



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 19th April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

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

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship *Darfield*

Annual Parochial Meeting

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 26th April 2026

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

On the road to Emmaus [read Luke 24: 13-24]

Emmaus was a small township, about seven miles from Jerusalem and linked to it by a road. The actual location is uncertain but it may have been on the West Bank of the Jordan.

It was the day after the Sabbath and the disciples of Jesus were facing a difficult time. The person they had been following, some for up to three years, had been betrayed to the Authorities, put on trial and condemned to death. That sentence had been carried out and the body of Jesus had been laid in a tomb with a large stone over the entrance and a guard set. The disciples were afraid that they would be next on the list. Their confusion had increased when Mary Magdelene had come to them saying that she had seen and spoken to Jesus who had been raised from the dead. Peter and John had gone to the tomb and found the stone rolled away with just the neatly arranged grave cloths remaining.

Later that day Cephas and another disciple were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus and were discussing the events of the past days. Along the way, a stranger joined them and asked what they were discussing. Cephas told the stranger about this man, Jesus of Nazareth, who he described as being a prophet and powerful before the Lord and the People. Cephas expressed the hope that Jesus would have been the one to redeem Israel. He told of the words of Mary Magdelene and the tomb being empty.

Then the stranger reminded them of the words of the Prophets that the Messiah would have to suffer these things and then enter his glory and proceeded to explain all the Scriptural references to the Messiah. As they approached their destination, the stranger made as if to continue walking but was urged to stay with them as it was nearly evening. During their meal together, the stranger took bread, blessed it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognised the stranger as Jesus who immediately disappeared from their sight. They then realised how they had been affected as Jesus had explained the Scriptures to them.

They immediately set off back to Jerusalem where they found the disciples and told them that they had seen the Risen Lord. Whilst the group was talking about this, the Risen Jesus appeared to them in that room which, as we read in the other Gospel accounts of this event, had the doors locked for fear of the Jews. The disciples were able to see that Jesus was not a ghost. Jesus then went on to tell them that the prophets had written "*The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*" [John 24: 46-47]

This account is one of hope, revelation and transformation. The disciples were confused, disheartened and weighed down by grief until Jesus revealed himself to them in the breaking of bread. How often do we walk through some of life's phases feeling discouraged and confused and fail to recognise the presence of Jesus by our side. We are reminded that, through companionship, conversation and a willingness to share our burdens, we can see with new eyes and rekindle our faith.

Third Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Readings

Zephaniah 3: 14-20
Acts 2: 14a, 36-41
Psalm 116: 1-3,10-17
1 Peter 1: 17-23
Luke 24: 13-35

Readings for this week

April

19th Joshua 19: 24-39
20th Joshua 19: 40-51
21st Joshua 20:
22nd Hebrews 1: 10-14
23rd Hebrews 2: 1-9
24th Hebrews 2: 10-18
25th Hebrews 3:
26th Hebrews 4: 1-7

Prayer Square

This week we are
praying for residents of
Darfield

Doveside Drive
Alder Grove
Aspen Grove
Fern Close
Celandine Grove
Maytree Close

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 30th April

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?

The Sundays of Easter

The Lectionary for the weeks between Easter and Pentecost includes a series of instructions printed in red to show their importance. They specify that a passage from the Acts of the Apostles must be read on each of these Sundays. These readings cover in great detail the speech that Peter made on the Day of Pentecost. This day was just seven weeks after Passover and another of the Jewish Pilgrimage Feasts, Shavuot or the Fest of Weeks when many people would be in Jerusalem. Peter's audience included Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs all heard the message in their own language. [Acts 2: 9-11]. What had happened in these few weeks? The Disciples had met with the risen Jesus and seen him return to Heaven. On the Day of Pentecost they had, once again, been gathered in a room but this time they had received the Holy Spirit which made all the difference. Peter's speech can be seen as the first significant public proclamation of the Christian Faith. In today's set passage [Acts 2: 36-41] Peter tells the crowd that God "*had made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.*". The crowd's response was immediate in asking what they should do. They were told to repent and be baptised in the name of Christ and that they would receive the Holy Spirit. About three thousand took up this challenge and were added to the number of believers on that special day. The Acts of the Apostle goes on to give an account of the faith and leadership of those early disciples and the divine guidance given them as they sought to extend their numbers and influence throughout the then known world.

Thoughtful Thursday at Great Houghton

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

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

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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