we have of his existence where he is described as "a dear friend and fellow worker" [Philemon 1]. With his wife Apphia and fellow worker Archippus, Philemon hosted and was probably the Minister of the church that met in his home. Paul must have spent time in the home as at the end of the letter he asks that a Guest Room be prepared for his next visit. [22]

At the time that the letter was written, Paul was being kept prisoner in chains [13]. We are not told why, but Philemon's slave Onesimus had left his master and had found Paul and assisted him to such an extent that Paul describes him as "*my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains*" [10]. During his time with Paul, Onesimus had converted to Christianity. [16]

The concept of slavery in Old Testament times was different from more recent history. Many Israelites became slaves to others for reasons of poverty or debt. If a Hebrew had sold themselves into another household as a servant and had worked for six years, they had to go free in the seventh year [Deuteronomy 15: 12]. They were not to leave empty handed as the master had to give them a *liberal share of his wealth* [Deuteronomy 15: 14] This was to be a constant reminder of how the LORD had blessed the Israelites in leading them out of slavery in Egypt. [Deuteronomy 15: 15]

Paul is mindful of the fact that, despite how useful he had become, Onesimus must be returned to Philemon. This personal letter asks Philemon to accept Onesimus back into his service but, in addition, to welcome Onesimus as a brother in Christ [16].

Philemon's response is not recorded but in Paul's Letter to the Colossians, again written whilst Paul was in prison, we have the only other reference to Onesimus. This letter was being delivered to Colossae by Tychius, *a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord*, and Onesimus, *our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you*. [Colossians 4: 7-9]. It seems that Philemon did accept Onesimus and freed him to serve Paul and his Lord.

Salt: NaCl; sodium chloride, common salt.

A naturally occurring mineral of great importance to human and animal health in appropriate quantities which can also be used as a preservative and seasoning for food. We meet the first Biblical reference in Genesis 19: 26 when Lot, Abraham's nephew, and his family were escaping the LORD's vengeance on Sodom. Lot's wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt.

Salt was to form an integral part of the Grain Offerings laid down in Leviticus 2: 13. The use of salt when making a covenant made it a perpetual covenant. King David entered into such a salt covenant with the LORD which promised the Kingship of Israel to David and his descendants forever.

⁴⁹ "Everyone will be salted with fire." ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves and be at peace with each other." [Mark 9: 49, 50]

Over the next few Weeks

Summer Churchyard Trail - Creation

10th September: 10:00 a.m. **Heritage Opening Darfield**
 11th September: 10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]
 11th September: 2:00 p.m. **Heritage Opening Darfield**
12th September: 8:00 p.m. Zoom Prayer Meeting
17th September: 9:00 a.m. Table Top Sale
 18th September: 9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]
 18th September: 10:45 a.m. Darfield
 18th September: 4:00 p.m. **The Well Darfield**

Table Top Sale in the Church Hall.

Saturday 17th September: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Organised by Linda Oates (07434 798 517).

The table hiring fees will come to All Saints

We need to have a visible Church presence at this event to chat to the sellers and buyers and to provide drinks and biscuits throughout the day.

YOUR HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED

Tables available for **£5.00**—or free if you donate all profits to the Church

Contact Sue Lee or Linda for details or bookings

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

God of constant mercy, who
sent Your Son to save us:
remind us of Your goodness,
increase Your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14: 25-33

Bible Readings for this week September

4th Genesis 36: 1-14
5th Genesis 36: 15-30
6th Genesis 36: 31-42
7th Genesis 37: 1-11
8th Genesis 37: 12-36
9th Genesis 38: 1-14
10th Genesis 38: 15-30

Leading your Church into Growth;

The LYCIG 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

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our
Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

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

**From September, the monthly Zoom Prayer Meeting will be held
on the Second Monday of the month,**

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

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

Heritage Open Days:

All Saints will be open on **Saturday 10th September
and Sunday 11th September** under this National
scheme. Sign up to be with us to meet and greet our
visitors and to refresh them physically and spiritually:

**Book the dates and sign up to be with us for all or
part of these times**



Are you interested in joining a Book Club?

If so, fill in a questionnaire, available from Rachel Ward
or Andrea Harrison, and attend a planning/first
meeting on **Thursday 22nd September at 7:00 p.m.**
in the Rectory Cottage.

From the Parish Registers:

Tuesday 29th August: Margaret Nuttall aged 91

All Saints, Darfield and Darfield Cemetery

Salt: an ancient process

Does it surprise you that the way our familiar salt crystals are made today is
much the same way that they would have been made in Biblical times? All
you need is a handy supply of salty water [like the Dead Sea] or a Cheshire
Salt Mine and water, and a large open vessel. Heat as necessary to allow the
water to evaporate and you will be left with salt crystals.

Salter's Brook Road in Darfield formed part of the trading route from
Northwich in Cheshire to Doncaster which would have seen teams of salt
laden packhorses passing through. Their return journeys would have been
laden with all sorts of local produce.

The salt route, later a Turnpike road, crossed Salter's Brook as it followed
what we now know as the A628 road from Pontefract to Manchester, close
to the Dog and Partridge Inn.

Psalm 1: 1,2 BCP

¹ Blessed is the man that hath not walketh in the counsel of the ungodly, nor
stood in the way of sinners, and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

² But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law will he exercise
himself day and night.

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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