



An Apology: the next
Board Games Club will be on
Saturday 18th November

The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 8th October 2023

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Saturday 14th October

4:00 p.m. Café Church *for all ages: Great Hughton*

Sunday 15th October 2023

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

4:00 p.m. Café Church *for all ages: Darfield Church Hall*

More Prophets: Part 3 L-P

Lucius of Cyrene is thought to be one of the founders of the church in Antioch. The death of Stephen had led to a dispersal of believers some of whom reached Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch. Their preaching was limited to the Jewish community but others from Cyprus and Cyrene [modern day Libya] preached also to the gentiles in Antioch and with the Lord's hand on them a great number believed. [Acts 11: 20,21] Lucius is listed among the prophets and teachers in the church at Antioch [Acts 13: 1]

Nathan was a court prophet during the reign of King David. We first meet Nathan when King David was settled in his palace and given rest from his enemies [2 Samuel 7: 1] David is contemplating the fact that he is living in a house whilst the Ark of the Covenant remains in a tent. Nathan's prophesy from the Lord included a promise that one of David's offspring would give the Ark a permanent resting place. Although David was able to gather together the resources needed, it was his son Solomon who commissioned the building of the First Temple. We next meet Nathan when he rebukes David for his adulterous affair with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite whose death in battle had been engineered by David. When David was very old, his son Adonijah attempted to set himself up as the next King of Israel without David's knowledge. David had earlier revealed that the LORD had chosen Solomon as his successor [1 Chronicles 28: 6]. Once David knew about Adonijah he sent Nathan with Zadok the Priest, to anoint Solomon as King to public acclamation.

Oded was from Samaria and lived during the reign of King Ahaz of Judah.. Ahaz did not do what was right in the sight of the Lord [2 Chronicles 28: 1] The country faced the consequences. The Arameans attacked and took many captives to their capital in Damascus. The King of Israel also attacked and inflicted many casualties because Judah had forsaken the Lord [28: 5]. As the Israeli army was returning to Samaria with their plunder and a large number of captives, they encountered Obed. He urged them to return the captives to Judah and was supported by some of the leaders. [28: 9] He reminded the Israelites of their own failings and that the wrath of the Lord was also on them. [28: 11]. The captives and the plunder were returned to Jericho [28: 15]. There is a mention of another **Oded** who was the father of the prophet **Azariah**. [2 Chronicles 15:1]

Philip the Evangelist was one of the seven Deacons appointed to oversee the daily distribution of food and to allow the Apostles to concentrate on the ministry of the Word [Acts 6: 1-5] In later years Philip was living in Caesarea and was visited by Paul as he was returning to Jerusalem from one of his missionary journeys. At this time, Phillip's four unmarried daughters are described as *prophesying* [Acts 21: 9]

Missions Update

Each year the PCC supports a number of societies and agencies involved in the Mission of the Church, locally, nationally and internationally. The total amount for each year is taken as ten percent of the planned giving shown in the previous year's accounts. This year the amount allocated was **£2,240** which was divided equally among these five recipients, each receiving **£448**.

CPAS: [Church Pastoral Aid Society] *Supporting Churches and their leaders to share the Gospel*

Release International: *Loving and serving persecuted Christians throughout the world*

Bible Society: *Inviting people throughout the world to discover the Bible in their own language*

Scripture Union: *providing opportunities for young people to explore the Bible, to respond and grow in faith*

Goldthorpe Salvation Army Food Bank: *providing support and quality food to those in need*

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious God, You call us to
fullness of life: deliver us
from unbelief and banish our
anxieties with the liberating
love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Isaiah 5: 1-7
Psalm 80: 9-17
Philippians 3: 4b-14
Matthew 21: 33-46

Bible Readings for this week

October

8th Mark 2: 18-28
9th Proverbs 4: 1-12
10th Proverbs 4: 13-27
11th Proverbs 5: 1-14
12th Proverbs 5: 15-23
13th Proverbs 6: 1-19
14th Proverbs 6: 20-35
15th Proverbs 7: 1-13

Prayer Square

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

Mulberry Close
The Willows
Willow Court
Beech Court
Larch Close
Honeysuckle Close

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our
Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

The Parable of the Tenants Matthew 21: 33-46

Throughout history, a common feature of agriculture has been farms run by tenants on behalf of often absentee landowners. This system was common in Biblical times where the landowner would expect a share of the produce as a form of rental. The Parable of the Tenants was one in a sequence of parables told by Jesus in the days following His entry into Jerusalem which were directed specifically at the religious leaders.

This landowner planted a vineyard, built a winepress and protected it by a surrounding wall and a watchtower. He then rented the vineyard and moved away. At harvest time he sent his servants to collect his share of the fruit. Two groups of servants were ill-treated, and one even killed by the tenants. He then decided to send his son expecting him to be respected by the tenants. Not so, as by the customs of the day, they saw an opportunity to take over the vineyard if the owner had no heirs. The son was thrown out of the vineyard and killed.

Jesus then asked what should be done with the tenants once the landowner returns. The reply was to find new co-operative tenants and to deal harshly with the previous tenants.

In many ways the outline of this Parable echoes the history of the Israelites. The vineyard represents the world which was entrusted by the LORD to the Israelites as His chosen people. The servants represent the series of Prophets sent to urge the people to return to their LORD rather than following the ways of the surrounding nations. Many of the prophets suffered hardship and rejection. The final act of this part of history was the coming of Jesus as the Son of God. The religious leaders heard these parables and realised that Jesus was taking about them and looked for ways to arrest Him. They were fearful because of the crowd's belief that Jesus was a prophet. By the end of the week the leaders had managed to turn the crowds against Jesus and were able to manipulate His crucifixion.

Jesus quoted from the Psalms '**The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;**' [Psalm 118: 22] as a description of Himself. The rejection was overcome by the Resurrection when Jesus became the focus of a new covenant.

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 80: 14-16, 18:

14 *Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see!
Watch over this vine,*
15 *the root Your right hand has planted, the son You have raised up
for Yourself.*
16 *Your vine is cut down; it is burned with fire; at Your rebuke Your
people perish.*
18 *Then we will not turn away from You; revive us, and we will call
on Your name.*

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

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