

## The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

# Sunday 7th March 2021 3rd Sunday of Lent

10:30 a.m.

Partnership Service on Facebook

Followed by All Saints Coffee Time on Zoom

## **Public Worship and Private Prayer**

Our Churches remain closed for Public Worship and Pivate Prayer

## **Spotlight on Prayer**

Ponder anew what the almighty can do, who with his love will befriend us.

Joachim Neander (1650 - 1680) Translated Catherine Winksworth (1827-1878)

Prayer exposes us to the Holy Trinity as we make ready to experience God's love expressed in Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

We are all more comfortable within the routines that we build into our lives but we have been shaken by the events of the past year. We have had to forego many of the activities that we have taken for granted and attempt to find new ways of being.

Having a discipline of prayer embedded into our lives opens us up to the transforming grace of God as we seek to enter His presence and build a personal relationship.

If we think of prayer as being a conversation with God, we find the first Biblical references to prayer in Genesis chapter 3 when Adam and Eve have to respond to God's questions.

Prayer is recorded in almost all of the books of the Bible with a total of over 650 references. The power of prayer is shown by over 450 references to answered prayer.

#### How should we pray?

Our Lord gave His disciples and us a pattern for our prayers. [Luke 11: 1-4]. We are given five areas to focus upon as we pray.

Worship and Praise Honour God's Name

Gratitude and thanksgiving Recognise God's eternal Will

Requests and supplications Our present needs

Confessions and humility Our past mistakes
Our future Gods deliverance

#### Where should we pray?

We can pray anywhere, but we could follow the example of Jesus who regularly took time away from his disciples and the crowds to talk to His Father. He also advised His disciples...

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. [Matt 6: 6]

#### When should we Pray?

Traditionally in the morning and evening but equally at any time: St Paul exhorts his readers to 'Pray Continually" [1 Thess 5:17].

# What help is there to Pray?

Our Prayer books, either Common Worship or the Book of Common Prayer – both available online at <a href="https://www.churchofengland.org/">https://www.churchofengland.org/</a>

Morning and Night Prayer - Weekdays on Facebook

Monthly Prayer Meeting on Zoom

**Churchyard Reminder**: The snowdrops, crocus and daffodils are still around to greet you as you pass through on your daily, socially distanced exercise.

# **Prayer Requests** Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw Pat Bentley Steven, Kate and their families Steve & Val Myers The family of Edith Turner Rachael Houston and the family of Andy Houston.

Contact: **Carol Hunter** 07542 527331

# **3rd Sunday of Lent** Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Readings

Exodus 20: 1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 St John 2: 13-22

Bible Readings for this week March:

7th	Acts 13: 1-12
8th	Acts 13: 13-25
9th	Acts 13: 26-35
10th	Acts 13: 36-52
11th	Acts 14: 1-7
12th	Acts 14: 8-20
13th	Acts 14: 21-28

# **Thankyou**

I just want to THANK EVERYONE who sent a card and Birthday wishes to Ray on his 80th 
Birthday. The 'drive past' \( \begin{aligned} \text{turned out to be 'much more' than we could ever \) have imagined. I never expected to see so many people. 🕲 🔞 🧑 🧭 Ray was overwhelmed, it's something he will never forget. It was a lovely day and the warmth of the sunshine made it even more SPECIAL.

THANK YOU ALL... VERY MUCH. Love. Ray & Stella.



## **Focus on Mission**



Making Christ known through proclamation and teaching

Crosslinks supports local churches in over 30 countries to enable front line evangelism and pastor training. Among many local projects, they support the Church of Uganda's **BUILD** training initiative which has spread into the surrounding countries, South Sudan, Kenya, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The **B**iblical **U**nderstanding for **I**n-service **L**eadership **D**evelopment course is designed to equip local Church leaders who cannot access traditional training. It works in 'multiplication' mode by training trainers who are equipped to train leaders with content specially developed to be Biblical, Theological, Practical and in their local context.



There is still time to download the **#LIVE LENT App from the App** Store or Google Play

# From the Parish Registers

Wednesday 3rd March 2021

**Edith Turner** aged 96

All Saints Church and Darfield Cemetery.

#### **Resources and Contacts**

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