



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 1st March 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

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

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

Sunday 8th March 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

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

An Opportunity...

There is an exciting project in the making, for a group of people from Thurnscoe, led by Sarah our Oversight Minister, to do an outreach service in Darfield Church, to help with our ministry and mission. The day, time and content have yet to be decided, and discussion and research are to follow, but please join us in praying as we move forward, and if you have ideas on what would work, please do share it with a member of our PCC.

Born Again - Nicodemus: [read John 3: 1-16]

Nicodemus was a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin, the supreme religious and legal council of the Jews during New Testament times. Although the area was under the rule of the Roman Empire, the Sanhedrin had a great deal of civil authority.

Nicodemus had obviously heard and seen what Jesus was doing and saying and had recognised something in Jesus and His teachings and wanted to hear more. On one occasion, he visited Jesus at night and greeted Him as *Rabbi*, a term used to acknowledge a teacher, scholar or religious leader of the day. His comment that "*no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.*" Gained the response from Jesus that "*no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.*"

Nicodemus responds on a physical level about the impossibility of human re-birth but is told of re-birth in the Spirit. Nicodemus persists with his questioning and, along with the rest of the Jewish leaders, is criticised for not understanding these things. Jesus refers to His own death by reminding Nicodemus of Moses in the wilderness. The complaining Hebrews were infested with venomous snakes as a punishment from God, with many being bitten and dying. They repented and Moses was commanded to make a bronze snake and put it on a pole so that anyone who was bitten could look at it and live. [Numbers 21: 4-8]. In the same way we can look to the Son of Man, Jesus, lifted up. We then have what is often seen as one of the most famous and central verses which summarises the Christian message. **"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."** [John 3: 16]

Nicodemus appears twice more in John's Gospel. Jesus was in Jerusalem for Sukkot, the Festival of Tabernacles, which commemorates the forty years spent in the Wilderness. The Jewish leaders were looking for ways to kill Jesus but some of the crowds were beginning to realise the truth. Nicodemus stood before the Chief Priests and Pharisees and asked them if their laws would condemn Jesus without first hearing him. [John 7: 51]. The other occasion follows the death of Jesus when Nicodemus assisted Joseph of Arimathea in retrieving the body of Jesus, preparing it with linen and spices and putting it in the tomb in the garden. [John 19: 38-42]

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth [Psalm 121: 1-2]

Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Genesis 12: 1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17
John 3: 1-17

Readings for this week

March

1st 1 Timothy 1: 1-11
2nd 1 Timothy 1: 12-20
3rd 1 Timothy 2: 1-15
4th Joshua 9: 9-18
5th Joshua 9: 19-27
6th Joshua 10: 1-15
7th Joshua 10: 16-27
8th Joshua 10: 28-43

Prayer Square

This week we are praying
for residents of
Darfield

Snape Hill Road
Owram Street
Havelock Street
Hill Street
New Street

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 5th March

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

Setting a Target - organisations we support

CPAS Making Mission Possible

The Church Pastoral Aid Society, CPAS, was founded in 1836 as a response to the social changes forced by the Industrial Revolution. Their aim to take the Gospel to every person's door allowed the employment of clergy and lay leaders in parishes. More recently the society works across three areas. Providing training events and materials for leaders and prospective leaders across most aspects of church life. Over 3,200 individuals took advantage of these resources over the last year. Hosting holidays for over 3,000 young people aged 6-18 where they can explore who Jesus is Their third area covers the appointment of clergy to over 900 parishes in the country through the Patronage System. Our Parish is included in this list and we have had support from their representatives over the past year.

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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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Karen Walton

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Items, preferably via e-mail, to

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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