



**The Parish of Darfield**  
*All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton*  
**Sunday 31st May 2026**  
*Trinity Sunday*  
**10:45 a.m. Breakfast Service Darfield**  
**Sunday 7th June 2026**  
*First Sunday after Trinity*  
**9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Gt Houghton**  
**10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Darfield**

**Vacancy Update 31st May 2026**

Over the past few weeks Carol and Kay have spent countless hours in updating our Parish Profile to meet a very tight timetable for the re-advertisement of the Post of Oversight Minister in the Wath2 Mission Area and Priest in Charge of Darfield and Great Houghton, and Ardsley. The closing date for applications is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June. The advert can be found on the Sheffield Diocesan Web site by searching for *Sheffield Diocese vacancies* and is the first to be published in an on-line version rather than as a document to print. We owe an enormous thankyou to Carole and Kay for editing our sections of the profile and liaising with Robin Webb at Ardsley and the Diocesan Communications Team. Please continue to pray for our situation. For the local team that is planning and maintaining our weekly services, and for the visiting ministers who officiate at our Holy Communion services. Above all please pray that the person who is God's choice to lead the next stages of development in the Parishes of Ardsley and Darfield and Great Houghton will be guided to the advertisement and make their application.

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 \* **Garden Party** in the Rectory Cottage grounds \*  
 \* Saturday 6th June 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \*  
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**Trinity**

The Church year begins with the season of Advent, a period of four Sundays which prepare us for Christmas. Christmas is rapidly followed by Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. Over the past six months we have re-visited the Gospel accounts of the Life and Ministry of Jesus here on earth and last week at Pentecost we were reacquainted with the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Disciples. Such was the effect on them that they left the safety of the upper room and preached so effectively to the crowds that they saw many people come to faith and Baptism. This Trinity Sunday begins the rest of the year with twenty Sundays after Trinity before the countdown to Advent starts again.

Picture now, a member of the Anglican clergy coming to the end of their first year in ordained ministry. They will have been ordained as a Deacon in June last year and will be preparing for their priesting ceremony in June this year. They will have one further hurdle to pass if the preaching Rota includes their name for Trinity Sunday which is to preach on the difficult concept of the Trinity.. They will have a reasonable choice of hymns including "Three in One, and One in Three, Ruler of the earth and sea, Hear us while we lift to Thee Holy chant and psalm" 1849 Gilbert Rorison 1821-c1861 They may also choose the verses of "Eternal Father strong to save... O Christ whose voice the waters heard... O Holy Spirit who did brood... O Trinity of love and power..." [MP 122: 1860 William Whiting 1825-1878] The words of this hymn were inspired by verses from Psalm 107 which describes the hazards faced by those who go down to the sea in ships [Psalm 107: 23-30] Its four verses sum up the three parts that make up the Holy Trinity which is a cornerstone of the Church of England. The Thirty-nine Articles of Religion can be found in the Book of Common Prayer and placed number one is that of belief in the Holy Trinity. The hymn *Christ is made the sure foundation* [MP 73] translated from the Latin in 1861 by John Mason Neale 1814-1866, ends with verse five where we sing praise and honour to the Father, Son and Spirit and describes them as ever three and ever one. One in power and one in glory while eternal ages run.

Put in simple terms **Father = God; Son = Jesus Christ, who is God; Holy Spirit = God's Spirit, also fully God.** Alternatively, **One "what": God; Three "whos": Father, Son, Holy Spirit**

It seems very strange that my Bible Encyclopaedia and Concordance makes no reference to the word Trinity which means that it doesn't appear as a word in the Bible but there are many references where Jesus links Himself to God with words like "I and the Father are one" [John 10:30]

## Trinity Sunday

Holy God, Faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever.

### Readings

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-31

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Matthew 28: 16-20

### Readings for this week

#### May

**31st** Daniel 1: 11-21

#### June

1st Daniel 2: 1-9

2nd Daniel 2: 10-23

3rd Hebrews 11: 1-7

4th Hebrews 11: 8-19

5th Hebrews 11: 20-31

6th Hebrews 11: 32-40

**7th** Hebrews 12: 1-13

## Prayer Square

**This week we are praying  
for residents of  
Darfield**

*Farm Way  
Highfield Road  
Field Close  
Schofield Drive  
The Paddock  
Havenfield Lodge*

### 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 11th June

**Warm Space:** Every Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## 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.**

## Holy Spirit

The writings of the Prophets were usually linked with times of trouble where the Israelites forsake their worship of the Lord and worshipped the idols of their surrounding nations. The Spirit of God is seen as the source of divine retribution and future hope. In the Psalms, King David writes *"Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground."* [Psalm 143: 1] The Prophet Isaiah had been anointed by the Lord to preach good tidings to the meek and had the Spirit of God upon him. [Isaiah 61: 1]

Whilst the writings of the prophets were directed to their immediate situations, many had direct references to the long-promised Messiah. They included detail of where and how He was born, what He came to do, how he would die and that His Kingdom would be established for ever. Think back to the readings chosen for our Carols by candlelight service last December. *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* [Isaiah 9: 6] *The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—<sup>3</sup> and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.* [Isaiah 11: 2,3] *"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans<sup>6b</sup> of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel,"* [Micah 5:2 Matthew 2: 6]

As we move into the New Testament we can find over one hundred references to the Holy Spirit in the Gospels. Jesus is conceived by the Holy Spirit [Matthew 1: 20; Luke 1: 35]. The Holy Spirit was seen to descend on Jesus at His Baptism [Matthew 3: 16]. Jesus promised his disciples would have an advocate in the Spirit of Truth, [John 14: 16] The Spirit came on the Disciples at Pentecost with a dramatic change in them and the start of the expansion of the Church. [Acts 2:]

In his letter to the Romans, St Paul identified *"Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."* [Romans 8: 14] Paul's first letter to the Corinthians describes the different Gifts of the Spirit that are given to individual believers to combine for the common Good. [1 Corinthians 12: ] The Church in Galatia was encouraged by Paul's identification of the *Fruits of the Spirit as love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.* [Galatians 5: 22, 23].

From New Testament times to the present day, the Holy Spirit is God's living presence in our world to empower, teach, guide, transform and dwell within believers, to build up the church and pointing people to Christ.

## Resources and Contacts

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

All Saints



St Michael



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