

## The Parish of Darfield

*All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton*



### Easter Sunday 5th April 2026

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion *Great Houghton*

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

### Sunday 12th April 2025

*Second Sunday of Easter*

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

### Alleluia, Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!!

The final recorded events of that Friday saw the body of the crucified Jesus laid in a borrowed tomb with a heavy stone sealed across the entrance and a guard set. The Disciples were distraught and scattered. Saturday, being the Sabbath was quiet, but on the following day, before dawn, a group of the women who had been with the Disciples set out to complete the burial rites for His body. They had no idea how they would move the stone but continued anyway. To their surprise, as they approached the tomb, they found the stone removed. Mary Magdalene, thinking that the authorities had removed the body, went and found Peter and John and told them what she had seen. They immediately ran to the tomb and found it empty except for the folded grave cloths. They did not yet understand that Jesus had to rise from the dead and went back to where they were staying.

Mary Magdalene lingered at the tomb and saw two angels in the place where the body of Jesus had lain. They asked her why she was crying. "They have taken my Lord" was her reply. She turned away and saw a man standing nearby. Thinking he was a gardener, she asked him where the body had been taken. It took just one simple word, "Mary" to convince her that the man was the Risen Jesus. Her response was "Rabboni" which means Teacher as she recognised Jesus. She then went back to the disciples with the news that she had seen their Risen Lord.

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#### Easter Sunday

*God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

#### Readings

Jeremiah 31: 1-6  
Psalm 118: 1-2,14-24  
Colossians 3: 1-4  
Acts 10: 34-43  
John 20: 1-18 *or*  
Matthew 28: 1-10

#### Readings for this Week

##### April

5th Joshua 16:  
6th Joshua 17:  
7th Joshua 18: 1-10  
8th Titus 1: 1-9  
9th Titus 1: 10-16  
10th Titus 2:  
11th Titus 3:  
12th Philemon

#### A Significant Date

What is significant about the first Sunday after the first full moon following the northern Spring Equinox? If we work this out for this year it points us to this Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Whilst much of the world celebrates this Sunday with easter eggs and easter bunnies, we see it as a much more important celebration. This formula calculates the day on which we celebrate the first Easter. On the third day following His crucifixion Jesus rose from the dead to symbolize victory over death and the promise of eternal life to those who accept and follow Him. We can then walk a new way of life and receive eternal salvation, and hope to be physically resurrected to dwell with him in the Kingdom of Heaven.

#### Community Shop on the Go and Warm Welcome Space

Next Community Shop **Thursday 16th April** from 9:30 a.m.

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

**Annual Meetings** Sunday 19th April 10:45 a.m. *Darfield*

## Second Sunday of Easter

*Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.*

### Readings

Exodus 14: 10-31; 15: 20,21  
Acts 2: 14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1: 3-9  
John 20: 19-31

### Readings for this Week

#### April

**12th** Philemon  
**13th** Hebrews 1: 1-9  
**14th** Hebrews 1: 10-14  
**15th** Joshua 18: 11- 19  
**16th** Joshua 18: 20-28  
**17th** Joshua 19: 1-9  
**18th** Joshua 19: 10-23  
**19th** Joshua 19: 24-39

## Prayer Square

**During this Easter season we are praying for all the residents of our Parish**

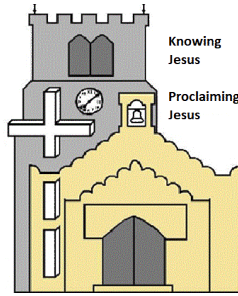
*Darfield  
Great Houghton,  
Little Houghton,  
Middlecliffe  
Billingley*

### Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

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**Next News Sheet 4th May 2025**



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### Sunday 19th April 2025

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**10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Darfield**

## The risen Jesus appears to His Disciples

[John 20: 19-29]

During that special Day, news of the Resurrection passed quickly amongst the followers of Jesus. Their despair at the death of Jesus led them to be fearful of the Jewish leaders [John 20: 19]. As the day passed, they congregated in a room with a secure lock. That lock could not keep out the resurrection body of Jesus who suddenly appeared amongst them. They were able to see the wounds in his hands and side from the Crucifixion and they were overjoyed. Jesus sent them out, with the Holy Spirit, to forgive sins.

We now meet up again with the Disciple Thomas who, for some unknown reason, was not with the rest of the Disciples. He was among the first of the Disciples and was one of the twelve sent out to preach, drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. [Matthew 10: 1-4]. It was Thomas who encouraged the Disciples to accompany Jesus to Bethany following the death of Lazarus even though Jesus had faced a hostile response from the Jews in that area [John 11: 16] At the Last Supper, when Jesus was explaining that he was going to prepare a place for them, it was Thomas who asked the question "*How can we know the Way?*" that all of the Disciples were probably thinking and received the response from Jesus "*I am the Way and the Truth and the Life*"

It is probably unfortunate that he is often known as Doubting Thomas for his reaction to his fellow disciples telling him that they had seen the Lord. Thomas said he would only believe if he could see for himself. He was given that chance the following week when Jesus again appeared in the locked room where the Disciples were with Thomas. Jesus spoke directly to Thomas and gave him the chance to touch the wounds. Thomas did so and immediately believed with the response "*My Lord and my God!*". The response from Jesus echoes down the twenty centuries that have passed and equally applies to us: "*blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed*"

## Resources and Contacts

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All Saints



St Michael



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