

The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 10th May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield

Thursday 14th May 2026

Ascension Day

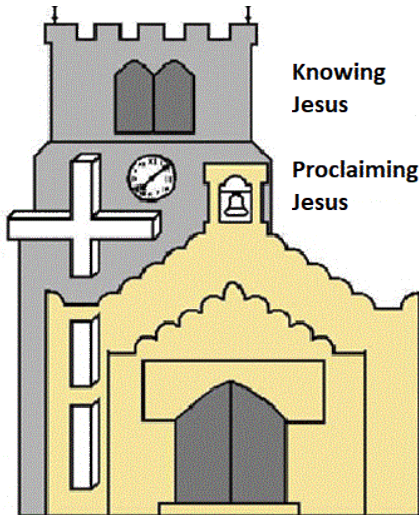
11:30 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield

Sunday 17th May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Great Houghton

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Darfield



One hundred and fifty-three...

For followers of championship darts the call of "*one hundred and eighty*" often rings out as the skilled players land their three darts together in a small space on the dartboard. For some, the shout of *one hundred and fifty-three* could follow a three-dart finish for their game by hitting *treble twenty, treble nineteen and double eighteen*. References to darts in our Bible are few and are usually describing them as weapons. They are mentioned along with spears and javelins by Job [Job 41: 26] and by St Paul as weapons of the evil one [Ephesians 6: 16].

In the weeks after the Resurrection, some of the Disciples had returned to Galilee. One evening Peter decided to do what he thought he knew best - fishing. He, along with Thomas, Nathaniel, James, John and two others, got into a boat and set sail onto the Sea of Galilee. They toiled all night but caught nothing. In the morning, as they were returning empty handed, they saw a figure standing on the shore. He asked if they had caught any fish. When the fishermen answered that they had not, He told them to cast their nets on the right-hand side of the boat. This time as they cast their nets, they were immediately filled with large fish and they had to struggle to return to land without breaking their nets. John was the first to recognise that the figure on the shore was Jesus. When they reached the shore, they found Jesus with a small fire with bread and fish baking on it. This was shared with them all. The catch must have been so significant that they counted the fish and John was able to record that the catch numbered *one hundred and fifty-three large fish*. St Luke records a similar event at the beginning of the ministry of Jesus [Luke 5: 4-11] which led to Peter, James and John giving up everything and following Jesus.

After their early-morning meal, Jesus began the process of rehabilitating Peter for what was to come next. We remember that, while Jesus was on trial in the High Priest's courtyard, Peter had denied knowing Jesus three times. [John 18: 15-27]. In order to wipe out these denials Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him. Peter responded positively and was given the charges to "*feed my lambs*", "*take care of my sheep*", "*Feed my sheep*" and ultimately "**Follow Me**".

Both accounts highlight that the disciples' efforts alone were fruitless, while the presence of Jesus brought abundance. They demonstrate the authority of Jesus over nature and serve as a lesson in faith and obedience to us.

Ascension Day 11:30 a.m.

On **Thursday 14th May** we will be celebrating Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer.

This Service will be later than usual because of Warm Space and Community Shop on the Go.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Readings

Acts 17: 22-31
Psalm 66: 7-18
1 Peter 3: 13-22
John 14: 15-21

Readings for this week

May

10th Hebrews 7: 19-28
11th Hebrews 8: 1-9
12th Hebrews 8: 10-13
13th Joshua 24: 14-33
14th Ruth 1: 1-5
15th Ruth 1: 6-13
16th Ruth 1: 14-22
17th Ruth 2: 1-13

Prayer Square

This week we are praying for residents of Darfield

Bellbrooke Avenue
Bellbrooke Close
Bellbrooke Place
Rose Avenue
Tempest Avenue

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Community Shop on the Go and Warm-Space

Next Community Shop: Thursday 14th May

Warm Space: Every Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

BOOK THE DATE: Saturday 6th June - All Saints Garden Party
How can YOU contribute to the success of this event?

Thoughtful Thursday at Great Houghton

Thursdays between 11:00 a.m. and noon.

Craft and Natter Tuesday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Boardgames Club

Saturday 16th May in the Rectory Cottage

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

Please bring CAKES and/or FRUIT if you can
Why not bring and share your own games?

Forty Days on...

As you read through the Bible you will come across several occasions where periods of forty days become significant. We are currently approaching the end of one of these periods where forty days becomes a significant interval of time. On Thursday of this coming week we reach the Feast of the Ascension which is forty days since we celebrated Easter.

The Risen Jesus was with His Disciples on several occasions during the forty days after His Resurrection and as the final day approached, He gave a final command which is to **go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.** Whilst on the Mount of Olives, Jesus was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. We can start with the settlements in our own Parish and the people we come into contact with in our Sunday services, Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and the events coming up which will be supported by the wider communities.

Church Explorer Day

On Saturday 23rd May we will be joining in celebrating Church Explorer Week with other Churches in the Sheffield Diocese.

All Saints Church will be open between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Rotas are on the Church Notice board ready to add YOUR name to the lists for meeting, greeting and refreshing our visitors.

Resources and Contacts

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael

