



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 9th October 2022: 17th after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion: *Thurnscoe*

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

Sunday 16th October 2022: 18th after Trinity

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*

Leprosy

Leprosy is a disease caused by a bacterial infection which damages nerves under the skin which leads to a lack of sensitivity, skin ulcers and muscle weakness. It is one of the oldest diseases in recorded history but can be cured and controlled with modern antibiotic drugs.

There are over sixty references to leprosy throughout the Old and New Testaments. During these times, those with leprosy faced rejection from society and often lived as beggars on the roadside.

The first Biblical reference to leprosy comes during the first encounter that Moses had with the LORD. Moses was tending the sheep of his father-in-law Jethro, close to Mount Horeb and diverted to investigate flames of fire from a bush that wasn't burning up. [Exodus 3: 2-3]. The LORD called to Moses from the bush and commissioned him to visit Pharaoh to set in motion the events that would lead the Israelites out of Egypt. [Exodus 3: 4-23] Moses asked for signs to convince the Israelites that he was really guided by the LORD. One of these involved Moses putting his hand into his cloak which turned his hand leprosy when he took it out and became healthy when repeated the actions. [Exodus 4: 6,7].

Once the Israelites had left Egypt, Miriam, the sister of Moses, and Aaron, his brother, had opposed Moses. Miriam was struck down with leprosy by the LORD as a punishment [Numbers 12: 10]

Perhaps one of the better-known lepers in the Old Testament was Naaman, Commander of the army of the King of Aram who was a valiant soldier and highly regarded by his King. [2 Kings 5: 1]. Naaman's wife had as a maid an Israelite girl, who had been captured on one of the army's raids on Israel. This young girl demonstrated her faith by suggesting that Naaman would be healed if he would only visit Elisha, "the Prophet who is in Samaria". [2 Kings 5: 3]. Naaman gained permission from his King to make the journey and eventually reached the house of Elisha. Without seeing him, Elisha told Naaman to go and wash seven times in the River Jordan. Naaman was upset, thinking that the rivers of his own country were better than the Jordan. His servants persuaded Naaman to perform this simple task and he was cleaned. [2 Kings 5:13,14]. His response to Elisha on seeing him was "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel" [2 Kings 5: 15]

Our Gospels record two incidents with Jesus and lepers. Not long after He started His ministry, Jesus encountered a leper who knelt and said "LORD, if you are willing, you can make me clean". [St Matthew 8:3 St Mark 1:41, St Luke 5:12] Jesus touched him, which would not have been done by any of the religious leaders of the day, and the leper was healed. The other event with a group of ten lepers, occurred as Jesus was making His final journey to Jerusalem. They asked for pity and were healed. [St Luke 17: 11-14] Only one of the ten, a Samaritan, returned to Jesus to give praise to God for his healing [St Luke 17: 15-19]

Over the next few Weeks

16th October:	9:00 a.m.	Great Houghton [HC]
16th October:	10:45 a.m.	Darfield
16th October:	4:00 p.m.	The Well, Darfield Hall
23rd October:	10:45 a.m.	Darfield [HC]
23rd October:	4:00 p.m.	Bible Story time re-told
30th October:	9:00 a.m.	Great Houghton [HC]
30th October:	10:45 a.m.	Darfield

We Support:

A global Christian Organisation leading the fight against



The Leprosy Mission
England and Wales

Leprosy: working in the four areas of caring for victims, diagnosis and treatment, fighting stigmas and research. The Society has assisted the building of a new leprosy centre in Anandaban Hospital in Nepal, which opened in September 2022

17th Sunday after Trinity Collect

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

2 Kings 5: 1-3; 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2: 8-15
St Luke 17: 11-19

Bible Readings for this week

October

9th Genesis 43: 1-16
10th Genesis 43: 17-34
11th Genesis 44: 1-15
12th Genesis 44: 16-34
13th Genesis 45
14th Genesis 46
15th Psalm 89: 1-18

Leading your Church into Growth;

The LYCIG Collect

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to Your Church, send Your Holy Spirit to give **Vision** to our planning, **Wisdom** to our actions, and **Power** to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers, In spiritual commitment to you, And in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through
Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Prayer Meeting 10th October 2022: 8:00 p.m.

A reminder that the monthly Zoom Prayer Meeting is now on the **second Monday** of the month

Contact Carol Hunter for the link

Wednesday 12th October 10:00 a.m.

The pupils and staff of All Saints Academy will be meeting in All Saints to celebrate Harvest.

Have you tried the Boardgames Club yet?

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

Saturday 15th October in the Church Hall
6:30 p.m. for 7:00 p.m. start.

Psalm 111: 9, 10

⁹ He provided redemption for His people; he ordained His covenant forever- holy and awesome is His name.

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding. To Him belongs eternal praise.

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

St Michael's Great Houghton



Sunday 16th October 4:00 p.m.

Darfield Church Hall

From the Parish Registers

Thursday 29th September

Funeral: David Wagstaff aged 69

All Saints' Darfield and Barnsley Cemetery

Do you receive any stamps from anywhere on your mail?

**The Leprosy Mission will accept them to raise funds for their work.
Pass them on via Peter**

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael



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