

The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 31st August 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10:45 a.m. Breakfast Service Darfield

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Service Great Houghton

Sunday 7th September 2025

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Great Houghton

10:45 a.m. Morning Service Darfield

People of Faith

Joshua

Joshua was both a military and spiritual leader to the Israelites. He was chosen by Moses to lead the Israelites to victory in battle against the Amalekites. Joshua then acted as an aide to Moses, being with him on the mountain tops. [Exodus 24: 13; 33: 13]. As the Israelites were approaching the Promised Land, Moses asked the Lord for someone to lead His people so they would not become 'sheep without a shepherd'. [Numbers 27: 15-17]. The Lord chose Joshua and commissioned him to lead the Israelites in taking possession of the land of Canaan, the land promised many centuries earlier.

Joshua sent spies into the areas around the fortified city of Jericho. They lodged with Rahab until they were betrayed to the King of Jericho. Rahab then hid them on the roof of her house as the king's guards unsuccessfully searched for them. She then set them down from her house in the city walls with a rope. Her faith [Hebrews 11: 31] indicated by a scarlet cord in her window allowed her and her Family to escape the forthcoming destruction of the city.

At the river Jordan, then in full flood, the priests carried the Ark of the Covenant to the bank and the waters piled up allowing them and the Israelites to pass on dry land. [Joshua 3: 14-17] Twelve stones from the riverbed were taken and erected as a memorial to the people of Israel.

The city of Jericho was the next obstacle. For six days, the ark of the Covenant was carried once round the city with an armed escort and priests blowing trumpets. On the seventh day, they circled the city seven times and, at a cry from the soldiers, the city walls fell and the city and its people were destroyed. Joshua continued to lead the Israelites against the local tribes and apportioned the lands to the twelve tribes. The Covenant was renewed and Joshua declared

Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. [Joshua 24: 15]

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God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Readings

Proverbs 25: 6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15,16 Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Readings for this week August

31st 1 Corinthians 15: 35-58 September

1st 1 Corinthians 16: 1-4 2nd 1 Corinthians 16: 5-24 3rd Proverbs 6: 20-35

4th Proverbs 7: 1-13
5th Proverbs 7: 14-27
6th Proverbs 8: 1-11 **7th** Proverbs 8: 12-24

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 Great Houghton

Wescoe Avenue Norfolk Road Sandhill Mews Sandhill Drive Edward Street New Street Turner Street

Community Shop on the Go Warm Welcome Space

Darfield Church Hall

Community Shop Thursday 4th September

Warm space - every Thursday

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

Heritage Open Days Saturday 13th September 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael's, Great Houghton

Sunday 14th September 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All Saints, Darfield

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