

The Parish of Darfield
All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 6th March 2022

First Sunday of Lent

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

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

Haggai - The time is right...

We know little about the Prophet Haggai except for four very specific dates within a four month period in 520 BC when his prophesies were revealed [Haggai 1: 1; 2: 1; 2:10; 2:20]. He may have been among the original exiles but his message from the LORD is very specific but unusual when compared to other Prophets—the people listened!

The Israelites had returned to Jerusalem from their exile in Babylon around 538 BC. King Cyrus of Persia had given permission for the re-building of the city and the Temple to commence but his successors, Xerxes and Artaxerxes reversed that decision. Their advisors had warned that the re-establishment of the Temple and Jerusalem would make the Israelites a greater threat to the safety of the Persian Kingdom. [Ezra 4: 11-24].

The work on the Temple, which had started with an outpouring of praise to the Lord and great joy from the peoples [Ezra 3: 10] came to an abrupt stop. In the succeeding years, the Israelites faced hardships brought upon them by the LORD primarily because of their lack of attention to the Temple despite building their own houses. [Haggai 1: 6; 9-11]

Some 18 or so years later, in the second year of the reign of King Darius of Persia, the time was right. Haggai's prophecy was directed to Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, Governor of Judah, and to Joshua, son of Jozadak, the High Priest. The prophecy was simple – **rebuild the Temple or else the hardships will continue.**

For once the prophecy was acted on by the people and the Temple was completed over the next four years. Known as the Second Temple, it was set to remain as the centre of their religious life for nearly six centuries until destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD as revenge for continuing revolts against Roman rule and would have been familiar to Jesus.

With the completion of the Temple the Lord renewed his Covenant with the Israelites

'From this day on I will bless you.' [Haggai 2: 19]

A Prayer for Ukraine: from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

Forthcoming Services

6th March:	9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]
6th March:	10:45 a.m. Darfield
13th March:	9:00 a.m. Thurnscoe [HC]
13th March:	10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]
20th March:	9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]
20th March:	10:45 a.m. Darfield
20th March:	4:00 p.m. The Well Darfield Hall
27th March:	9:00 a.m. Thurnscoe [HC]
27th March:	10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]



Church Flowers for Easter

Help Needed!

The plans for floral decorations at Easter are on hold for the moment : Wendy puts it "cos I ain't got a penny."

Please see Wendy with your wallet open if you want to help decorate the church for this major festival.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw
Pat Bentley
Steve & Val Myers
Stella Firth
Joan Bramall
Linda and her family
Walt and Diane Law
Carol, Stuart and Philip Ogley
Richard and Philip Wiley

Our Bereaved Families

The families of
Raymond Firth
Lorna Wiley

Prayer Contact:

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First Sunday of Lent Collect

Heavenly Father, Your Son
battled with the powers of
darkness, and grew closer to
You in the desert: help us to
use these days to grow in
wisdom and prayer that we
may witness to Your saving
love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
Romans 10: 8b-13
St Luke 4:1-13

Bible Readings for this week

March:

6th Haggai 2: 1 - 9
7th Haggai 2: 10 - 23
8th Zechariah 1: 1 - 21
9th Zechariah 2: 1 - 13
10th Zechariah 3: 1 - 10
11th Zechariah 4: 1 - 14
12th Zechariah 5: 1 - 11

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 3rd April 2022: All Saints Church 6:00 p.m.

Licencing of Rev. Fiona Kouble as Priest in Charge

Tuesday 5th April 2022:

Annual Parochial Meetings

Sunday 10th April 2022: All Saints Church 4:00 p.m.

Deanery Confirmation Service

with Rt Rev Sophie Jelley, Bishop of Doncaster

Are you on our Electoral Roll?

If not then apply before our Annual Meetings to exercise your vote

LIVE LENT
Embracing
JUSTICE

A Forty Day Challenge

A series of Readings, Meditations and prayers for Lent.

For individuals or families

Download the app for your phone or tablet.

Online at <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/live-lent>

Tankersley and Wath Deaneries:

Living in Love and Faith a Study Course

Every Thursday in March

7:30 p.m. by Zoom

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>

How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?

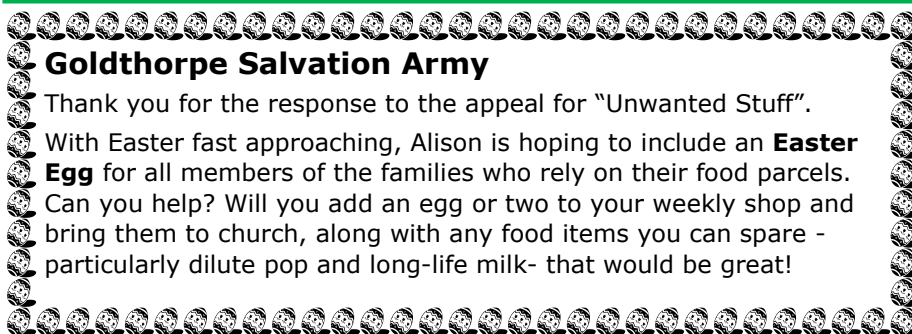


Baptism:

Please pray for the parents and god-parents who will be preparing to bring their children for Baptism.

Sunday 6th March 2:00 p.m. Jessica Rose Whittle

You are all invited to represent our Church family at this service...



Goldthorpe Salvation Army

Thank you for the response to the appeal for "Unwanted Stuff".

With Easter fast approaching, Alison is hoping to include an **Easter Egg** for all members of the families who rely on their food parcels.

Can you help? Will you add an egg or two to your weekly shop and bring them to church, along with any food items you can spare - particularly dilute pop and long-life milk- that would be great!

Resources and Contacts

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DEADLINE for Content

Items, preferably via e-mail, to

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

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All Saints



St Michael



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