



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 6th November 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

Morning Prayer - 10:30 a.m. via Facebook

Service Update (please contact Fiona to book a place):

Communion Services at Ardsley and Thurnscoe

St Helen's Thurnscoe - Sunday 6th @ 5pm

Christ Church Ardsley Wed 9th Dec @ 10.30am

Christ Church Sunday 13th Dec @ 5pm

St Helen's Wed 16th Dec @ 10.30am

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John the Baptist: Prepare the Way

I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way, a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'
Mark 1: 2-3

The account of John's birth is linked with that of Jesus in Luke Chapter 1. Mary and John's mother Elizabeth are described as kinswomen and both births are revealed by the Angel Gabriel. Following John's naming, his father Zechariah, filled with the Holy Spirit, described him as **"Your child will be called the prophet of the Most High for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways"** [Luke 1:76]. John spent many years living in the wilderness where, having become strong in Spirit, he is called by God. [Luke 3:2] John then travelled round the Region of the River Jordan, preaching a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He also foretold the coming of one mightier than himself who would baptise with the Holy Spirit. Jesus came to John for Baptism to mark the start of His own ministry and received a sign from Heaven in the form of the Holy Spirit as a dove descending on Him and a voice from Heaven **"Thou art my Beloved Son; with Thee I am well pleased"** [Luke 3:22] John had reproved Herod Antipas, Tetrarch of Galilee, for divorcing his wife and unlawfully marrying Herodias, his brother's wife. John was imprisoned by Herod and eventually executed.



An Important Message from our Treasurer

I have just been doing my annual guessing game – otherwise known as setting the budget for 2021. This year is, understandably, even trickier than usual. Will our church be open or closed? Will the Church hall turn in a profit or a loss (or even, how large will that loss be?) The one thing that I can be clearer about is where I expect us to be at the end of this year, 2020.

It currently appears that we will be spending £57,922 this year. Our income looks like it will be £52,802. So that means that we are likely to spend £5,120 more than we receive. £1,657 of that amount will come from our reserves. The remainder is manageable only because we brought forward a generous amount from 2019. Now, more than ever, every penny counts.

Thank you to so many of you who have maintained, and even increased, your giving in difficult circumstances. I have been encouraged and blessed to see the lengths that many of you have gone to in order to get your money to our church.

2021 will be as challenging, financially, if not more so. We have lost a number of regular givers one way or another in 2020, so our planned income going into 2021 is £9,600 per year less than it was going into 2020. However, I am lately being constantly reminded that God will provide and that God has a plan for us – as individuals and as a church. We just need to listen to His words and His plan, and to take action accordingly – again as individuals and as a church.

Bearing all the above in mind, I will doing my last collection and banking of regular giving envelopes in the next couple of weeks. Could you please contact me on 01226753041 if you would like me to collect your envelopes? Or you can drop them off at my house or at the church, during the open times for private prayer. Or even pass them to me via your 'buddy' who delivers your news sheets.

Thank you and God Bless, Kay





Prayer Requests

Please pray for Olive & Raymond Shaw and Christopher and his twin, Caroline Browne

Prayer requests for this section...

Contact the Prayer Ministry Team

Carol Hunter on 07542 527331

Christmas Greetings:

A further casualty of our Church being closed for Public Worship will be our Church Family Christmas Greetings board.

We are planning a special edition of our News-sheet for Christmas which can circulate your messages to all our church members.

If you wish to add your message to this distribution, please submit it **by MONDAY 14th DECEMBER** in order to include it with the regular news-sheet for 20th December.

Contributions accepted by whatever means you can **to Peter** –



email pdrobinson@live.co.uk,
phone, post, hand delivery,
Rector's letter box, via your
buddy or news-sheet distributor,
text to 07910 728581

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 for the Week Ahead...

Sun 6th November	Luke 8 v 1-15
Mon 7th November	Luke 8 v 16-25
Tues 8th December	Luke 8 v 26-39
Weds 9th December	Luke 8 v 40-56
Thur 10th December	Luke 9 v 1-9
Fri 11th December	Luke 9 v 10-17
Sat 12th December	Luke 9 v 18-27

Open for Prayer: Sunday 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



All Saints will be open for private prayer with Social Distancing and hygiene requirements in place and subject to change at short notice.

Face covering must be worn unless personally exempt.



Resources and Contacts

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Items, preferably via e-mail, to

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By Wednesday 5 p.m.

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