



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 5th November 2023

4th Sunday before Advent

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Gt Houghton

10:45 a.m. Service for Sunday Darfield

Saturday 11th November 2023

A Time for Remembrance

10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon Darfield

Saturday 11th November 2023

4:00 p.m. Café Church Great Houghton

Sunday 12th November 2023

10:00 a.m. Remembrance Sunday Darfield

Sunday 19th November 2023

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Gt Houghton

10:45 a.m. Service for Sunday Darfield

2nd Sunday before Advent

A Time for Remembrance:

Armistice Day: Saturday 11th November 2023

All Saints Church will be open between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon for a time of reflection and to view the poppy displays and the First World War exhibition.

Remembrance Sunday Service 12th November 2023

The Remembrance Service will start at **10:00 a.m. in All Saints** and will move to the War Memorial for the **Act of Remembrance at 11:00 a.m.**



Parking in the Rectory Drive

Whilst the Revd Sarah Maughan and her family are happy for people to use the driveway as necessary for services etc, they do have a couple of requests

Please do not park immediately outside the Rectory windows - which is in front of their living room and can be quite disturbing for family who are in the room and also please do not park in front of the garage as access is required at all times.

many thanks for your kind consideration: Fiona



Faith in Action

If we were to look up the definition of the word Faith in a modern dictionary we would find these two entries... 'complete trust or confidence' and 'firm belief especially without physical proof'.

If we look to our Bible we find the definition **"faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."**

[Hebrews 1: 1].

St Paul in his letter to the Church at Ephesus writes that we are saved through faith freely given to us by the Grace of God.

People of Faith

Abel [Genesis 4: 1-16]

Cain and Abel were the first two sons of Adam and Eve. [Genesis 4: 1,2] Cain grew up to become an arable farmer whilst Abel became a shepherd. In due time both brought the first fruits of their labours as offerings to the LORD. Abel's offering was looked on with favour by the Lord, but Cain's was not.

In the description of the gifts, Cain brought 'some of the fruits of the soil' whilst Able brought the best of his efforts in the fat portions from some of the first-born lambs. Cain was angry and developed a jealous hatred for his brother which resulted in Cain killing Abel. The LORD then sentenced Cain to become a wanderer.

In his anger with the Teachers of the Law and Pharisees, Jesus tells them that they will be held to account for all the righteous blood that has been shed on Earth, including that of Abel [Matthew 23: 35]

An Appeal for Volunteer(s)...

At this time of year we assess our annual church budget to ensure that we can get as near to breaking even at the end of December. One area which is running well short of our expectation is that of **Fund Raising Events**. In an attempt to improve this situation and to re-connect with our community we have provisionally scheduled a **Christmas Coffee Morning for Saturday 9th December** in Darfield Church Hall.

We already have offers of some stalls to add to the event, **BUT we need someone to co-ordinate the event** to ensure that it is as successful as it can be. **Is this You? If so please contact Peter, Kay or Jo.**

Also volunteer if you have any ideas for, or can run, a stall or game on the day.

Fourth Sunday Before Advent

God of glory, touch our lips
with the fire of Your Spirit,
that we with all creation may
rejoice to sing Your praise,
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Readings

Micah 3: 5-12

Psalms 43

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13

Matthew 23: 1-12

Bible Readings for this week

November

5th Mark 6: 45 -56

6th Proverbs 10: 11-20

7th Proverbs 10: 21-32

8th Proverbs 11: 1-11

9th Proverbs 11: 12-31

10th Proverbs 12: 1-9

11th Proverbs 12:10-14

12th Proverbs 12: 15-28

Prayer Square

**This week we are praying
for the parishes in our
Mission Area**

*Bilham (Marr, Hooton Pagnell,
Clayton, Brodsworth)*

Barnburgh & High Melton

Adwick on Dearne

Thurnscoe

Ardsley

Darfield & 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*

Outward Signs: [Matthew 23: 1-12]

As part of the interactions between the Israelites and the LORD in the days
after the Exodus from Egypt, they were given the instruction to 'Fix *these
words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands
and bind them on your foreheads.*' [Deuteronomy 11: 18] Over the years, the
strictly orthodox Jews took this command literally and created small leather
boxes which could be strapped to their forehead and left arm during
weekday morning prayers. These boxes called Tefillin or, from the 13th
Century AD, phylacteries would contain small parchment scrolls inscribed
with verses from the Torah, the first five books of the Hebrew Bible. Typical
verses would be chosen from Exodus 13 and Deuteronomy 6, which would
include reminders of the release from captivity in Egypt.

Jesus was preaching to the crowds and warned them against the Teachers of
the Law and the Pharisees for heaping burdens onto the people but not on
themselves. They '*make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their
garments long.*' and did everything for people to see [Matthew 23: 5]. Jesus
denounced the Teachers of the Law and the Pharisees as hypocrites, a word
which is ultimately derived from the Greek words for stage actors who used
to wear masks when in character. We have become all too aware of wearing
masks for protection but let us ensure that in what we do, we follow this
command of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount.

**"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your
good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven"** [Matthew 5: 16]

Coat appeal. The Salvation Army at Goldthorpe (which helps people our area too)
are hoping to be able to ensure that everyone has a warm coat this winter.

If you have one which you no longer require, please bring it to church and pop it in
the Tower Room and it will be collected ready to be given to someone in need.

A chance to make a big difference !

Psalm 43: 1-5

- 1 *Vindicate me, my God, and plead my cause against an unfaithful
nation.
Rescue me from those who are deceitful and wicked.*
- 2 *You are God my stronghold. Why have you rejected me? Why must I go
about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?*
- 3 *Send me your light and your faithful care, let them lead me; let them
bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.*
- 4 *Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. I will
praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.*
- 5 *Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put
your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God.*

Resources and Contacts

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All Saints

St Michael



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Items, preferably via e-mail, to

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.