



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 5th March 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

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

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

Tuesday 7th March: Knit and Natter *Gt Houghton*

Sunday 12th March 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

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

**DUST +
GLORY**

A Lent journey of faith, failure and forgiveness

Daily reflections for Lent are now available on your phone or tablet

The app is now available for download from the usual places by searching for **Dust and Glory**

Prayer for this week from Dust and Glory

Lord, help me see clearly when things go wrong, may I not be swift to blame when others fail, and may I not run away when I myself fail. Amen

Electoral Roll Revision 2023

Sunday 5th March is the last date on which names can be added to our Electoral Roll before our Annual Meetings. Forms are available in our Churches.

You need to be baptised and over 16, and a member of the Church of England living in the Parish.

If you live outside the Parish or are a member of another acceptable Church, you must have habitually attended services for at least six months.

Annual Parochial Meetings: 26th March 2023

Nominations [which must be proposed, seconded and agreed by the nominee] are invited for the elections at our Annual Parish Meeting and our Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM]

Nominations, may be made on the forms at the back of Church

Elections and appointments are conducted under the Church Representation Rules, 2020.

Churchwardens: nominations for **TWO Churchwardens**

In addition a valid nomination form must be in the hands of the Chairman of the Annual Parish Meeting before the meeting starts.

Churchwardens are ex-officio members of the Parochial Church Council

Wath Deanery Synod: nominations for **THREE members of Deanery Synod**

Deanery Synod representatives are ex-officio members of the Parochial Church Council and serve for a three year term.

The terms of office of Jo Darlison and Olive Shaw end at the APCM but both are eligible for nomination.

Parochial Church Council: nominations for **THREE members of the PCC**

Each member elected will serve for a period of THREE years]

The terms of office of Katy Stanton and Sheila McMillan end at this year's APCM but both are eligible for nomination.

The Parochial Church Council is a Registered Charity with its members as Trustees. Those nominated for any of these posts must not be debarred from acting as a Charity Trustee.

Nominees must have been on the Parish Electoral Roll for six months before the election [Rule M8(c)]

Assistant Churchwardens: nominations invited

The Assistant Wardens are part of the team of key-holders for the Church and Church Hall and are intended to assist the Churchwardens.

They act as Duty Warden at our services and events, to open the Church or Hall as appropriate and ensure that the buildings are safe and secure.

Second Sunday of Lent

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Genesis 12: 1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4: 1-5; 13-17
John 3: 1-17

Bible Readings for this week March

5th Psalm 133
6th Psalm 134
7th Psalm 135
8th Psalm 136
9th Exodus 32: 1-16
10th Exodus 32: 17-35
11th Exodus 33: 1-11
12th Exodus 33: 12-23

Prayer Square

**This week we are praying
for Darfield and the
residents of**

*Farm Way
Field Close
Highfield Road
Schofield Drive
The Paddock*

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

From the Parish Registers: Funeral

Thursday 23rd February 2023: Stephen Fowler aged 59

St Michael Great Houghton and Great Houghton Cemetery

Faith

read Genesis 12: 1-4

Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness

[Romans 4: 3; Genesis 15: 6]

In Genesis Chapter 11 we find Abram's family tree linking him back to Shem, one of the sons of Noah. Abram's father, Terah, lived in Ur of the Chaldees, in modern day Iraq. He decided to move his family to Canaan but only reached Haran [southern Turkey] where they settled.

It was here that Abram received the call from the LORD to go to 'the land I will Show you' [Genesis 12: 1]. The promise associated with this call to Abram was that Abram would become a great nation. [12: 2]

In faith Abram obeyed the call and set off with his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot and all their possessions. The journey took them to Canaan where their first step was to build an altar to the Lord at Shechem. This was as a response to the further promise from the LORD that this land would be given to Abram's descendants [12: 7]. A second altar to the Lord was erected at Bethel before Abram moved to the Negev. One of the frequent famines in the area forced Abram further south into Egypt.

Abram became very wealthy in Egypt and eventually returned to Bethel and Canaan before settling in Hebron. [13: 3, 18]

It was to be some time before the next phase of the promise was realised. Abram and Sarai were childless but in a re-affirmation of the Covenant, Abraham and Sarai were renamed by the LORD to Abraham and Sarah [17: 5, 15]. The first result came when they were promised a son [18: 10]. This promise was duly fulfilled when Sarah gave birth to Isaac. [21: 2]. Abraham's faith led to Isaac and Jacob. The twelve sons of Jacob were the founders of the 12 tribes of Israel in Egypt. The Israelites were led out of Egypt and eventually back to Canaan, the Promised Land. The Lord's promise to Abraham came to fruition through faith.

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

Psalm 121: 1,2,11 - Book of Common Prayer

- 1 *I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.*
- 2 *My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.*
- 11 *The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.*

Resources and Contacts

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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