



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Easter Sunday: 9th April 2023

9:00 a.m. Easter Holy Communion *Great Houghton*

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

Sunday 16th April 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

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

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

4:00 p.m. The Well *Darfield Church Hall*

Failure?

Those first disciples had witnessed a tumultuous week. At the start of the week, Jesus had entered Jerusalem to shouts of **Hosanna** from the gathered crowds. They had seen Jesus cleanse the Temple of the corrupt money changers and sellers of doves for the sacrifices. He had continued to teach the people in parables and had healed the sick. As the week progressed, the atmosphere changed. The religious leaders were plotting to kill Jesus and gradually turned the crowds against him. Betrayed to the authorities by one of His own and denied by one of His main followers, the crowds shouted **Crucify Him**.

Jesus was crucified. Three hours of darkness descended on Jerusalem during the middle of the day and the curtain of the Temple was torn in two as Jesus gave up His Spirit.

Joseph of Arimathea took the body of Jesus and placed it in a new tomb and sealed the entrance with a large stone. The Chief Priests and Pharisees mounted a guard on the tomb to prevent the disciples removing the body of Jesus and claiming that He had been raised from the dead.

Was this the end?

After the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome came to the tomb to complete the burial rituals. They found the stone rolled away, the guards missing and the tomb empty. They saw angels who told them that Jesus **had risen from the dead**. They went and told the other disciples who came to inspect the tomb for themselves. Once the disciples had left the tomb, Mary Magdalene encountered a man she assumed to be a gardener. She asked if he had carried Jesus away and where it was so that she could retrieve the body.

It took just the single, simple word "**Mary**" for the presence of Jesus to be revealed and an equally simple "**Rabboni**" as Mary's response. Mary returned to the disciples with the good news.

Later in the day, Cleopas and another disciple were walking towards Emmaus, around 7 miles from Jerusalem, when they encountered a stranger who walked with them. On enquiring what they were discussing, the man went on to explain all the scriptures relating to Jesus. During a meal, when they broke the bread, Jesus revealed Himself to them. They immediately hurried back to Jerusalem where they found the Disciples and told them what had happened.

That evening, the disciples were in a locked room for fear of the Jewish Leaders when Jesus appeared to them. He showed them his nail scarred hands and the wound from the soldier's spear. The disciples were overjoyed.

This was not the end but only the beginning of the Church which has continued for two thousand years.

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

KNIT and NATTER:

St Michael's, Great Houghton

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

Have you tried the Boardgames Club yet?

Come and join us and play some new boardgames or bring your own.

**Saturday 22nd April in the Church Hall
6:30 p.m. for 7:00 p.m. start.**



Prayer for this week from Dust and Glory

Lord Jesus, You sought out and loved those society shunned and called unlovable. Help us to do the same: not to associated ourselves with power and popularity, but to be close to those you are close to. Amen.

Easter Sunday Collect

God of glory, by the raising of
Your Son You have broken the
chains of death and hell: fill
Your Church with faith and
hope; for a new day has
dawned and the way to life
stands open in our Saviour
Jesus Christ.

Readings

Acts 10: 34-43
Psalm 118: 1-2,14-24
Colossians 3: 1-4
St Matthew 28: 1-10

Bible Readings for this week April

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| 9th | Leviticus 1: 1-17 |
| 10th | Leviticus 2: 1-16 |
| 11th | Leviticus 3: 1-17 |
| 12th | Psalm 148 |
| 13th | Psalm 149 |
| 14th | Psalm 150 |
| 15th | Matthew 1: 1-17 |
| 16th | Matthew 1: 18-25 |

Prayer Square

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

Clarney Avenue
Clarney Place
Morrison Place
Morrison Road
Clarehurst Road

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our
Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Zoom Prayer Meeting:

**The meeting scheduled for Bank Holiday Monday, 9th
April has been cancelled**

Words and Voices:

The account of Creation gives us a clear indication of the importance of words and voices. Nine times in the first chapter of Genesis we read the words '**God said**'. The formless and empty world created in the beginning [1: 1] becomes the world familiar to us with light and dark, land and sea, vegetation, Sun and Moon and stars, creatures on land and sea and in the sky, and mankind. [Genesis 1: 3-31]

The first record of God speaking directly to a man comes in the Garden of Eden when Adam is given instructions not to eat of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. [Genesis 2: 17]

Throughout the Old Testament we can find occasions when God spoke to individuals such as Noah [Genesis 6: 13]. The many times that Moses heard the voice of the Lord are recorded in Exodus including the receiving of the Ten Commandments. The Word of the Lord came to the prophets to inspire their writings.

In the New Testament, the word of God set John the Baptist on his ministry of Baptism for Repentance and preparing the way for the ministry of Jesus. The voice of God was heard at the Baptism of Jesus when He was identified by the voice from Heaven "This is My much-loved Son." [St Matthew 3:17]. The same words were heard at the Transfiguration by Peter, James and John. [St Matthew 17: 5]

Do we hear the voice of God calling to us and giving us direction?
Are we prepared to listen and to act?

In the introduction to his Gospel, St John describes Jesus...

¹ **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,**
and the Word was God. ² **He was with God in the beginning.**
[St John 1: 1,2]

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 118: 1,14,18

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.
14 The Lord is my strength and my defence; He has become my salvation.
21 I will give You thanks, for You answered me; You have become my salvation.

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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