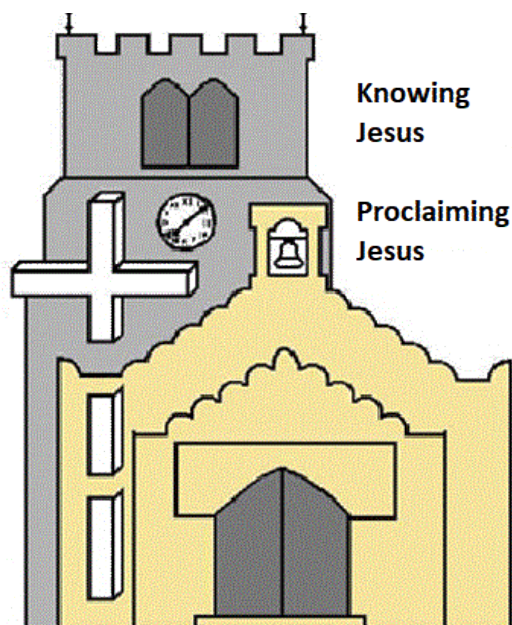




The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Saturday 12th October 2024

4:00 p.m. Café Church Great Houghton

Sunday 13th October 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship *Great Houghton*

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

Sunday 20th October 2024

Twenty first Sunday after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion *Great Houghton*

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship *Darfield*

4:00 p.m. Café Church *Darfield Church Hall*

Church Hall Chairs

As some of you are probably aware, Darfield Library is now closed for refurbishment until after Christmas. Before they closed, they made the generous offer that our church could have their 27 stackable chairs for free for use in the Church Hall as they will get new ones after the refurbishment. The PCC gratefully accepted the offer and we just had to move them from the Library. At the last moment the Library also threw in three larger chairs and a coffee table, which have gone into the meeting room upstairs in the Rectory Cottage. On Tuesday 24th September the chairs were duly transported from the Library to the hall and Cottage courtesy of Mr John Oddy with his pick-up truck and helper, Mr James Butcher. Huge thanks to John and James, as it would have been a very laborious task without them and the truck. Many of you had chance to sample the new Hall chairs last Sunday at refreshments and you all seemed pleased with them. If you've not seen them yet, come along after church this week for refreshments and try them out!

Darfield Warm Space update...

The next Warm Space is Thursday 17th October from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - free teas, coffees, cup-a-soups, crumpets, tea-cakes, toast, games, laughter and chat. We now have the addition of a second hand book and dvd stall. Come along and take a look. Try out our new chairs. If you're missing the library already, get a book or two from us instead. All this plus the Community Shop on the Go supplying all your fruit and vegetable needs (including those you didn't even know you'd got). It would be lovely to see you.

Las Posadas

On the Trail of the Knitted Nativity



Following an old Mexican tradition, Las Posadas comes to **Darfield Parish in Advent** Launched on Advent Sunday, 1st December, at the 9:00 a.m. Service at Great Houghton, the knitted figures of Mary, Joseph and their donkey will move to All Saints at 10:45 a.m. before beginning their journey around the homes within the Parish, spending a night in each.

Their journey will end on Christmas Eve at the Crib Service at All Saints at 3:00 p.m..

Sign up on the fliers or on the notice boards **before 1st November** so that their route may be planned in time for the launch.

**Twentieth Sunday
after Trinity
Collect**

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives, that we may
see your goodness in the land
of the living, and looking on
your beauty may be changed
into the likeness of Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Readings

Job 23: 1-9,16,17
Psalm 22: 1-15
Hebrews 4: 12-16
Mark 10: 17-31

**Readings for this week
October**

13th John 14: 1-14
14th John 14: 15-31
15th John 15: 1-17
16th John 15: 18-27
17th Psalm 60
18th Psalm 61
19th Psalm 62
20th Psalm 63

Prayer Square

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

*Bellbrooke Avenue
Bellbrooke Close
Bellbrooke Place
Rose Avenue
Tempest Avenue*

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our
Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Community Shop on the Go and Warm Space

Darfield Church Hall

Thursday 17th October from 9:00 a.m.

Next Dates: 31st October and 14th November

Craft and Natter at St Michael's Great Houghton

Tuesdays between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

What's in a Book?

Esther

Esther was a young Jewish girl who lived in Susa during the reign of Ahasuerus, also known as Xerxes, who ruled the Persian Empire. At that time the Empire stretched from India to Cush, close to the Red Sea. In order to display his wealth, Xerxes hosted a banquet for all his officials from across the Empire which lasted for 180 days [Esther 1: 3-4]. At the same time Queen Vashti hosted a banquet for the women in the royal palace. During the banquet, the king commanded Queen Vashti to come to him to display her beauty to the assembled guests but she refused. After taking advice, the king banished Queen Vashti from his presence.

Mordecai, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, was a cousin of Esther and had adopted her and brought her up following the death of her parents. She was among the many young women brought before the king and won his favour and was made Queen in place of Vashti but she kept her family history and nationality from the king. Mordecai overheard details of a plot to assassinate the king and passed them to Esther who warned the king giving Mordecai the credit [Esther 2: 19-23] and the plot was foiled.

Mordecai had refused to pay honour to Haman who had received favour from the king and had been promoted to a high position. Having found out that Mordecai was a Jew, Haran set out to destroy all the Jews living in the kingdom. Mordecai passed information to Esther who put herself at great personal risk to plead for her people to the king. Esther managed to persuade the king and Haman received the fate he had planned for Mordecai. [Esther 7] The king issued an edict that the Jews could gather and protect themselves against any adversary [Esther 8: 11]

On the thirteenth and fourteenth days of the twelfth month the Jews attacked and defeated their enemies. The fourteenth day was established as Purim, an annual day of joy and feasting.

Psalm 26

1 *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?*
8 *"He trusts in the Lord," they say, "let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."*

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael



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