



The Parish of Darfield
 All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton
Sunday 21st November 2021
Sunday next before Advent
Christ the King

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Thurnscoe
10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Darfield
4:00 p.m. The Well, Darfield Church Hall

Christ the King

Those of us over a certain age will identify this Sunday as the Sunday next before Advent, otherwise Stir up Sunday, the last Sunday in the Church's Year. The multiplicity of Sundays in the Season of Trinity give way, next week, to the season of Advent which gives us chance to prepare ourselves spiritually for the real meaning of Christmas and for the promised Second Coming.

In more recent years this Sunday has been nominated as the Feast of Christ the King. In it we celebrate the true status of Our Lord.

We are making a statement to the World that we serve our Lord, to whom we belong. We are members of Christ's Kingdom through Baptism in a Community of Faith.

We are urged to **"set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth"** [Colossians 3: 2]

We are reminded that all our strengths and talents and our hopes and direction come from Jesus. **"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."** [Ephesians 6: 10]

Jesus describes his followers as **"The Light of the World"** [St Matthew 5: 14]. We have the responsibility to demonstrate to our communities what the Light of Jesus looks like in our day.

As we prepare for the season of Advent where we look both back to Bethlehem and forward to Heaven let us be that Light as we may be the only Jesus that some people will encounter.

Above all **"Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong."** [1 Corinthians 16: 13]

WANTED

When you look around our lovely Church building of Darfield All Saints does it bring you joy and peace? Does it remind you of the countless thousands of others who have worshipped and prayed here? Do you marvel at its beauty?

Would you feel the same if it were knee-deep in leaves and dust, covered in cobwebs and dead flies (and age-old confetti and sweet papers), with pews sticky to the touch and clouds of dust every time you sit down?

Do you ever wonder why it isn't in this state? Do you ever wonder who keeps it clean?

We don't pay a cleaner for the Church, we rely on volunteer cleaners. Several years ago we had five or six pairs of cleaners who took it turn to clean the church. We are currently down to Wendy or Kay popping in when they get a minute - just to keep the spiders on their toes. **WE URGENTLY NEED CHURCH CLEANERS.**

What does the work involve? Dusting the pews (sometimes adding a bit of polish), hoovering the carpets, sweeping (or hoovering) the windowsills and the porch, sometimes sweeping out the pews and occasionally mopping the chancel floor. We also need someone to clean the glasswork and the brasses occasionally.

The work is not complicated, it is not too arduous and can be done in your own time and whenever you like (although it would be best to avoid 10.45 a.m. on a Sunday!) Keys can be provided for access. Dusters, polish, hoovers and mops are all provided.

Please see Peter, or Wendy or Kay to volunteer your services - as little or as much as you can do.
PLEASE...

Kay

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. [BCP]

Forthcoming Services

- 21st November: 9:00 a.m. St Helen Thurnscoe
- 21st November: 10:45 a.m. All Saints Darfield [HC]
- 21st November: 4:00 p.m. The Well, Darfield Church Hall

- 28th November: 9:00 a.m. St Michael Great Houghton
- 28th November: 10:45 a.m. All Saints Darfield

- 5th December: 9:00 a.m. St Helen Thurnscoe
- 5th December: 10:45 a.m. All Saints Darfield [HC]



4:00 p.m.
Sunday 21st November
Darfield Church Hall

A family friendly service where all are safe and welcome, and can explore new ways of worshipping together.

A chance to discover and sing new songs, to ask questions and to encounter Christianity and the Bible anew.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw
Pat Bentley
Steve & Val Myers
Stella and Raymond Firth
Barry & Joan Bramall
Andrea & Andrew Harrison
Eddie and Elaine
Linda and her family
Hilda Jobling

Our Bereaved Families

The family of
Sadie Wharam

Prayer Contact:

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1st Sunday before Advent Christ the King Collect

God the Father, help us to
hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in His service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for He reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, one
glory.

Readings

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalm 25: 1-9

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

St Luke 21: 25-36

Bible Readings for this week

November:

21st 2 John 1: 1-13

22nd 3 John 1: 1-14

23rd Jude 1: 1-16

24th Jude 1: 17-25

25th Revelation 1: 1-8

26th Revelation: 1: 9-20

27th Revelation: 2: 1-7

The Diocesan Vision Prayer

Living God, Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.

RENEW us as we make your love known;

RELEASE us to share freely together in mission;

and **REJUVENATE** us to be fruitful in your service.

Give us courage, wisdom and compassion, that strengthened with
the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield,
both flourish and grow through Christ our Lord. Amen

Christmas Decorations

Over the next few weeks, Wendy will be planning
for the decoration of All Saints for the Christmas
Period. She will welcome offers of help and any
financial gifts to make this possible.

On Line Giving:

Are you planning to shop online this year?

We have accounts with Easy Fundraising and with
Smile.Amazon which would allow us to collect a small
donation every time you shop with many well known online
retailers. It costs you nothing except for a few minutes to
sign up and remember to use their links to your favourite
shops.

Sign up at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Or <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>

We can also receive gifts on line via our web site and our
pages on A Church near You [links below]

From the Parish Registers

Monday 15th November 2021

Ada Wakeford

Funeral: All Saints Darfield and Barnsley Crematorium

We acknowledge the sum of £261.65 received at this
service in memory of Ada.

Wednesday 17th November 2021

Rose Mary Whysall

Funeral: All Saints Darfield and Darfield Cemetery

Resources and Contacts

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

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All Saints



St Michael



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