

## The Parish of Darfield

*All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton*

**Sunday 7th May 2023**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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

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

**Sunday 14th May 2023**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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

**Thursday 18th May 2023:** *Ascension Day*

**10:30 a.m. Holy Communion [BCP]** *Darfield*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## Coronation Celebrations



**Saturday 6th May: 2:30 p.m.**

**Sunday 7th May: 12:00 noon**

**Tuesday 23rd May:**

**Tea and cakes @ St Michael's Great Houghton**

**Listen to the Bells—Bring your own Picnic**

**Visit the bells** *Rectory Grounds, Darfield*

**Celebration Concert;** *All Saints Darfield*



*Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Downfall and Renewal: Today's Old Testament Reading Genesis 8: 1-19

Chapter 7 of the book of Genesis gives us the genealogy of Noah over nine generations back to Adam. We are told that Noah found favour with the LORD [Genesis 6: 8] when all around him the wickedness of the human race was increasing. So much so that the LORD considered putting an end to all people. [Genesis 6: 13]. Noah was instructed to build an Ark for his family, and pairs of animals, which would allow them to be safe. The sizes quoted for this construction equate to around half the length of a modern cruise liner.

Noah obeyed, built and loaded the Ark, and waited. We can only imagine the reaction from the rest of the people to Noah's task, but as soon as the doors of the Ark were closed it began to rain. For forty days the flood waters rose to cover the mountains and every living creature perished in the flood. The Ark floated on the water for 150 days [Gen 7: 24]

It is at this point that our Old Testament Reading set for today begins.

The LORD remembered Moses [8: 1] and caused the rain to cease and the flood waters to drain away. One hundred and fifty days later, the Ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat in the east of the modern-day Republic of Türkiye. Noah sent out a dove which on the second attempt returned with a fresh olive leaf showing Noah that the Flood had indeed receded. [8: 10,11]

The waters dried up and Noah was instructed to bring the animals and come out of the Ark. [8: 16]. Noah's first act was to build an altar to the Lord and sacrifice burnt offerings [8: 20]

The promise of the Lord to not repeat this wholesale destruction was reinforced by a covenant with Noah which was to be remembered every time a rainbow appeared in the sky [9: 13]

**"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."** [8: 20]

In his first Epistle to God's Elect, St Peter uses Noah as an example and likens the waters of the flood to the water of Baptism. [1 Peter 3: 20,21] Eight people were saved in the Ark but many more can be and are saved by the waters of Baptism in the name of our Risen Saviour.




**Beware**  
**Angel bombing in December**

There is still time for all of you who are knitters to contribute to this Parish-wide forecast

**Join us in our great angel campaign:**  
Are you willing to start knitting angels NOW???

Patterns from Carol or Sheila



**St Michael's Video**  
*Out on YouTube*

Local film-maker Joshua Daniels recently visited Great Houghton and has produced a short video as part of his *Churches in Barnsley* series

The link is on our Church website or at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHCFHgaznnl>

## Fifth Sunday of Easter Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds  
declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen  
life: give us compassion and  
courage to risk ourselves for  
those we serve, to the glory of  
God the Father.

### Readings

Genesis 8: 1-19  
Acts 7: 55-60  
Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2: 2-10  
St John 14: 1-14

### Bible Readings for this week May

7th Leviticus 7: 11-21  
8th Leviticus 7: 22-38  
9th Leviticus 8: 1-17  
10th Leviticus 8: 18-36  
11th Leviticus 9: 1-24  
12th Leviticus 23: 1-14  
13th Matthew 6: 25-34  
14th Matthew 7: 1-12

## Prayer Square

**This week we are praying  
for Darfield and the  
residents of...**

College Terrace  
Snape Hill Road  
Edward Street  
Thomas Street  
St. Mary's Road  
Church Street

### Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our  
Prayer Ministry team through

**Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331**

## From the Parish Registers: Funeral

**Tuesday 2nd May 2023: Susan Gwendoline Cousins aged 79**

*Darfield All Saints and Barnsley Crematorium*

*We acknowledge with grateful thanks the receipt of £201.63 collected in  
Church in lieu of flowers.*

## Funerals: Thursday 11th May 2023

**Rita Ramshaw 1:45 p.m.** *Darfield All Saints and Darfield Cemetery*

**Joan Fisher 2:10 p.m.** *Barnsley Crematorium*

## KNIT and NATTER: St Michael's, Great Houghton

**Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

### Ascension Day: Thursday May 18th

**10:30 a.m. Holy Communion** [Book of Common Prayer]

*All Saints Darfield*

### Stones:

There are many references to stones throughout our Bible. Many were used as  
reminder of encounters with the Lord and as places of sacrifice.

In the set readings for today, we find two distinct examples.

Steven was one of the seven chosen to supervise the daily distributions of food and  
so free up the Twelve for their ministry of the Word [Acts 6: 2,3,5]. Steven came to  
the notice of the Sanhedrin who seized him and falsely accused him of blasphemy.  
[Acts 6: 11-14]. In his defence before the Sanhedrin, Steven gave a powerful account  
of the history of Israel's relationship with God and accusing them of a failure to  
recognise Jesus as Messiah. Their reaction was to drag Steven out of the city and to  
stone him to death as the first recorded Christian martyr. [Acts 7]

Jesus described Peter as the Rock on which His Church would be built [St Matthew  
16: 18]. Peter later describes Jesus as the Living Stone, rejected by humans but  
chosen by God. The followers of Jesus are also described as *Living Stones built into a  
spiritual house, a holy Priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God  
through Jesus Christ* [1 Peter 2: 4,5].

**The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone** [1 Peter 2:7]

### A Prayer for Growth:

*Lord Jesus, as a Church Family in All Saints' and St Michael's, it is our mission to know  
You and proclaim You.*

*We want to connect with our community and see Your Kingdom grow. Send Your Holy  
Spirit to renew, invigorate and inspire us in our work for You.*

*Give us grace, wisdom and joy as we seek to hold out Your Word. Make us strong,  
powerful and courageous witnesses and grant that we grow in faith and in numbers,  
to the honour of Your Name Amen*

### Psalm 31: 1,16

1 *In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver  
me in your righteousness*

16 *Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.*

## Resources and Contacts

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**Tuesday 5:00 p.m.**

All Saints

St Michael



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