



## The Parish of Darfield

*All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton*

**Sunday 24th May 2026**

*Pentecost*

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

**Sunday 31st May 2026**

*Trinity Sunday*

**10:45 a.m. Breakfast Service** *Darfield*

## Whit Sunday or Pentecost?

Whit Sunday falls on the Seventh Sunday after Easter. Its name is a contraction of White Sunday derived from the white robes worn by those being baptised on this Holy Day. In some areas of the country, particularly in Lancashire and West Yorkshire, Whitsuntide was marked by the Whit Walks. Members of the local churches and chapels would join in a Procession of Witness, following their individual church or Sunday School banner and usually led by their local brass band. Many of these bands would have their own day in Whit Week where local contests were organised. For instance, those in the villages around Saddleworth continue on Whit-Friday and allow the bands to show their expertise.

the Book of Common Prayer includes set readings for the Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun Week as well as for the Sunday. More recently our Lectionary describes this Sunday as Pentecost which derives from the Greek for fifty. Whatever we call it, this Sunday can be seen as marking the birth of the Christian Church.

The Jewish calendar included three annual festivals which are collectively described as the Pilgrimage Festivals. All who were physically able were expected to make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem to join in the ritual celebrations in the Temple. Moses was given instructions by the LORD to observe these three celebrations to coincide with significant events in the cycle of harvest times. The second festival celebrated fifty days after Passover and is known as Shavuot and marks the start of the wheat harvest.

Again the Disciples were all together on one place to celebrate the festival when they heard the sound of a violent wind which filled the whole house. They then saw what appeared to be tongues of fire which came to rest on each one of them and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. [Acts 2: 1-4] The promise made by Jesus had been fulfilled [John 14: 16]. Such was the power of the Spirit that they left their closed room and began speaking in tongues so that the visiting crowds from all areas of the Roman Empire and beyond were able to understand them in their own languages. [Acts 2: 9-11]. Some were perplexed, some amazed and some dismissive claiming that the Disciples were drunk.

Peter stood up and reminded the crowd of the words of the prophet Joel [Joel 2:28] "*I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions*" As Peter continued to explain that Jesus was the long expected Messiah, many of the crowd asked what they should do. Peter's reply to them was for them to repent and be baptised. Such was their response that about three thousand accepted and were baptised. [Acts 2: 41] As the days passed the group of followers increased as the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. [Acts 2: 47]

Pentecost reminds us that, as a community of faith, we all have a calling, gifts and abilities to be used in our mission to our parish and beyond.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire and lighten with celestial fire... MP 90

1627: Translated: John Cosin 1594-1672 after Rabanus Maurus c776-856

## Pentecost

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with  
the gift of faith, revive your  
Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Readings

Numbers 11: 24-30  
Psalm 104:26-36,37b\*  
Acts 2: 1-21  
1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13  
John 20: 19-23 or  
John 7: 37-39

## Readings for this week

### May

**24th** Hebrews 10: 1-18  
**25th** Hebrews 10: 19-31  
**26th** Hebrews 10: 32-39  
**27th** Ruth 3: 9-18  
**28th** Ruth 4: 1-8  
**29th** Ruth 4: 9-22  
**30th** Daniel 1: 1-10  
**31st** Daniel 1: 11-21

## Prayer Square

**This week we are praying  
for residents of  
Great Houghton**

Crabtree Drive  
Pinewood Close  
Ashwood Grove  
Lister Row  
Mileswood 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 28th 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.**

## The Holy Spirit

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove; teach us  
the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour's love!*

Margaret Old (c1930-c1998)

We are introduced to the Spirit of God in the second verse of Genesis where we have a graphic image of the earth in darkness and without form and the Spirit hovering over the waters. In later chapters, we read that the breath (or Spirit) of God was breathed into a man to make Adam a living being. [Genesis 2: 7] and that the Spirit will not remain in humans forever and that their life span is limited. [Genesis 6: 3]

As we read through the Old Testament we find many individuals among the lists of Patriarchs Judges, warriors and prophets who led the Israelites from time to time. **Joseph** was put in charge of preparations for the seven years of famine predicted in one of Pharaoh's dreams. Pharaoh saw that the Spirit of God was in Joseph. Years later, during the Exodus, **Bezalel** was chosen by the Lord to construct the Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant. He was filled with the Spirit of God giving him the necessary skills. [Exodus 31: 3]. During the times of the Judges ruling Israel, they forgot the Lord and began to worship the Baals and the Asherahs. They were made subject to king Cushan-Rishathaim of Aram Naharaim for eight years. The Spirit of the Lord came upon **Othniel** who fought and overpowered the king and established peace for forty years. More familiar names like **Gideon**, [Judges 6: 34] and **Samson** [Judges 13:25 ; 14: 6] were both filled with the Spirit of the Lord. Before his anointment s the first king of Israel, **Saul** had visited Samuel and, on his way home, came to Gibeah where he met a group of prophets and the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him and joined them in prophesying. However, due to his disobedience, the Spirit was removed from Saul and replace by an evil spirit from the Lord [1 Samuel 16: 14] At the same time the Spirit of God came mightily on **David**, Saul's successor as king..

## Resources and Contacts

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**Tuesday 5:00 p.m.**

All Saints

St Michael



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