



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 26th July 2026 *Eighth Sunday after Trinity*

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield

Sunday 2nd August 2026 *Ninth Sunday after Trinity*

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Gt Houghton

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Darfield

Jacob and Laban's daughters [Genesis 29:]

Laban, who lived in Harran, was the brother of Jacob's mother Rebekah. Jacob was on his way to Harran to be out of the way of Esau's anger and to find a wife from within the family. Jacob arrived at the well of Paddam Aran where he first saw Laban's younger daughter, Rachel, who had brought her father's sheep to the well. Jacob rolled the stone away from the well so that the flock could be watered. Jacob told Rachel that he was a relative of her father. Rachel ran to tell Laban and Laban welcomed Jacob into his home. A month later, Laban suggested that Jacob should receive payment for work done while he was in the household. Jacob said that he would work for seven years for the hand in marriage of Rachel. To Jacob, the seven years passed like just a few days because of his love for Rachel. However at the end of the seven years, Laban deceived Jacob and married his elder daughter Leah to Jacob. Jacob was understandingly annoyed at the deception but agreed with Laban to work for another seven years for Rachel.

Short Parables [Matthew 13: 31-33]

The main method that Jesus used to teach the crowds was in parables. These stories were based on themes familiar to his listeners but had a hidden meaning revealed to His close group of Disciples.

This week's Gospel reading includes two parables. A mustard seed is generally around 1mm to 2mm in diameter and can grow into a large shrub or small tree. The Kingdom of Heaven is likened to the growing habits of the seed.

To those who are familiar with the production of bread, the effect of yeast on the flour mixture is to aerate the mixture and produce the familiar staple product. Again, the small amount of yeast is likened to the Kingdom of Heaven

In both parables something that seems small and insignificant in human terms can have a great effect. We can think of a group of twelve Disciples, just over two thousand years ago, having grown to almost 30% of the world's population.

Diary Dates:

Saturday 15th August:
12th & 13th September

St Michael's Garden Party
Heritage Open Days

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Genesis 29: 15-28
Psalm 105.1-11, 45b
Romans 8: 26-39
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Readings for July

26th Daniel 11: 1-10
27th Daniel 11: 11 -24
28th Daniel 11: 25-35
29th 2 Peter 1: 1-11
30th 2 Peter 1: 12-21
31st 2 Peter 2: 1-10

August

1st 2 Peter 2: 11-22
2nd 2 Peter 3: 1-7

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
Great Houghton**

Church Street
Rodes Avenue
Old Hall Walk
Pinfield Close
Manor Fields
Hallcroft Gardens

Community Shop on the Go

Next Community Shop:

Thursday 6th August

Warm Space: every Thursday

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

Great Houghton

Thoughtful Thursday

and

Craft and Natter

Will resume in September

One of the organisations our church supports is the Salvation Army based in Goldthorpe, whose work extends to help individuals and families in Darfield. At the present time there is a critical shortage of non-perishable items such as *tinned goods of all kinds, packets of pasta, cereals, dried foods, rice, long life milk and cooking sauces*. All store cupboard items are welcome. We have a **'Bring a tin and chuck it in'** collecting box by the font at the back of church ready for any donations which you would like to bring along and which will be gratefully received to help people in genuine need.

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