



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 7th August 2022: Eighth after Trinity

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

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

Sunday 14th August 2022: Ninth after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion: Thurnscoe

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: Darfield

Faith in action or faith inaction?

How much difference can a single space make to a statement? In this case it means the difference between everything and nothing. Where are we between these extremes?

If we read Chapter 11 of the Epistle to the Hebrews, we find the word **faith** mentioned 28 times. The writer of the Epistle describes the Old Testament figures from Abel, Enoch and Noah to Moses and Rahab including **By Faith** in the description of their relationships with the LORD. In my Bible Encyclopaedia and concordance, the Biblical references to **faith** cover a page and a half and **Faithful** covers a further page.

Is it strange that the entry for **Faithless** has only four references? The first three relate to the same incident when the disciples had been unable to cast out an evil spirit from a boy [St Matthew 17: 17, St Mark 9: 19, St Luke 9: 41]. The more modern translations use the word "unbelieving" instead of the word faithless from the Authorised Version, but the meaning is the same. The other reference takes us to the second appearance of Jesus to the disciples after the Resurrection when Thomas is given the opportunity to touch the risen Lord. In response to "**be not faithless, but believing**", Thomas replies immediately "**My Lord and my God**" [St John 20: 27-28]

In today's Old Testament reading [Genesis 15: 1-6] we find Abram in Bethel. Chapter 11 of Genesis traces his family tree back through nine generations to Shem, son of Noah.

Abram's father Teram was living in Ur of the Chaldees, in present day Iraq, and decided to take his family to Canaan but only reached Harran, in modern day Turkey, where they settled. [Genesis 11: 31]

Abram was then told by the LORD to leave Harran and take his family on a journey to a place that the LORD would show him. [Genesis 12: 1] This brought them to Shechem and then to Bethel where Abram built altars. [Genesis 12: 6-8] On the way, the LORD showed Abram the land then occupied by the Canaanites and reaffirmed the promise that this land would be given to Abram's descendants.

After a time spent in Egypt during one of the many famines, Abram moved back to Bethel. The LORD returned to Abram and renewed His promise and gave a further promise that the childless couple would have a son to begin the fulfilment of the original promise [Genesis 15: 4].

Abram, later to be renamed by the LORD as Abraham, the Father of Nations, [Genesis 17: 4] receives several mentions in Hebrews 11 for his faith.

Would we be commended for our faith in this way?

We have something that they didn't have in a sure and certain hope in our Lord Jesus. [Hebrews 6: 9]

Over the next few Weeks

August: Churchyard Trail - Creation

7th August:	9:00 a.m.	Great Houghton [HC]
7th August:	10:45 a.m.	Darfield
13th August:	6:30 p.m. for 7:00 p.m.	Board Games
14th August:	10:45 a.m.	Darfield [HC]
17th August:	10:00 a.m.	Messy Church: Darfield
21st August:	9:00 a.m.	Great Houghton [HC]
21st August:	10:45 a.m.	Darfield
21st August:	4:00 p.m.	The Well, Darfield

Salvation Army Appeal—August☆

Thank you for your continued support.

We now have donated enough boxes of cereals to cover the summer holidays.

However, there is an ongoing need for other foodstuffs. If you could either add some of the following to your own shopping list, or the money for me to buy on your behalf, that would be greatly appreciated

Coffee, dilute pop, UHT milk, gravy granules, instant custard and flour (SR or plain): Thankyou, Sue & Frank

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper, save us from pride, when we are needy, save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Readings

Genesis 15: 1-6
Psalm 33: 12-22
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16
St Luke 12: 32-40

Bible Readings for this week

August

7th Psalm 63
8th Genesis 29: 1-14a
9th Genesis 29: 14b-35
10th Genesis 30 v1-24
11th Genesis 30: 25-43
12th Genesis 31: 1-21
13th Genesis 31: 22-55

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527331

Funeral:

12:00 noon

Friday 12th August 2022

Ernest Wiley

All Saints Church and Churchyard

Please pray for Paul, Liz and their families.

Ernest was Organist and Churchwarden at All Saints

Summer Churchyard Trail—Creation



A visit to our Churchyard over the next few weeks will allow you to follow our Creation Trail, see the artwork from All Saints Academy, see the flowers alongside the church provided and tended by Denise Lumley and the dedicated work put in week by week by the volunteers from FODCY, the Friends of Darfield Churchyard. *Thanks to Kay and Diane for the trail.*

Psalm 33: 20,21

²⁰ **We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

²¹ **In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.**

Watchfulness

In our Church Year, we are approaching the half-way point between Ascension Day when we remember our Lord leaving this earth and Advent when we prepare for His return

Today's Gospel reading from St Luke 12: 32-40, urges us to be watchful **"because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."** [St Luke 12:40].

Before Jesus went to pray alone in the Garden of Gethsemane he told His disciples to **"Pray that you will not fall into temptation"**. On His return to them He found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. [St Luke 22: 39-46]. He woke them and issued the same instruction to them before He was betrayed and led off to face the High Priest.

Be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. [1 Peter 4: 7]

Book the date: the next evening of Board Games

Saturday 13th August: 6:30 p.m. for 7:00 p.m. start

If you enjoyed or missed, the inaugural evening of Board Games why not come to the next one?

Book your place: contact Darren at daward@sky.com

Contact Darren if you would like to join a small group to try out some new games before the main evening — *limited places*

LyCiG—Leading your Church into Growth; The Collect

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to Your Church, send Your Holy Spirit to give **Vision** to our planning, **Wisdom** to our actions, and **Power** to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers, In spiritual commitment to you, And in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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St Michael



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