



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 27th July 2025

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield

Sunday 3rd August 2025

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Great Houghton

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Darfield

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

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.

Pray continually, [1 Thessalonians 5: 17]

Among the earliest references to prayer in our Bible comes with the account of the growing family of Adam and Eve where we read that *'the people began to call on the name of the Lord'* [Genesis 4: 27]. In the psalms, David writes *"the LORD accepts my prayer"* [Psalm 6: 9]

When should we pray? In the Gospels, Jesus gives us some clear examples that we can follow which include...

Pray on Special Occasions... [Luke 3: 21] John was baptising along the River Jordan when Jesus came for His own baptism. Afterwards as Jesus was praying, the Heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit descended as a dove and the voice of God was heard from the heavens.

Pray before a big decision... [Luke 5: 12] One of the decisions that Jesus make early in his ministry was to choose those disciples from his growing band of followers who were eventually to become eleven of the twelve Apostles who were instrumental in the development of the Church. On the evening before He selected them, Jesus went onto a mountainside and spent the night in prayer.

Pray with others... [Luke 9: 28] on one of several recorded occasions, Jesus took Peter, James and John away from the other disciples onto a mountainside to pray. As Jesus was praying, his face took on a different appearance and his clothes became as bright as a lightning flash. Jesus was seen talking to Moses and Elijah until a cloud covered them and God's voice was heard commending Jesus and his words to the Disciples.

Pray when in need... [Luke 22: 40-44] In the Garden of Gethsemane after the last Supper, Jesus urged His Disciples to *'Pray that you will not fall into temptation'* Jesus then moved a short distance away and earnestly prayed that He could be spared the events of the following day and their eternal significance but was still prepared to submit to the Lord's will.

Pray when in pain... On Good Friday we are reminded of the pains that Jesus suffered on the Cross and the four Gospels record many of His spoken prayers including *'Father forgive them...'* directed to those inflicting the agony and to God *'why have you forsaken me'* and to all *'it is finished'*.

Even though the Disciples had seen and heard most of these examples, they were still confused and asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. His response was the familiar words of what we call the Lord's Prayer; in whichever version we are comfortable. We can use this as a template to structure our own prayers

Adoration:	Our Father, hallowed be Your name... <i>give worship to our God</i>
Consecration	Your kingdom come... <i>set apart ourselves for God's use</i>
Supplication	Give us today our daily bread... <i>our needs and the needs of our church and world</i>
Intercession	Forgive us our trespasses and others' trespasses - <i>confess our wrong-doings</i>
Protection	Lead us not into Temptation - <i>ask for protection against potential sins</i>

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. [Ephesians 6: 18]

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Creator God, you made us all
in your image: may we
discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we
do; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Readings

Genesis 18: 20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2: 6-15[16-19]
Luke 11: 1-13

Readings for this week

July

27th Psalm 147: 10-20
28th Psalm 148
29th Psalm 149
30th Psalm 150
31st 1 Corinthians 7: 1 -16

August

1st 1 Corinthians 7: 17- 24
2nd 1 Corinthians 7: 25-40
3rd 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Prayer Square

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

Edderthorpe Lane
High View Close
Saltersbrook Road
Highfield Range
Crook House Lane
Crook House Court
Low Farm Court

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 7th August from 9:00 a.m.

Next Dates: 21st August and 4th September

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

People of Faith Joseph

Joseph was the eleventh son of Jacob and his first with his wife Rachel. Of his sons, Joseph was his father's favourite which was shown by an ornate robe which Joseph received from his father. You may recognise this as the *coat of many colours* of the Authorised Version of the Bible or even the *Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* of the Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice musical. Joseph tended to flaunt his privileged position which led to his brothers becoming jealous. [Genesis 37: 1-4]

On two occasions Joseph had demonstrated a God given gift of the interpretation of dreams. One dream had the brothers binding sheaves of grain and the other sheaves bowed to Joseph's sheaf and the other dream had the sun, moon and eleven stars bowing to Joseph. Joseph told his brothers the interpretation of these dreams, that his brothers and mother and father would bow down to Joseph.

On one occasion when the brothers were tending the flocks, Jacob sent Joseph to them to check if all was well with them. [Genesis 37: 12-14]. Meanwhile the brothers were plotting to kill Joseph and saw this as an opportunity. The eldest brother, Reuben, persuaded his brothers not to harm Joseph but to throw him into one of the nearby cisterns, intending to rescue Joseph later. The other brothers decided to sell Joseph to a passing Midianite traders' caravan which was on its way to Egypt. Joseph's coat was smeared with goat's blood and returned to Jacob who was told that a wild beast had attacked and eaten Joseph.

When the Midianites reached Egypt, Joseph was sold to Potiphar, the Captain of Pharaoh's Guard. [Genesis 37: 36]. The Lord was with Joseph, a fact that did not escape Potiphar, who put Joseph in charge of his whole household which prospered through the Lord's blessing because of Joseph. Potiphar's wife attempted to seduce Joseph, but his refusal led her to make false accusations against Joseph who was put in prison. The Lord remained with Joseph who prospered in the prison being made responsible for all that happened there [Genesis 39: 20-22]

Now Pharaoh had two disturbing dreams which none of his wise men and magicians could interpret. In the first, seven sleek, fat cows had emerged for the Nile followed by seven ugly thin cows who had devoured the fat cows. The second had seven healthy heads of grain swallowed up by seven thin and weak heads. Whilst in prison, Joseph had shown his ability to interpret dreams and was summoned to Pharaoh. Joseph told Pharaoh that God had revealed to him that both dreams predicted what was going to happen in Egypt, Seven years of plenty would be followed by seven years of famine. Joseph was put in charge of the whole land to ensure that enough supplies were stored during the seven years of plenty to enable the country to survive during the famine.

As the years of famine arrived, Egypt became a target for all the surrounding famine hit countries as a place to buy supplies. The news reached Jacob in Canaan. He sent his ten older sons to Egypt to buy grain. Joseph recognised his brothers as they arrived, but they did not recognise him. After hearing their family situation, Joseph insisted that one brother should remain in captivity in Egypt while the rest went back to fetch their youngest brother, Benjamin. Eventually Joseph revealed himself to his brothers. When Pharaoh heard the news about Joseph's brothers, he told them to fetch their father and all their families back to Egypt where they would be settled in the best of the land. In all some seventy people settled in the Land of Goshen where they survived the famine and their descendants increased in number.

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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