



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 6th July 2025

Third Sunday after Trinity

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

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

Sunday 13th July 2025

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

Parish Vacancy update:

We are now able to announce that, thanks to much hard work by Robin and Tony from Ardsley and Kay and Carol from Darfield, our combined Information Pack is now complete. The Advert for our new Oversight Minister will be in this week's Church Times and is already live on the Sheffield Diocesan Website with a closing date for applications of 12 noon on 28th July 2025.

[Search for Sheffield Diocese Vacancies if you want to look at it] or follow this link.

<https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/our-diocese/who-we-are/vacancies/>

A Servant Girl's faith... [2 Kings 5: 1-14]

A raiding party from the kingdom of Aram had taken a young Israelite girl captive. She became a maid to the wife of Naaman, commander of the army of Aram. The Lord had given victories to Aram and Naaman was highly regarded in his role, but he had leprosy. We know today that it is caused by a bacterial infection and results in nerve damage and the inability to feel pain which leads to the loss of parts of the extremities. With modern drugs the condition can be treated and cured if diagnosed early. Even now there is a stigma associated with leprosy.

The young girl's faith prompted her to suggest to her mistress that the '*prophet who is in Samaria*', Elisha, would be able to cure her master of his leprosy. Naaman gained permission from the king to visit Elisha. Elisha sent a messenger to Naaman to "*go and wash seven times in the Jordan*" when his flesh would be restored, and he would be cleansed. Initially angry having expected a more spectacular treatment, Naaman was persuaded by his servants to follow Elisha's instructions, and he was immediately cleansed.

Naaman returned to Elisha and confessed his new belief that the only God in the world was in Israel and that he would only make sacrifices and burnt offerings to the LORD.

Gratitude. *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.* [Psalm 136: 1]

The dictionary definition of the word Gratitude is *being thankful*. If we extend this to thanks or thanksgiving we can find many references within our Bible. In Leviticus we read of the Israelite's Fellowship Offering which could be offered as an expression of thankfulness [Leviticus 7: 11: 12]. Throughout the Gospels we read of Jesus giving thanks before important or challenging situations. Before the Feeding of the Five Thousand, Jesus took the meagre rations of five loaves and two small fish and, "looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves." [Matthew 14: 19] The large group was satisfied with twelve baskets left over. At the Last Supper Jesus gave thanks before sharing the bread and wine with His Disciples.

Whilst Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, He was met by ten men who had leprosy. They called out for Jesus to have pity on them [Luke 17: 11-13]. Jesus told them to go and show themselves to the Priest and as they went, they were cleansed. Only one of them, described as a Samaritan, came back and threw himself at the feet of Jesus, praising God and thanking Jesus.

This week's challenge! How many hymns or sacred songs do you know which include the word **thanks**.

*We aim to be a visible spiritual presence in our communities
as we strive to make Jesus known to all.*

Third Sunday after Trinity

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Readings

2 Kings 5: 1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6: [1-6]7-16
Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Readings for this week

June

6th Romans 16: 17-27
7th 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9
8th 1 Corinthians 1: 10-17
9th 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31
10th 1 Corinthians 2: 1-9
11th 1 Corinthians 2: 10-16
12th Psalm 142
13th Psalm 143

Prayer Square

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

*Mulberry Close
The Willows
Willow Court
Beech Court
Larch Close
Honeysuckle Close*

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Community Shop on the Go and Warm Welcome Space

Darfield Church Hall

Thursday 10th July from 9:00 a.m.

Community Shop - Next Dates: 24th July and 7th August

*Warm Welcome Space is open
every Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.*



A Date for your Diary...

Saturday 12th July 2025: 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Teddy Bear Parachute Jump

All Saints, Darfield

Includes Bear Hunt and refreshments

Boardgames Club

Saturday 19th July in the Church Hall

6:30 p.m. for 7:00 p.m. start.

Please bring CAKES and/or FRUIT if you can
Why not bring and share your own games?

Men's Breakfast

a place to chat and eat breakfast in fellowship together.

Church Hall Darfield

Saturday 12th July 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Please contact Robin Webb to reserve your place
robin.webb@churcharmy.org Or text 07825 180 185

Prayer Square

Please pray for **Pat Bentley**, who together with her late husband Granville have been much loved and very active members of our church family for over four decades.

Pat is very poorly and is now receiving palliative care in the nursing home where she has been cared for during the last few

Resources and Contacts

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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