



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 6th November 2022: 3rd before Advent

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

Sunday 13th November 2022: 2nd before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

10:00 a.m. Service of Remembrance *All Saints'*

10:30 a.m. Service of Remembrance *St Michael's*

The Pharisees and Sadducees

The Epistle reading for All Saints Day in the Book of Common Prayer, reminds of the twelve tribes of Israel [Revelation 7: 3-8]. Twelve thousand from each tribe were sealed "*on the forehead of the servants of our God*".

The Twelve Tribes of Israel were the descendants of the sons of Jacob who had been welcomed to and settled in Egypt. Joseph, one of the twelve, had earlier been sold into slavery in Egypt by his brothers. [Genesis 37: 28] Whilst in Egypt, Joseph had been given the power to interpret Pharaoh's dreams predicting a period of plenty followed by seven years of famine. Joseph was given charge of making sure that the surplus grain was stored in preparation for the famine.

The famine came and eventually Jacob and his sons were given permission by Pharaoh to settle in Egypt [Genesis 42: to 47:]. Years passed and the tribes prospered and grew, but a new Pharaoh thought that they had grown too powerful and decided to oppress them. This eventually led to the various plagues inflicted by the LORD on Egypt and the Israelites' eventual escape on their way back to the Promised Land.

The tribe of Levi was set apart by the LORD to carry the Ark of the Covenant, to minister before their LORD and to pronounce blessings in His name. [Deuteronomy 10: 8] and eventually to minister as Priests in the Temple.

A series of Judges were raised by the LORD to be the administrators, rulers on judicial matters and military commanders of the Israelites as they fought against the local tribes to establish their territory. Some names will be unfamiliar to us, but we should have heard about Joshua, Gideon, Samson and Samuel. Then followed a series of Kings starting with Saul and David. Some of them attempted to follow the LORD but others failed and ultimately the tribes were taken into exile. After around 70 years, they were allowed to return and the Temple in Jerusalem was rebuilt. Two additional groups of religious leaders emerged, but their first references come in the four Gospels and in the Acts of the Apostles. These were the Pharisees and Sadducees, two groups who didn't always agree but became united in their opposition to Jesus.

The Pharisees are described as Teachers of the Law and were meticulous in the extreme in their interpretation of the Hebrew Bible and the many oral traditions. As a group they believed in the spiritual realm of angels and demons, in the Resurrection of the dead, that the Messiah would set up His kingdom on earth, and that there was an afterlife. They were accused by Jesus of being hypocritical in the observances [Matthew 23: 1-38]. There were some Pharisees who did choose to follow Jesus including Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea as well as St Paul.

The Sadducees were mainly drawn from the higher classes in Jewish society and were the administrators and members of the Sanhedrin, (the Jewish courts), acted as judges in local disputes and were responsible for the maintenance of the Temple. They restricted themselves to only the written Hebrew Bible as the source of divine authority and didn't believe in the afterlife nor the Resurrection.

In the set Gospel reading for today, [St Luke 20: 27-39], we read about an encounter that Jesus had with a group of the Sadducees. Despite not believing in the Resurrection, they asked a very unlikely question of Jesus. The response from Jesus to their question gave a hint of what was to happen in the Age to Come for Children of the Resurrection.

Over the next few Weeks

12th November: 11:00 a.m. **Day of Remembering**
Darfield & Great Houghton

13th November: **Remembrance Sunday**

10:00 a.m. *Darfield*

10:30 a.m. *Great Houghton*

20th November: 10:45 a.m. *Darfield [HC]*

20th November: 4:00 p.m. *The Well Darfield Hall*

27th November: 9:00 a.m. *Great Houghton [HC]*

27th November: 10:45 a.m. *Darfield*

4th December: 10:45 a.m. *Darfield [HC]*

Day of Remembering

Saturday 12th November 2022

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a short
Service at 2:00 p.m.

At All Saints Church, Darfield and
at St Michael's Great Houghton
*space for prayer and reflection or a
cuppa and a chat*

3rd Sunday before Advent Collect

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall
cease and poverty and pain shall
end, that earth may know the
peace of heaven through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Readings

Job 19: 23-27a

Psalm 17: 1-9

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

St Luke 20: 27-38

Bible Readings for this week

November

6th Exodus 2: 11-25

7th Exodus 3: 1-10

8th Exodus 3: v 11-24

9th Exodus 4: 1-17

10th Exodus 4: 18-31

11th Psalm 101

12th Psalm 102

Prayer Square

This week we are praying for...

... those we know who are
grieving the loss of loved ones.

... our **Day of Remembering**
on 12th November, that we
may provide a space for
memories, reflection and
comfort.

"I know that my redeemer lives,
and that in the end he will stand
on the earth" [Job 19: 26]

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our
Prayer Ministry team through
Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Funeral: Friday 11th November at 10:50 a.m.
Stanley Horrobin Barnsley Crematorium

KNIT and NATTER

Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

St Michael's Great Houghton



Rectory Cottage Garden

We are pleased to be working together
with TWIGGS Ground Maintenance Ltd. and
partners to provide a **no dig vegetable
garden** at the Rectory Cottage.

The produce from the garden will go to the
Goldthorpe branch of the Salvation Army's
food bank.

TWIGGS are going to be doing some preparation work in the Cottage
Garden on **Monday 7th November between 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

*If you can help or would just like to drop by and say hello, all are
welcome.*



Carols by candle-light—update

We have now received offers of help in putting the candles in their
holders and clearing up after the Carol Service and the candles have
been purchased.

What we now need is a team to light around 120 candles
immediately before the service on Sunday 18th December at 6:00
p.m.



Prayer Meeting Monday 14th November 2022: 8:00 p.m.

Contact Carol Hunter for the Zoom link

Psalm 17: 6,7

⁶ *I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and
hear my prayer.*

⁷ *Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right
hand those who take refuge in you from their foes.*

Do you receive any stamps from anywhere on your mail?

The Leprosy Mission will accept them to raise funds for their work.
Pass them on via Peter

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael



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