



The Parish of Darfield
 All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton
Sunday 16th January 2022
Second Sunday of Epiphany

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Darfield

COVID: Face Masks are compulsory in Places of Worship unless medically exempt.

Special Notice

On Sunday 23rd January, we will be welcoming Rt Rev Dr Pete Wilcox, Bishop of Sheffield to our services at St Michael’s Great Houghton at 9:00 a.m. and at All Saints, Darfield at 10:45 a.m.

Miracles

Miracles can be defined as unusual or wonderful events that cannot be explained by natural or scientific laws. Our Gospel accounts record a total of 37 miracles performed by Jesus during His earthly ministry. There must have been many more as, in the final words of his Gospel, St John writes that **“Jesus did many other things as well”** [21: 5]. The vast majority of these miracles were acts of healing which directly affected the individuals involved. Others showed the status of Jesus as he controlled the world around Him.

Jesus had spent forty days and nights in the wilderness following His Baptism by John and had resisted the temptations by the Devil to take an easy road to success, [St Matthew 4: 1-11].

His ministry of preaching **“repentance for the Kingdom of God has come near”** [St Matthew 4: 17] then began. He then called those who were to become His closest followers and who would eventually become the first leaders of the church to which we belong.

The first recorded miracle sees these disciples with Jesus and His mother Mary, at a wedding in Cana, just a few miles from Nazareth. The account is familiar in that, during the festivities, the wine provided for the guests ran out. With just a hint of reluctance, Jesus instantly created somewhere between 120 and 150 gallons of what the experts described as the best wine. [St John 2: 1-9]. In today’s terms this would be between 720 and 900 bottles.

Could we perform this same miracle? Perhaps!? All we would need to do would be to plant around 100 vines. Use this water and much more to cultivate and care for them for at least five years. Then collect and process the grapes into wine with no guarantee of it being the best. The wedding guests would, of course, be long gone!

Jesus then went on to travel around Galilee, teaching and proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom and healing the sick [St Matthew 4: 23]

By this time John the Baptist had been put in prison by King Herod. He sent his disciples to Jesus asking **“are you the one to come or should we expect someone else?”** [St Matthew 11: 3]

The reply from Jesus was **“The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.”** [Matthew 11 :5]

In these words, Jesus is referencing the prophesy of Isaiah. [Isaiah 35: 5-6 and 61: 1-2].

John would have recognised these words and been reminded of the signs he was given when he baptised Jesus with the Holy Spirit descending as a dove on Jesus identifying Him as the Messiah.

Forthcoming Services

- 16th January: 9:00 a.m. Thurnscoe [HC]
- 16th January: 10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]
- 16th January: 4: p.m. The Well—Church Hall
- 23rd January: 9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]
- 23rd January: 10:45 a.m. Darfield
- 30th January: 9:00 a.m. Thurnscoe [HC]
- 30th January: 10:45 a.m. Darfield [HC]
- 6th February: 9:00 a.m. Great Houghton [HC]
- 6th February: 10:45 a.m. Darfield



4:00 p.m.
Sunday 16th January
Darfield Church Hall

A family friendly service where all are safe and welcome, and can explore new ways of worshipping together.

A chance to discover and sing new songs, to ask questions and to encounter Christianity and the Bible anew.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw
Pat Bentley
Steve & Val Myers
Stella and Raymond Firth
Joan Bramall
Linda and her family
Carol, Stuart and Philip Ogley

Our Bereaved Families

The families of
Gary Haigh
Barry Bramall
Brian Ogley
Ena Knighton

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Second Sunday of Epiphany

Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning
and our end: bring us with the
whole creation to your glory,
hidden through past ages and
made known in Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Readings

Isaiah 62: 1-5
Psalm 36: 5-10
1 Corinthians 12: 1-11
St John 2: 1-11

Bible Readings for this week

January:

16th Psalm 119: 121-128
17th Psalm 119: 129-136
18th Psalm 119: 137-144
19th Psalm 119: 145-152
20th Psalm 119: 153-160
21st Psalm 119: 161-168
22nd Psalm 119: 169-176

Baptisms: Sundays at 2:00 p.m. at All Saints

Please pray for the parents and god-parents who will be preparing to bring their children for Baptism.

30th January: Harry Varney

As we are not yet able to welcome the families into our morning worship times, **you are all invited** to represent our Church family at these services...

Unwanted stuff!!

Do you have too many, or unwanted, Christmas presents? Do you need to make space in your cupboards and drawers, or do you have things that you would prefer to be put to a better use?

They could be passed on to Alison at the Goldthorpe Salvation Army church. They can always use donations, particularly toiletries, warm clothing, and food with a long shelf life. Pop them in a carrier bag and bring them to church and we will take them for you, no problem.

👉 Our excesses could be someone else's essentials.

Frank & Sue Lee 🌍

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

The meeting scheduled for
Wednesday 19th January 2022
Has been cancelled

Funeral Services at All Saints

Wednesday 19th January 3:15 p.m. Barry Bramall

Followed by Barnsley Crematorium

Refreshments: Cherry Tree Court Café, Goldthorpe

Thursday 20th January 10:30 a.m. Brian Ogley

Followed by Burial in Darfield Churchyard

Refreshments Darfield Church Hall

From the Parish Registers

Sunday 9th January 2022

Freya Leigh Beaumont

Baptism: All Saints Darfield

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All Saints



St Michael



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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

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