



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 20th July 2025

Fifth 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*

Sunday 27th July 2025

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

People of Faith **Jacob**

Esau and Jacob were the twin sons of Isaac and Rebekah, born in answer to Isaac's prayers to God. [Genesis 25: 21]. Esau was born first, and his body was red and hairy. Jacob was born with his hand holding on to Esau's heel. As the boys grew up, Esau became a skilled hunter but Jacob spent most of his time around their campsite [Genesis 25: 27]. On one occasion Esau returned from the hunt as Jacob was cooking some stew. When Esau asked for a portion, Jacob persuaded Esau to pass his birthright on to Jacob before receiving the stew. At that time the birthright of the elder son meant that he would often inherit a double share of the Father's property.

As Isaac grew old, Jacob, with his mother's assistance, conspired to receive Isaac's blessing by covering his body with goatskins which confused Isaac into giving his blessing to Jacob. [Genesis 27: 1- 46]. Esau planned revenge on his brother by killing him. Rebekah found out about this threat and sent Jacob to live with her brother Laban in Haran. One night during his journey, Jacob had a dream of a staircase linking Earth with Heaven with the angels of God moving up and down on it. The LORD was above the stair and reaffirmed the earlier promises made to Abraham and Isaac. Jacob's descendants would be as numerous as the dust of the earth and would inhabit the land of Canaan. [Genesis 28: 13, 14] Jacob named the place Bethel as '*the House of God*'.

Jacob went to work for Laban with the promise that after seven years Jacob would marry Rachel, Laban's younger daughter. After the seven years, Laban tricked Jacob into marrying his elder daughter Leah. It was a custom of the time that an elder daughter should marry first. Jacob then married Rachel but worked for Laban for another seven years [Genesis 29: 15-30]. Between his wives, Leah and Rachel, and servants Bilhah and Zilpah Jacob had twelve sons.

Throughout the time that Jacob had worked for Laban the flocks had increased. Laban agreed that Jacob could begin to establish his own flocks by taking all the speckled or spotted sheep or goat from Laban's flocks. With careful husbandry, Jacob was able to greatly increase his speckled flock. Eventually Laban's sons began to complain that Jacob was taking everything that their father owned [Genesis 31: 1,2] Jacob was prompted by the LORD to take his family and flocks and to return to his native land. He set off without telling Laban who immediately followed him and confronted Jacob in the hill country of Gilead. After discussions, Laban and Jacob made a covenant and Jacob resumed his journey [Genesis 31:]

Meanwhile Esau had married Canaanite women and settled in the Land of Seir, the country of Edom. Jacob had to pass through this land and sent his servants ahead of the main group with gifts of animals for Esau as a good will offering. That night Jacob was on his own when a man, presumed to be an angel or even God Himself wrestled with him until daybreak. Jacob prevailed but would not release the man without a blessing. That blessing was given but not before Jacob was told that his name would be "*Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.*" [Genesis 32: 28].

Jacob then met Esau and their previous animosity was forgotten. Jacob continued until he reached Bethel where he settled. However as the centuries passed, the Kingdom of Edom was to become hostile to the Israelites.

A message from Alison Sykes, Goldthorpe Salvation Army Foodbank

As it is now the school summer holidays, we expect an increase in the number of families needing support from our food bank.

The following items would be particularly useful if you are able to help-

dilute fruit juices, cereals, tomato sauce, milk, jam, chocolate spread, biscuits, crisps, sweets, and tinned foods such as hotdogs, beans, sausages, ravioli and tuna.

There is a green plastic box by the font for your donations which will be much appreciated. Thank you.

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Genesis 18: 1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1: 15-28
Luke 10: 38-42

Readings for this week July

20th 1 Corinthians 3: 10-23
21st 1 Corinthians 4: 1-13
22nd 1 Corinthians 4: 14 -21
23rd 1 Corinthians 5: 1-13
24th 1 Corinthians 6: 1-11
25th 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20
26th Psalm 147: 1-9
27th Psalm 147

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 Welcome Space

Darfield Church Hall

Thursday 24th July from 9:00 a.m.

Community Shop - Next Dates: 7th and 21st August

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

Pat Bentley

Committal and Interment

**Friday 25th July 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in All Saints Churchyard
followed by a service in All Saints Church at 2:30 p.m.**

At home with Martha and Mary [Luke 10: 38-42]

Bethany was a village on the eastern slopes of the Mount of Olives around two miles from Jerusalem. It was home to Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary. They are described as *friends of Jesus* and there are three specific Gospel references to times when they offered hospitality to Jesus. Today's Gospel reading describes one of these visits where Jesus and His Disciples were invited into the family home. Mary spends the time sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening to Him whilst Martha frets about the preparations that must be made. Martha asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her. Jesus gently reminds Martha that her focus should be on Jesus and building a relationship with Him.

On another occasion, Martha displays her faith when her brother Lazarus dies, and Jesus arrives four days later. Martha greets Jesus on His arrival showing her faith that, had Jesus been there Lazarus would not have died. Jesus says the words "*I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.*" Do you believe this?" Martha's response was "**Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.**" [John 11: 1-44]

Psalm 15 A Psalm of David

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?
- 2 The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;

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

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St Michael



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