



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 9th July 2023

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion: Darfield

Sunday 16th July 2023

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

4:00 p.m. The Well—Café style: Darfield Church Hall

Zoom Prayer Meeting

The meeting scheduled for Monday 10th July 2023 and future meetings have been cancelled pending a review.

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus' [2 Thessalonians 5: 16-18]

Deanery Visit by Bishop Sophie

Wednesday 19th July

7:30 p.m. at St Mary, Wombwell

Boardgames Club

Saturday 22nd July in the Church Hall

6:30 p.m. for 7:00 p.m. start.

The Prophet Zephaniah

The minor prophet Zephaniah was active during the reign of King Josiah of Judah, (640–609 BC). Zephaniah introduces himself as a great-great-grandson of Hezekiah, King of Judah, [Zephaniah 1: 1] who is mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus [Matthew 1: 10].

Hezekiah had attempted to bring the people back to worshipping the one true LORD and He *'did what was right in the eyes of the LORD'* [1 Kings 18: 3]. He repaired the Temple and removed references to all other deities from the Temple and from across his Kingdom. During his reign, the Northern Kingdom of Israel fell to the Assyrians [1 Kings 18: 9-11] and his own Kingdom was under threat from Sennacherib, King of Assyria [1 Kings 18: 13].

Hezekiah was succeeded by his 12-year-old son, Manasseh who reigned for 55 years. [2 Kings 21: 1]. Manasseh *'did evil in the eyes of the LORD'* [2 Kings 18: 2] and resumed the religious practices of the surrounding nations. His son Amon succeeded aged twenty two but only reigned for two years. He continued to follow the ways of his father and forsook the LORD [2 Kings 21: 19-21]. After just two years, Amon was the victim of a coup by his officials who assassinated him in his palace. The people killed all the plotters and installed Josiah, the son of Amon as King. Josiah however, *'did what was right in the eyes of the LORD'* [2 Kings 22: 2]. Once again, all the various pagan influences and artefacts were removed from the land. The Book of the Law was discovered in the Temple and read to the people in Jerusalem and the Covenant with the LORD was renewed by Josiah and agreed by the people. [2 Kings 23: 1-3]

It was into this situation that Zephaniah's prophesy was revealed. It foresaw the destruction of the Kingdom of Judah but urged the people to seek the LORD before the destruction was to take place. [Zephaniah 2: 3] The prophesy ends with a promise to the remnant of Israel from the LORD; *'I will give you honour and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes'* [Zephaniah 3: 20]. Josiah was given a promise through the prophet Huldah that, because of his efforts to maintain the Covenant with the LORD, the destruction would only take place after his death.

Josiah was killed in battle with the Egyptian Pharaoh, Necho and was succeeded by his son Jehoahaz who reverted to *'doing evil in the eyes of the Lord'* [2 Kings 22: 32]. After just two months Jehoahaz was deposed by Pharaoh Necho and replaced by his brother Eliakim's who was renamed Jehoiaquim and who continued to do evil. [2 Kings 23: 36-7]. Before long, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon marched against Jerusalem and eventually demolished the city walls and the Temple and took the people into exile in Babylon.

What's on at St Michaels' Great Houghton

A peaceful place for all...

Mindful Mondays: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thoughtful Thursdays: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00

The church will be open for times of peace, stillness, quiet reflection and prayer:

Knit and Natter will re-open in September

Beware—

Angel bombing in December

Join us in our great angel campaign:

Are you willing to start knitting angels NOW???

Patterns from Carol or Sheila

Fifth Sunday after Trinity Collect

Almighty God, send down upon Your Church the riches of Your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the Gospel Your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Zechariah 9: 9-12
Psalm 145: 8-14
Romans 7: 15-25a;
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Bible Readings for this week July

9th	Esther 6: 1- 14
10th	Matthew 15: 21-28
11th	Matthew 15: 29-39
12th	Matthew 16: 1-12
13th	Matthew 16: 13-28
14th	Matthew 17: 1-13
15th	Matthew 17: 14-21
16th	Matthew 17: 22-27

Prayer Square

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

*Cortina Rise
Modena Court
Ferrara Close
Salerno Way
Catania Rise
Siena Close*

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331



Sunday 16th July 2023: 4:00 p.m.
Café style—Darfield Church Hall

The coming of Zion's King [Zechariah 9: 9]

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Darfield Summer Gala

Wednesday 2nd August 2023:

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**We need volunteers for 'pick-a-stick'
and to talk to the visitors**



Thursday 20th July

6:30 p.m. at All Saints Darfield

*Darfield Mothers' Union Closing Service
and a Celebration of the life of Hilda Jobling*

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

All Saints Toilet project: four years on

Recently, a small group met with Josh Hunter, the Diocesan Church Buildings Officer to review progress on this important project:

We need **YOUR** assistance to help seek out potential grant sources and ideas to raise funds so that this project can progress...

Talk to Peter, Kay or Jo.

Psalm 145: 8, 9, 10

8 *The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.*

9 *The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.*

10 *All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you.*

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael



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