



# The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

**Sunday 24th March 2024**

*Palm Sunday*

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

**Sunday 31st March**

*Easter Day*

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

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

## A Triumphant Entry... Palm Sunday and beyond.

Over the past weeks our readings have followed Jesus as He travelled from place to place, teaching the crowds in parables, and showing His power in the miracles of healing individuals and feeding large crowds. We have also read of the attempts that Jesus made to teach his twelve chosen disciples what was to happen to Him.

It was in the midst of all this activity that Jesus *'resolutely set out for Jerusalem'* [Luke 9: 51]. Passover was approaching and Jesus was aware of the events which would take place during what we describe as Holy Week. *'He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.'* [Luke 18: 32, 33]

We will no doubt be familiar with the events of the day that Jesus chose to enter Jerusalem. The borrowed donkey, the crowds laying their cloaks on the road and waving palm branches. The crowds were vocal shouting **'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'** [Mark 11; 9, 10] To some extent they had recognised that Jesus was the long-predicted Messiah and welcomed Him to Jerusalem. It is clear from the events of the next few days that Jesus did not fulfil their idea of a Messiah. This would be one who would take up arms to free the Jews from centuries of oppression and reinstate them as an independent country. The cries of **Hosanna** turned to **Crucify Him** within a few days.

In chapter 53 of the Book of Isaiah we read of one who *'was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain'*. [Isaiah 53: 3] and who *'took up our pain and bore our suffering'*. [Isaiah 53: 4]. The reason for this is that *'He poured out his life unto death and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors'*. [Isaiah 53: 12]. In his first letter Peter summed this up as **"He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed"**. [1 Peter 2: 24]

One day Jesus was speaking to Nicodemus, a Pharisee and member of the Ruling Council, who had recognised that Jesus had been sent by God. The response to Nicodemus included, in the words of Jesus, the well-known summary of His purpose on earth...

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.** [John 3:16]

**Flowers:** There are still vacancies on the All Saints' Flower Rota for 2024. *Rota on notice board,*

### Companions in Daily Prayer

Join members of the team on weekdays

**8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 9:00 p.m. Night Prayer**

Go to Facebook.com and search for *Companions in Daily Prayer*

### Lent 2024: The Prayer Course:

*Eight Sessions based on the Lord's Prayer*

**Wednesday 27th March: Contemplation**

*On earth as it is in heaven*

12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at Ardsley:

7.30 p.m. to 8 :30 p.m. at Great Houghton

**The final two sessions will be on 10th April and 17th April**

the **prayer** course

### An Urgent Appeal...

The Goldthorpe Salvation Army Food-bank has a high level of demand for the following items...

**Long-life milk: rice: sugar: coffee: tuna: porridge: jam: custard and toilet rolls**

A box is set up at the back of All Saints to collect these items for delivery to Goldthorpe for distribution.

If you have other items to donate they will be accepted as will cash donations.

## Palm Sunday Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

## Readings

Psalm 118.1-2,19-24  
Psalm 31.9-16  
Isaiah 50.4-9a  
Philippians 2.5-11  
Mark 11.1-11

## Readings for this week March

**24th** Luke 10: 1-16  
**25th** Daniel 4: 15-27  
**26th** Daniel 4: 28-37  
**27th** Daniel 5: 1-9  
**28th** Daniel 5: 10-16  
**29th** Daniel 5: 17-30  
**30th** Daniel 6: 1-12  
**31st** Daniel 6: 13-28

## Prayer Square

This week we are praying for  
the residents of Darfield

East Street  
Illsley Road  
North Street  
Woodhall Road  
Woodfield Close

### Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our  
Prayer Ministry team through

**Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331**

## What's on - Holy Week and Easter

### 28th March: Maundy Thursday

**10:00 a.m. A meal to Remember** *Great Houghton*

**6:00 p.m. A meal to remember**

**Café Church style** *Darfield Church Hall*

*See Fiona to sign up*

### 27th March: Wednesday: Lent Course

**12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.** *Ardsley:*  
**7.30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** *Great Houghton*

### 29<sup>th</sup> March: Good Friday

**10:30 a.m. Messy Good Friday** *Darfield Church Hall*

**2:00 p.m. An Hour at the Cross** *Great Houghton*

**2:00 p.m. An Hour at the Cross** *Darfield*

### 31<sup>st</sup> March: Easter Sunday

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

**10:45 a.m. Celebration Communion** *Darfield*  
*with Easter Egg hunt and Chocolate cake*

## Annual Meetings: Sunday 7th April 10:45 a.m.

**Nomination forms** are available for Churchwardens, Assistant Wardens, Deanery Synod representatives and four members of the Parochial Church Council.

### Psalm 31: 1, 14-16

- 1 *In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.*
- 14 *But I trust in you, Lord; I say, "You are my God."*
- 15 *My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.*
- 16 *Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.*

### Psalm 118: 1,21

- 1 *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.*
- 21 *I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.*

## Resources and Contacts

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