



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 7th June 2026

First Sunday after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Gt Houghton

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Darfield

Sunday 14th June 2026

Second Sunday after Trinity

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield

Abram

The Old Testament readings for the next few weeks take us back to the beginning of our Bible. The book of Genesis starts with the account of Creation and the foundation of the special relationship between man and God in Adam. Very quickly we find that the devil, in the form of a serpent, causes a break in this relationship and exile from the ease of the Garden of Eden. We then read of Adam's sons, Cain and Abel with Cain becoming jealous of his brother and murdering Abel. The passing generations are recorded and human wickedness increases. We then reach Noah and the Flood followed by re-population and a splitting of the peoples and languages as signified by the Tower of Babel [Genesis 11: 1-9]

The genealogy of Chapter 11 ends with **Terah** who took his family from his birthplace in Ur of the Chaldeans in Mesopotamia, present day Iraq, with the intention of settling in Canaan but only reached Harran in present day south-Türkiye. This is where today's Old Testament reading from Genesis chapter 12 begins as we start to chart the progress of the Israelites from a small family group to their eventual growth into a nation as they spent time in Egypt. The Exodus and forty years in the Wilderness end with the death of Moses as the twelve tribes stand on the brink of claiming Canaan as their Promised Land.

Abram, one of the sons of Terah, was settled in Harran when the LORD spoke to him. He was told to leave his father's household and set off to a destination that the Lord would reveal to him. All that Abram was given was a promise that he would become the father of a great nation. Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot and all his possessions and people and set off southwards. They journeyed into Canaan, to the great tree of Moreh at Sechem, where the LORD spoke again to Abram promising that his offspring would receive that land. Abram built an altar there before moving to the east and built another altar between Bethel and Ai before traveling towards the Negev. One of many famines in the area drove them to Egypt.

His time there was brief. Problems arose when he described Sarai as his sister rather than his wife. Sarai's beauty attracted Pharaoh's officials and ultimately Pharaoh himself who took Sarai into his palace and showered gifts on Abram. The LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household. The truth was revealed and Abram was sent on his way.

They journeyed north and eventually came back to Bethel. It was here that Lot and Abram parted company to end disputes concerning grazing for their flocks. Abraham settled in Hebron where he built another altar.

The LORD appeared to Abram in a dream and established a covenant with Abram that, despite him being childless, his descendants would be given all the lands in that area [Genesis 16:]

In chapter 4 of his Epistle to the Romans Paul chose Abram as his main example to show that we are made right with God through faith rather than by works or following the law. Abram was counted as righteous because he believed. Could this be written about us?

First Sunday after Trinity

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

Readings

Genesis 12: 1-9
Psalm 33: 1-12
Romans 4: 13-25
Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

Readings for this week

June

7th Hebrews 12: 1-13
8th Hebrews 12: 14-29
9th Hebrews 13: 1-10
10th Daniel 2: 24-35
11th Daniel 2: 36-49
12th Daniel 3: 1-12
13th Daniel 3: 13-23
14th Daniel 3: 24-30

Prayer Square

This week we are praying for residents of Darfield

Fensome Way
Bly Road
Quern Way
Ridgway Avenue
Schofield Place
Schofield Road

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 25th 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.

Matthew

Matthew, also called Levi, was one of the group of twelve Disciples who were chosen by Jesus to be his closest companions and who became leaders of the Church after Pentecost. Matthew was a Tax Collector who worked for the Roman authorities. Tax Collectors were despised by their Jewish compatriots and were classed as collaborators and thus amongst the lowest of Jewish Society. As a group, they often collected more tax from the people than was demanded by the Romans and used it for their own benefit.

One day, Matthew was sitting in his booth when Jesus was passing by. Jesus said "**Follow Me**" to Matthew. Matthew immediately obeyed, left his booth and followed Jesus [Matthew 8: 9]. Matthew held a feast at his house for Jesus and his fellow tax collectors and sinners were in attendance. When this came to the attention of the Pharisees, they asked the Disciples why their teacher was associating with such people. Jesus overheard this and told them that only the sick needed a doctor and that He had not come to call the righteous, but sinners. [Matthew 9: 13].

Matthew is listed among the Twelve who were sent out to the "lost sheep of Israel" in the towns of Galilee to proclaim that the Kingdom of Heaven has come near. They were enabled to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers and drive out demons. He was still with the group when they received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We know very little of Matthew's life after Pentecost.

Matthew is traditionally regarded as the author of the Gospel which bears his name. His writings include many references to the promised Messiah and links them to the Old Testament writings. He takes the account of the life of Jesus from His birth to His Ascension and concludes with the great commission "*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*"¹⁹ *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*²⁰ *and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Coming Up... watch for more details..

Teddy Bears will be back in July. Heritage Open Days in September

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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