



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 5th February 2023

Third Sunday before Lent

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

10:45 a.m. Service & Thanksgiving: Darfield

Sunday 12th February 2023

Second Sunday before Lent

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: Darfield

Behind the Scenes 2

Last week we looked at some of the tasks which had to come together to enable us to worship together. Today we look at the many other background activities involved in running our Parish.

- ⇒ Arranging PCC meetings
- ⇒ collating and distributing agendas
- ⇒ taking minutes and their circulation
- ⇒ actioning PCC decisions
- ⇒ Representing our Parish on the Deanery Synod
- ⇒ Responding to enquiries for weddings, funerals, baptisms and thanksgivings
- ⇒ Making arrangements for these services to take place.
- ⇒ Dealing with applications for new gravestones and additional inscriptions on gravestones.
- ⇒ Liaising with stone masons and grave-diggers.
- ⇒ Dealing with enquiries for Church Hall hires and liaising with existing regular users and our cleaner
- ⇒ Arranging and staffing Church open days and fund raising events
- ⇒ Opening our buildings for school visits and services, for visiting groups and individuals
- ⇒ Monitoring and keeping a record of keyholders for our four buildings.
- ⇒ Recording weekly collections and other transactions in the church accounts
- ⇒ Setting up, monitoring and authorising regular and one-off payments from our bank accounts
- ⇒ Monitoring gas and electricity usage and negotiating annual contracts
- ⇒ Preparing regular financial reports for PCC meetings
- ⇒ Creating and monitoring an annual budget.
- ⇒ Preparing the annual parish accounts for our Annual Meeting
- ⇒ Producing and distributing the PCC's Annual report and accounts
- ⇒ Maintaining the register of Trustees [our PCC members] with the Charity Commission
- ⇒ Reporting annual accounts to the Charity Commission and Sheffield Diocese
- ⇒ Reporting Statistics for Mission to Sheffield Diocese
- ⇒ Facilitating access to our buildings for maintenance for fire extinguishers, alarms, boilers and electrical installations.
- ⇒ Dealing with any claims against our Church Insurance as appropriate
- ⇒ Monitoring, recording and reporting photocopier usage.
- ⇒ Ensuring that the church building is opened for Funerals, weddings, Baptisms and Thanksgivings and that the relevant registers are completed.
- ⇒ Maintaining the Church Log books and inventory of Church contents.
- ⇒ Preparing and updating PCC policy documents
- ⇒ Safeguarding: maintaining records of those eligible for regular Disclosure and Barring Service checks and Safeguarding training records.
- ⇒ Producing, printing and distributing the weekly news sheet

Saturday 18th February

Snowdrop Day

If you have spent any time in our churchyard over the past few days, you will have seen that the Snowdrops, and even some daffodils are beginning to appear.



Book the date in your diary and more so make yourself available to help on the day. Publicise the event amongst your family and friends and bring them along.

This is our chance to reach out to the village and beyond where we are putting on a sideshow to the main event provided by God's creation!

Things Financial...

Children's Society: Since the last report a further £62.04 has been received been sent on to support their work.

Change of Bank:

We have recently changed our bank from HSBC to the Co-operative Bank. This affects payments to us by cheque or standing order and any payments that you receive from us. Those of you paying regularly by standing order have been notified individually of the changes.

For cheque payments to...

Great Houghton church
Houghton, St Michael
Darfield church

Darfield All Saints
For any wedding or funeral fees
Darfield PCC Fees

Thank you for your patience with us during this upheaval. Rest assured that we will not be doing it again in a hurry!!

Third Sunday before Lent

Collect

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

Readings

Isaiah 58: 1-12
Psalm 112: 1-9
1 Corinthians 2: 1-12
St Matthew 5: 13-20

Bible Readings for this week February

5th Psalm 120
6th Psalm 121
7th Psalm 122
8th Psalm 123
9th Exodus 26: 1-14
10th Exodus 26: 15-37
11th Exodus 27: 1-8

Prayer Square

This week we are
praying for Middlecliff
and the residents of

...Rotherham Road
... Lesmond Crescent
... Ealands Close

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

2023 Flower Rota for All Saints

The rota is now displayed on the notice board at the back of Church waiting for your choice of Sundays to contribute to weekly floral decorations.

Have you tried the Boardgames Club yet?

Come and join us and play some modern boardgames and card games or bring your own.

Saturday 11th February in the Church Hall at 6:30 p.m. for 7:00 p.m.

KNIT and NATTER:

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. St Michael's Great Houghton



Zoom Prayer Meeting: Monday 14th February 2023: 8:00 p.m.

Contact Carol Hunter for the Zoom link

Ash Wednesday: 22nd February 2023: 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion [Book of Common Prayer]

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Watch for more details of the Church of England's daily reflections for Lent 2023: apps for your phone or tablet and for your Smart Speakers or on Social media at **#DustandGlory**

Amazon Smile:

Thank you to the online shoppers who supported us through Amazon Smile. We have recently been informed that this scheme will be discontinued by Amazon by the middle of this month.

Psalm 112 1,2

- 1 Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands.
- 2 Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 6 Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

Resources and Contacts

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael



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