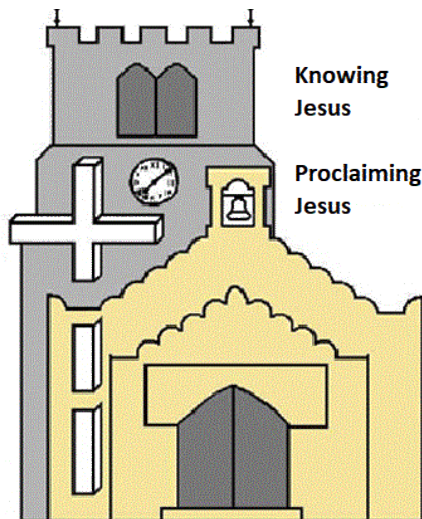




The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 24th November

Christ the King

Sunday next before Advent

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

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

Sunday 1st December 2024

Advent Sunday

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

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

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



Poppy Appeal

The sum of £48.26 from All Saints' and £100.00 from St Michael's has been passed to the Royal British Legion from the Remembrance Sunday Services

Mission Area Structure Review

Our Parish of Darfield is part of the Wath2 Mission Area with the parishes of Ardsley, Thurnscoe, Bilham, Barnburgh and Adwick on Dearne. A total of eleven churches share the ministry of three full-time Oversight Ministers, Rev. Fiona Kouble, Rev. Sarah Maughan and Rev. Jo Twigg. The Oversight Ministers are licenced as Associate Ministers within each Parish but have their own groupings of parishes which are their direct responsibility.

The ancient boundaries between the Parishes, particularly in the western part of the Mission Area place the area of Great Houghton, Little Houghton, Middlecliffe and Billingley within the Parish of Darfield with overall responsibility for St Michael's vested in Darfield Parochial Church Council. For many years St Michael's has had its own District Church Council with certain delegated powers from the PCC.

A review of the boundaries between the Parishes of Thurnscoe and Darfield has recently been suggested which could potentially change them to place Houghton with Thurnscoe. No decision has yet been made and a series of consultations within the affected parishes are in the process of being organised. All contributions to this review are welcome to allow the PCC's to know exactly how the Congregations and wider communities feel. These can be passed on to Peter.

Before any changes can be made, a Pastoral Scheme must be drawn up and agreed by the PCCs. The legal process then takes the Proposal to the Deanery and Diocesan Pastoral Committees for consideration before the Church Commissioners make the final decision.

What's in a Book? Isaiah

The prophesies made by Isaiah were written in the middle of the 8th Century BC during the reigns of Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah of Judah [Isaiah 1: 1] It was during this period that Shalmaneser V, ruler of the Assyrian Empire attacked and over-ran the Northern Kingdom of Israel and took many of the people into exile. Shalmaneser also attempted to subdue the Southern Kingdom of Judah but was prevented by the LORD and the actions of King Hezekiah.

Isaiah's message concentrated on the LORD as both Judge and Saviour. He prophesied the future overthrow of the Kingdom of Judah which led to the exile in Babylon and the later return to Jerusalem.

His call included a dramatic vision of the Lord enthroned in majesty and Isaiah's response '**Here am I, Send Me**' [Isaiah 6:]

Throughout the book there are references to the promised Messiah including '*A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.*' [Isaiah 11.1].

Those promises continue to be available to us.



Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December:

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There is still time to contribute to the success of our Christmas Fair by helping to set up and clear away, to provide items for sale on our stalls and especially to

Come and Buy

Christ the King Sunday next before Advent Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

Readings

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13,14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1: 4b-8
John 18: 33-37

Readings for this week November

24th Acts 1: 12-26
25th Acts 2: 1-13
26th Acts 2: 14-21
27th Acts 2: 22-35
28th Psalm 73: 1-14
29th Psalm 73: 15-28
30th Psalm 74: 1-11

December

1st Psalm 74: 12-23

Prayer Square

This week we are praying for
the residents of
Darfield

Barnsley Road
Woodhall Close
Woodhall Flats
South Street
South View
West Street
Inkerman 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

Darfield Church Hall

Thursday 28th November from 9:00 a.m.

Next Dates: 12th December

Christ the King

The Book of Common Prayer marks this Sunday as the final Sunday after Trinity otherwise known as the Sunday next before Advent. The opening words of the Collect '*Stir up we beseech Thee O Lord the wills of thy faithful people*' have been adopted into one of our pre-Christmas traditions which dates back to the Victorian era. Families would gather around the kitchen table to join in the preparations for making the Christmas puddings, often to a favourite family recipe. Everyone there would take their turn to stir the contents of the bowl. Other traditions would perform the stirring from east to west to commemorate the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus. The following weeks would allow the puddings to reach maturity in time for the celebrations. Often a small coin would be included in the pudding mixture to bring the finder good health and wealth for year ahead, or a new year's visit to a dentist for the unwary, In 1925, Pope Pius XI instituted the last Sunday in October as the **Feast of Christ the King** to remind Christians that their allegiance was to their spiritual ruler in Heaven as opposed to earthly supremacy. In 1969 it was moved to its present position as the last Sunday of Ordinary Time before Advent Sunday, the traditional start of the Church's year.

In our Bible we can find many references to Christ as King .

- The Wise Men came to Jerusalem seeking the '*King of the Jews*' [Matthew 2: 2] and were directed by Herod to Bethlehem.
- In describing the events of the first Palm Sunday, Matthew links the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on a donkey as fulfilling the words of the Prophet Zechariah... "*Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'*" [Matthew 21:5, Zechariah 9: 9]
- When Nathaniel first came to Jesus, he described Jesus as the Son of God and the King of Israel. [John 1: 49]
- Pilate asked Jesus if He was '**King of the Jews**' [John 18: 36] and prepared a notice for the Cross inscribed '*Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews*' [John 19: 19].
- The Book of Revelation describes Jesus as '*King of Kings and Lord of Lords*' [Revelation 17: 14 & 19: 16]. Charles Jennens incorporated this phrase into the *Hallelujah Chorus* in the oratorio Messiah set to music by George Frideric Handel.

This current Liturgical Year started as ever with the season of Advent where we look forward both to the celebration of our Lord's birth and the promise of the Messiah to come, and ends this week with the proclamation of His universal sovereignty.

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints

St Michael

