

The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 28th September 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

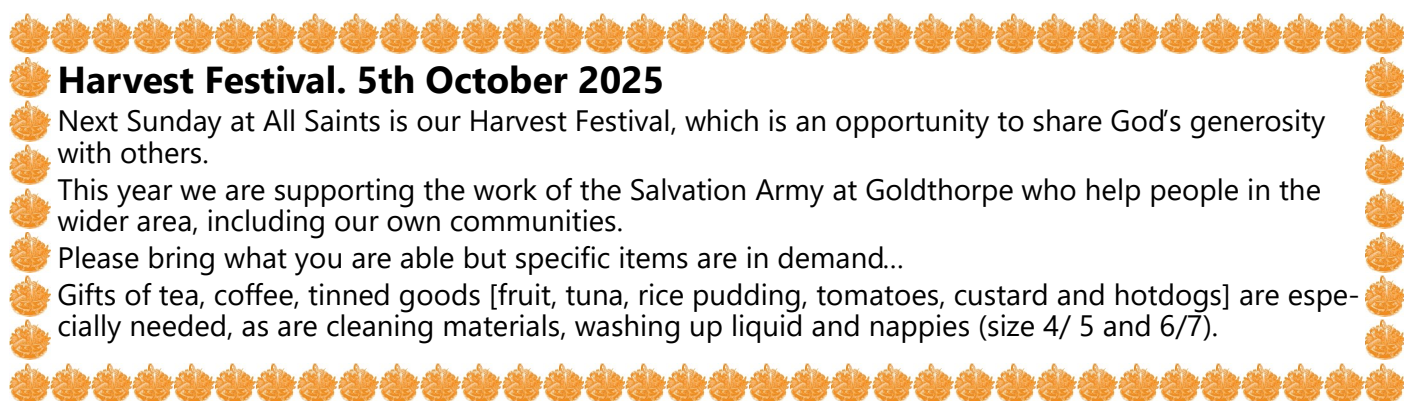
10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield

Sunday 5th October 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Great Houghton

10:45 a.m. Harvest Celebration Darfield



Harvest Festival. 5th October 2025

Next Sunday at All Saints is our Harvest Festival, which is an opportunity to share God's generosity with others.

This year we are supporting the work of the Salvation Army at Goldthorpe who help people in the wider area, including our own communities.

Please bring what you are able but specific items are in demand...

Gifts of tea, coffee, tinned goods [fruit, tuna, rice pudding, tomatoes, custard and hotdogs] are especially needed, as are cleaning materials, washing up liquid and nappies (size 4/ 5 and 6/7).

People of Faith Samson

Our account of Samson begins with the Angel of the LORD appearing to the un-named wife of Manoah. She was barren and childless but was told that she would give birth to a son who was to be a Nazarite and dedicated to the LORD from birth. He would not drink any wine or other fermented drink, nor cut his hair. {Judges 13: }. He was to grow up to take a lead in defeating the Philistines who had been oppressing Israel for forty years.

The boy was born and named Samson and was blessed by the Lord as he grew up. Stirred by the Spirit of the Lord he went to Timnah where he saw a young Phillistine woman His parents objected to this but didn't know that it was inspired by the Lord as an opportunity to confront the Philistines. On his way to Timnah, Samson was attacked by a young lion but, in the power of the Lord, Samson was able to tear the lion apart with is bare hands. [Judges 14: 5-6]. Sometime later as he was on his way to marry the Philistine woman , Samson saw that the remains of the Lion had become the home of swarm of bees.

Samson challenged his companions with a riddle based on his encounters with the lion "Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the strong, something sweet.". They were unable to give an answer until his wife complained that she had not been told the answer and that Samson hated her. She immediately told his companions who met Samson's deadline for the answer "What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion?" in his anger at them 'solving' the riddle he went to Ashkelon where in the power off he Lord he killed thirty men. On his return he found that his wife had been given by her father to one of his companions.

Returning to his wife's home at harvest time, Samson rounded up three hundred foxes, tied them by their tails into pairs with a burning torch and let them loose in the grain field where they destroyed all the grain as well as the vineyards and olive groves. The Philistines then burned Samson's wife and her father to death. In an at of revenge, Samson attacked and killed many of the Philistines.

Three thousand men of Judah came to Samson to tie him up and hand him over to the Philistines. Samson escaped the bounds and killed one thousand Philistines with the jawbone of a donkey.

Samson continued to led Israel for twenty years during the time of the Philistines.

15th Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Amos 6: 1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6: 6-19
Luke 16: 19-31

Readings for this week

September

28th 2 Corinthians 6: 14-18
29th 2 Corinthians 7: 1-16
30th 2 Corinthians 8: 1-15

October

1st Proverbs 12: 11-18
2nd Proverbs 12: 19-28
3rd Proverbs 13: 1-10
4th Proverbs 13: 11-19
5th Proverbs 13: 20-25

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

Community Shop on the Go and Warm Welcome Space

Darfield Church Hall

Thursday 2nd October from 9:00 a.m.

Community Shop - Back on: -16th October

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

A Cautionary Tale: The Rich Man and Lazarus: Luke 16: 19-31

This parable told by Jesus to his disciples and some of the Pharisees is unusual in that one of the people involved is given the name **Lazarus** which translates as "*whom God helps*". A rich man living in luxury cared nothing for Lazarus, a beggar who lived outside his house and longed to eat what fell from the rich man's table. [Luke 16: 21].

In due time, both men died. Lazarus was taken up to heaven but the rich man was in torment in Hades. Looking up the rich man saw Lazarus with Abraham far off and appealed to Abraham to send Lazarus to him to cool his tongue with water. Abraham reminded the rich man that he had received the good things in his life whereas Lazarus received bad things and now was being comforted. No one could cross the chasm set up between the two places. The rich man then asked Abraham to send Lazarus to warn the rest of his family before it was too late for them. Someone coming to them from the dead would cause them to repent. Abraham recommended that they read the law and the prophets -the Old Testament Bible of the day and if they would not listen to the many references in there, they would not respond if someone rose from the dead.

This is a warning to all. The rich Man's position is the consequence of his selfishness and a failure to show compassion to Lazarus.

There are other Biblical examples which could be quoted which mention the careful use of our earthly wealth in supporting the less well off and our need to encourage others to faith through our lives and actions.

St Michael's Great Houghton is open for...

Craft and Natter on Tuesdays between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Thoughtful Thursdays between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

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

Resources and Contacts

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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