



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 5th October 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Great Houghton

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Darfield

Sunday 12th October 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield

Harvest:

The name harvest for the collecting of plants to be used as food derived from the old English *hærf-est* with the meaning autumn. In his poem *"To Autumn"* John Keats described it as a *season of mists and mellow fruitfulness*. The concept of a harvest is first mentioned in the Bible with the promise made to Noah following the destruction caused by the flood. The LORD would never again destroy all living creatures and that *"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."* [Genesis 8: 22]

The Israelites were commanded by the LORD to observe annual festivals around the provisions associated with Harvest.

The **Festival of First Fruits**, known as Bikkurim, was celebrated in spring on the third day after Passover and marked the start of the barley harvest. It was to remind the Israelites of the LORD's provision for them in the Promised Land. [Leviticus 23: 9-14]. No grain could be harvested until the first sheaf of grain was brought to the priest who waved it before the Lord.

Seven weeks later the **Festival of Weeks** marked the start of the wheat harvest where two loaves baked with yeast were used by the priest in a wave offering. [Leviticus 23: 15-21]. Being 50 days after Passover, the feast became known as Pentecost.

The **Feast of Tabernacles**, known as Sukkot, marked the end of the fruit harvest season. [Leviticus 23: 33-43]

These three festivals formed the Pilgrimage Festivals, where all males were expected to *"appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose."* [Deuteronomy 16: 16]. It cannot be a mere coincidence that two of these Festivals brought large numbers of Jews from all over the known world to Jerusalem to witness two significant events in the Christian Church. Passover saw the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus whilst Pentecost saw the Apostle Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking to the crowds about Jesus [Acts 2:]

The pilgrims had to bring gifts with them as they travelled to Jerusalem. Our Harvest gifts will be used to support those less fortunate and who depend on the Salvation Army Food Bank at Goldthorpe for their daily needs.

As Jesus and His Disciples were they encountered crowds described as harassed and helpless. Jesus said to His Disciples **"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."** [Matthew 9: 37,38]

16th Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4

Psalm 37: 1-9

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Luke 17: 5-10

Readings for this week October

5th Proverbs 13: 20-25

6th Proverbs 14: 1-10

7th Proverbs 14: 11-20

8th 2 Corinthians 8: 16-24

9th 2 Corinthians 9: 1-5

10th 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

11th 2 Corinthians 10: 1-11

12th 2 Corinthians 10: 12-18

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Prayer Square

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

*Nanny Marr Road
Nanny Marr Close
Nanny Marr Crescent
Garden Street*

Community Shop on the Go Warm Welcome Space

Darfield Church Hall

Community shop

Thursday 16th October

Following date: 30th October

Warm space - every week

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

*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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