

The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 31st March

Easter Day

9:00 a.m. Easter Communion Great Houghton

10:45 a.m. Celebration Communion Darfield

Sunday 7th April

Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Great Houghton

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Darfield

Annual Parochial Meetings

Easter Sunday

Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill our Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

31st Daniel 6: 13-28

April

1st Luke 10: 17-24

2nd Luke 10: 25-42

3rd Luke 11: 1-13

4th Luke 11: 14-28

5th Luke 11: 29-36

6th Luke 11: 37-53

7th Luke 12: 1-12

Prayer Square

This week we are
praying for the residents
of Darfield

Nanny Marr Road
Nanny Marr Close
Nanny Marr Crescent
Garden Street

Lent 2024: The Prayer Course:

Wednesday **10TH APRIL:**

Listening

Give us this day our daily bread

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

Annual Meeting update 7th April 2024 at 10:45 a.m.

Kay Writes...You will have noticed that we currently only have one Churchwarden and this has been so for several years now, but it is not the usual nor the legal position. We should have two. The only reason that we do not have two is because no one will put their name forward to stand, other than the current church warden, Peter. This is not really a sustainable situation. It only works at the moment because Peter does double work and, when he fails to manage to be in two places at the same time, his excess work falls onto other people who already have busy church jobs of their own.

Please give this situation some prayer and thought. If you feel that God is suggesting a person or nudging you yourself, then PLEASE have a word with Peter or Fiona BEFORE next Sunday. Time is running out. People often tell me how much they appreciate all that Peter does - well let's show that appreciation by coming up with a second churchwarden!

Nominations forms cannot be accepted at the meeting and must be in the hands of the Chairman before the meeting starts.

[Churchwardens Measure 2001: 4 (4) (a)]

An ending, a single word and a beginning...

Picture the scene: it is the day before the Sabbath in Jerusalem. A man who had ridden into Jerusalem a few days early to public acclaim had been sentenced to die on a cross along with two other convicted criminals. At noon, darkness had fallen over the city and in mid-afternoon, the earth shook and the Curtain of the Temple was torn in two. At that same time the man on the cross had called out '**It is finished;**' [John 19: 30]. The Old Testament Prophets had pointed to this single event when Jesus '**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]

Joseph of Arimathea, a follower of Jesus and member of the Sanhedrin, asked Pilate for the body of Jesus and, with Nicodemus, hastily took it and placed it in a tomb because the start of the Sabbath Day was imminent. The High Priests insisted that the stone over the tomb entrance was sealed, and a guard placed on it to prevent the disciples removing the body and claiming that, in line with His own words, Jesus had been resurrected.

On the day after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome went back to the tomb with more spices to anoint the body of Jesus. When they reached the tomb, they found the stone rolled away and the guards missing. On entering the tomb, they were alarmed to see a young man in white sitting there. [Mark 16: 1-4] He told them that Jesus had risen from the dead. Mary returned to the disciples to tell them and Simon Peter and John came to investigate. Mary remained in the garden weeping. A man approached whom she did not recognise and asked her why she was crying. Mary replied that the body of her Lord had been removed. The single word '**Mary**' from the man was enough for Mary to recognise Jesus. Mary replied '**Rabboni!**' which translates as Teacher.

Mary returned to the Disciples with the news that she had seen Jesus. Later that same evening, the Disciples were together in a locked room for fear of the Jewish leaders. Jesus appeared amongst them and they were overjoyed. [John 20: 19]. It was to be just a few short weeks later that they were to receive the promised gift of the Holy Spirit and, after Peter's speech at Pentecost, began to grow in number to today's estimate of 2.4 billion or around 31 percent of the world's population.

Second Sunday of Easter Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Readings

Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20,21
Acts 4.32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1.1-2.2
John 20.19-31

Readings for this week April

7th Luke 12: 1-12
8th Daniel 7: 1-14
9th Daniel 7: 15-28
10th Daniel 8: 1-14
11th Daniel 8: 15-27
12th Daniel 9: 1-14
13th Daniel 9: 15-19
14th Daniel 9: 20-27

Prayer Square

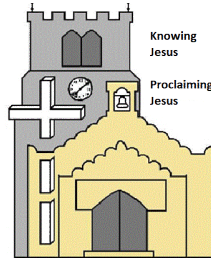
This week we are praying for
the residents of
Great Houghton

Mount Avenue
Potts Crescent
Pleasant Avenue
Stonebridge Lane
Oak Haven Avenue
Cross Street
Dearne Street

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our
Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331



Alleluia
Christ is Risen
He is Risen Indeed
Alleluia

The Apostle Thomas

Our first contact with the Thomas comes in the list of the first twelve Disciples chosen and commissioned by Jesus. [Matthew 10: 3].

Thomas was with Jesus and the other Disciples when they heard of the illness of Lazarus. When Jesus had last been in Judea, threats of violence had been made by the Jews. Despite this, Jesus intended to return to Bethany in Judea, the home of Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary and just two miles from Jerusalem. Thomas was the one who spoke up saying 'Let us also go, that we may die with him'. [John 11: 16]. By the time they arrived, Lazarus had died and had been in the tomb for four days. Many of the local Jews believed when Jesus brought Lazarus alive out of the tomb.

Later on, the Disciples had joined with Jesus in the Upper Room to celebrate Passover. After the meal Jesus once again predicted His betrayal and Peter's denial. Jesus continued with familiar words of comfort for his Disciples. He described the place to which He was going and where he would prepare places for them and concluded with 'You know the way to the place where I am going.'. [John 14:1-4]. Thomas was the one who expressed the thoughts of the rest by asking 'we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' The answer given by Jesus is 'I am the way and the truth and the life'.

When the Disciples first met the Risen Jesus, we are told that Thomas was not with them. When Thomas received the news, he was sceptical and needed to see for himself. The following week, Jesus re-appeared when Thomas was with them and was given the chance to touch the physical wounds. Thomas made the immediate response 'my Lord and my God' [John 20: 28]. Our final mention of Thomas is with the gathered Disciples immediately after the Ascension. [Acts 1: 13]. Tradition has it that Thomas went on to spread the Gospel in India. Thomas was blessed because he had seen Jesus and believed; Are we within the rest who are blessed because **we have not seen and yet have believed**. [John 20: 29]

A Legacy Received: We acknowledge the receipt of a legacy of £5,000 from the estate of the late Mrs Barbara Sanders (nee Camplejohn) of St Ives, Cambridgeshire, specifically for the All Saints Restoration Fund.

We cannot give legal advice but you can talk to Peter or Kay in confidence if you want to explore this way of supporting your church in the Parish.

NOTE: the next News Sheet will be for Sunday 13th April

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All Saints



St Michael



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Sunday 7th April

Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Great Houghton

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Darfield

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Saturday 13th April

4:00 p.m. Café Church Great Houghton

Sunday 14th April

Third Sunday of Easter

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Darfield

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