



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton
Sunday 23rd August 2026 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield

Sunday 30th August 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:45 a.m. Breakfast Service Darfield

Reunion, Growth and Oppression

Seven years had passed and the famine predicted in Pharaoh's dreams began. The news that there was grain in Egypt reached Jacob who sent ten of his sons to Egypt to buy grain. The youngest, Benjamin, stayed at home. When they arrived in Egypt, they met Joseph who was supervising the sale of grain but did not recognise him. Joseph accused them of being spies and discovered from them that they had a younger brother. Reuben was held as a hostage whilst they returned home to fetch Benjamin. Their grain sacks were filled but Joseph told his servants to put their money into the sacks. They set off and at their first nightly stop discovered the money and became afraid.

Back home, as their food was consumed, Jacob sent them back to Egypt for more grain. They met with Joseph who recognised Benjamin. Once again, their sacks were filled with grain and their money was added to the sacks. They also put Joseph's silver cup into Benjamin's sack. They set off but Joseph sent his servants to intercept them and 'find' the cup. When they returned to Joseph, he identified himself to them.

Pharaoh heard of their reunion and told them to go home and to fetch their father and all their families back to Egypt where they would '*enjoy the best of the land of Egypt and you can enjoy the fat of the land.*' [Genesis 45: 18]

On their Journey to Egypt, Jacob paused at Beersheba. The LORD spoke to Israel in a dream to allay his fears and, that whilst in Egypt, he would be made into a great nation. On arrival they were allowed to settle in the Land of Goshen and carry on shepherding their flocks.

When Jacob died his body was taken with great ceremony to Canaan where he was buried in the cave of Machpelah, the property of Abraham when he bought it from the Hittite Ephron. The family prospered and grew in number. Joseph eventually died and his body was placed in a coffin.

Time went by and the families grew until a new Pharaoh who 'knew not Joseph'. He saw the strength of the Israelites and regarded them as a threat to Egypt.

Slave masters were appointed to oppress them with forced labour but they still grew larger in number. The Israelite midwives were instructed to kill male babies at birth but managed to avoid carrying out the order.

We now find a couple of the tribe of Levi who had a son. She hid him for a while but eventually obtained a wicker basket, put the baby in it and floated it in the River Nile. The basket was seen by Pharaoh's daughter who rescued the baby. His sister had been watching him and approached Pharaoh's daughter and offered the services of his mother to look after him. Pharaoh's daughter agreed and eventually, the boy was brought to her. She named him Moses.

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God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10

Psalm 124

Romans 12: 1-8

Matthew 16: 13-20

Readings for August

23rd Genesis 4: 10.-18

24th Genesis 4: 19-26

25th Genesis 5: 1-17

26th 1 John 5: 1-12

27th 1 John 5: 13-21

28th 2 John 1: 1-13

29th 3 John 1: 1-14

30th Jude 1: 1-12

Prayer:

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

Prayer Square
This week we are
praying for residents of
Darfield

Meadow Drive
 Church View
 Riverside Close
 Cliff Drive
 Cliff Road
 Maran Avenue
 Attlee Crescent

Community Shop on the Go
Next Community Shop:

Thursday 3rd September

Warm Space: every Thursday

Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Heritage Open Days

Saturday 12th September

All Saints & St Michael's

Sunday 13th September

All Saints

Who am I? [Matthew 16: 13-20]

Jesus often used the term "**The Son of Man**" to describe himself. This derives from a dream recorded in the book of Daniel where *one like a son of man* was given eternal power over all peoples. [Daniel 7: 13]

One day in Caesarea Philippi, Jesus used this term and asked his Disciples how the crowds were describing Him. Their replies include Jeremiah or another of the prophets, Elijah or John the Baptist. Jesus then turned the question to the Disciples. Simon Peter was the first to answer. "**You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God**". For this response, revealed to him by the Living God, Simon Peter received a new name, Peter, and a commission that he would be the foundation of the church and would receive the Keys of Heaven. The Disciples were then told not to tell anyone that Jesus was the Messiah, the anointed one

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