

The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 22nd February 2026

First Sunday in Lent

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield

Sunday 1st March 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Great Houghton

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Darfield

Temptation 1

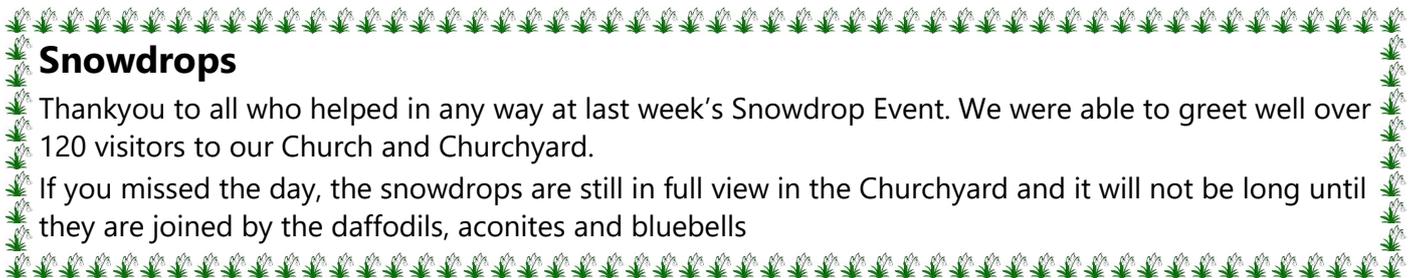
Have we Trials and temptations?

Joseph Scriven (1819-1886) MP 746

Following His Baptism by John the Baptist, Jesus received the following commendation from His Father **"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."**

Jesus was then led into the wilderness by the Spirit where, after fasting for forty days, He was tempted by the Devil with three tests designed to undermine His ministry and obedience to His Father. The first Temptation was to turn stones into bread to satisfy His own needs rather than relying on God. The response by Jesus was to quote from Deuteronomy 8: 5. *"man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."* The devil then took Jesus to the highest point of the Temple in Jerusalem and told Jesus to *'throw Himself down when the angels would protect Him from the fall.'* [Psalm 91: 11-12] Jesus responded with Deuteronomy 6:16, *"Do not put the Lord your God to the test"*. The third and final Temptation saw Jesus taken to a high mountain from where He could see all the kingdoms of the world and was told by the Devil that all these kingdoms would be His if he bowed down to the Devil. Jesus responded by quoting Deuteronomy 6:13. *"Worship the Lord your God, serve him only."*

The Temptations were designed to seek immediate gain through dubious actions. In all three temptations Jesus was able to rebuff the devil by quoting from the Scriptures of his day. This should be our response in that spiritual strength and reliance on God can help us resist temptation and remain steadfast in our faith.



Snowdrops

Thankyou to all who helped in any way at last week's Snowdrop Event. We were able to greet well over 120 visitors to our Church and Churchyard.

If you missed the day, the snowdrops are still in full view in the Churchyard and it will not be long until they are joined by the daffodils, aconites and bluebells



The Church of England has published a full colour booklet with forty daily reflections to be read during Lent. Each day is linked to aspects of the theme of **Sharing** with a short Bible reading, a reflection and suggested responses.

Limited copies of this booklet are available for £2.50.

Why not *"Buy two – Give one Free!"*

First Sunday of Lent

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Genesis 2:15-17; 3: 1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5: 12-19
Matthew 4: 1-11

Readings for this week

February

22nd Joshua 8: 9 -23
23rd Joshua 8: 24-35
24th Joshua 9: 1-8
25th 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-8
26th 2 Thessalonians 2: 9-17
27th 2 Thessalonians 3: 1-5
28th 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-18

March

1st 1 Timothy 1: 1-11

Prayer Square

This week we are praying for residents of Darfield

Upperwood Road
Margaret Close
Margaret Road
Primrose Avenue
Verona Rise
St Barbara's Road

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Community Shop on the Go and Warm-Space

Next Community Shop: 5th March

Warm Space: Every Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Setting a Target - organisations we support

Scripture Union:

with the vision of a new generation with a vibrant faith in Jesus.

Scripture Union has been working for 158 years. It started with one man, Josiah Spiers, who pioneered a new approach to sharing Jesus with children. From that small beginning their work has extended to more than 120 countries. This year, thirty-three different activity events and holidays are being held across the country. Their work is described as Bible-based, gospel-driven, and shaped by faith in Jesus.

Temptation 2 Genesis 2:15-17; 3: 1-7#

"I can resist everything except temptation" - words spoken by Lord Darlington in *Lady Windermere's Fan*, 1892 written by Oscar Wilde. The Biblical account of Creation in the first chapter of Genesis is followed by the placement of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Adam is admitted to the Garden to tend it and to be free to eat the fruit of any tree except from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil under threat of death. [Genesis 2: 16-17]. Eve is then created to be a suitable companion for Adam. [Genesis 2: 21-24].

As the account continues, we meet the crafty serpent who tempts Eve to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Eve succumbs to temptation, eats some of the fruit and also persuades Adam to eat of the fruit. Their eyes are immediately open to their state of nakedness, and they sew fig leaves together to preserve their modesty. The next time that God walked in the garden they hid because they were naked. The nett result was that their lives became very much harder as they were expelled from the Garden of Eden. The Serpent is usually identified as Satan, chief of the forces of evil who did battle with St Michael as a dragon as described in Revelation 12: 9 and linked with the ancient serpent who leads the world astray.

Thoughtful Thursday at Great Houghton

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

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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