



## The Parish of Darfield

*All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton*

**Sunday 8th March 2026**

*Third Sunday in Lent*

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

**Sunday 15th March 2026**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

**Mothers Sunday**

**9:00 a.m. Morning Worship Great Houghton**

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### **Living Water and the Samaritan Woman** [read John 4: 5-42 ]

Following the death of Solomon, the kingdom was split into two parts, the Southern Kingdom of Judea and the Northern Kingdom of Israel. The city of Samaria was one of the capitals of the Northern Kingdom, about forty miles north of Jerusalem the capital of the Southern Kingdom. The Northern Kingdom was over-run by the Assyrian Empire and around one fifth of the population was deported and eventually replaced by Assyrian settlers who inter-married with the remaining natives.

The Samaritans as they were named built a Temple to Yahweh on Mount Gerazim, had their own version of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible but rejected the writings of the Prophets and Jewish traditions.

By New Testament times, Samaria occupied the land west of the river Jordan between Galilee to the north and Judah to the south. The Samaritans claimed to be the true descendants of Israel and preservers of the true religion, but to the Jews, they were half-breeds classed lower than the Gentiles. Travellers between Galilee and Jerusalem would often cross to the east bank of the Jordan to avoid travelling through Samaria

On one of His many journeys between Jerusalem and Galilee, Jesus travelled through Samaria and stopped at a village called Sychar which had historic links back to Jacob. The village well was known as Jacob's Well as the land it was on was given by Jacob to his son Joseph. Jesus sat by the well around mid-day while his disciples went to buy food. A Samaritan woman came to draw water and Jesus asked her for a drink. She was amazed that Jesus actually spoke to her and voiced her surprise. Jesus responded that, if she had known who he was she could have received '**Living Water**' which Jesus described as a spring of water welling up to eternal life. In a reply that completely missed the point, the woman asked for this Living Water so that she did not have to come back to the well every day.

Jesus then asked her to fetch her husband but she replied that she did not have a husband. Jesus knew that she had had five husbands and her present partner was not her husband. She expressed the hope of a Messiah and Jesus revealed to her that He was the Messiah. She immediately left her water jar and went into the town and brought the people to listen to Jesus. Jesus spent two days among them and many of them believed that this man really is the Saviour of the world. *Give us that same courage to bring our whole selves into the light of Jesus, and teach us to worship you with sincerity and truth. Help us to invite others to you with humility and love.*

#### **Mothers Sunday: 15th March 2026**

The 9:00 a.m. Service at Great Houghton on Mothers Sunday will be a special Morning Worship Service. An Additional Service of Holy Communion is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Sunday 22nd March.

### Third Sunday of Lent

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Readings

Exodus 17: 1-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5: 1-11  
John 4: 5-42

#### Readings for this week March

**8th** Joshua 10: 28-43  
**9th** Joshua 11: 1-9  
**10th** Joshua 11: 10-23  
**11th** 1 Timothy 3: 1-16  
**12th** 1 Timothy 4: 1-16  
**13th** 1 Timothy 5: 1-10  
**14th** 1 Timothy 5: 11-25  
**15th** 1 Timothy 6: 1-10

### Prayer Square

This week we are  
praying for residents of  
Little Houghton

Buttercross Drive  
Chapel Lane  
Ings Lane  
Middlecliffe Lane

#### 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:** Thursday 19th March

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

We will be welcoming Rt Rev Leah Vasey-Saunders,  
Bishop of Doncaster, to Warm Space on **19th March**

### Setting a Target - organisations we support

#### Release International *Voice of Persecuted Christians*

Release International works through local Church partners in around thirty countries helping persecuted Christians prayerfully, pastorally and practically.

As the Gospel spreads, Christians are bracing themselves for increased persecution from militants and repressive governments, Christians in the areas of Ukraine occupied by Russia are forced to meet in small groups underground similar to the situation in the former Soviet Union.

<https://releaseinternational.org/>

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## LIFE-GIVING HABITS FOR LENT

### Thoughtful Thursday at Great Houghton

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

**Craft and Natter** back after Easter

### Resources and Contacts

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**PCC Secretary**

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**Tuesday 5:00 p.m.**

All Saints



St Michael



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