



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 8th February 2026

Second Sunday before Lent - Sexagesima

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield

Sunday 15th February 2026

First Sunday before Lent- Quinquagesima

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Great Houghton

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Darfield

Wednesday 18th February - Ash Wednesday

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield

In the beginning...

Two books in our Bible begin with these words, The Book of Genesis, normally attributed to Moses and the Gospel of St John.

Chapter one of the Book of Genesis attempts to describe the origins of the heavens and the earth. The writer seeks to emphasise the themes of order, purpose and the goodness of God's Creation. A sequence of seven 'days' are described as the world is built up

The earth was formless and empty with darkness over the surface of the deep with the Spirit of God moving over the deep. On the first day God created light, giving day and night.

On the second day, the sky was created to separate the waters above from the waters below. The third day saw the waters gathered into the seas and dry ground appearing. That land was soon populated by vegetation, plants and trees. On the fourth day God made the sun, moon, and stars to give light to the earth and to mark seasons, days, and years. The fifth day saw the creation of all the creatures of the sea and the birds of the air. The final acts of creation took up the sixth day when God created land animals and, finally, humanity—male and female—in his own image. He gave them dominion over all living things and instructed them to be fruitful and multiply.

On the following day, the seventh, God made this day holy as He rested from His labours. This ties up with the commands given to Moses and the Israelites in the Ten Commandments where the Israelites were instructed to "*Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God*". [Exodus 20: 8-10]

St John introduces his Gospel with a description of what he calls *The Word*. The Word is identified as the agent of Creation through whom all things came into being. He also identifies the Word with the incarnate Jesus as He became flesh and dwelt among us. Chapter one sets the scene for John's account of the mission of Jesus in this world and invites us to contemplate the mystery of the incarnation and our faithful response.



Book the date and be there to help...

Saturday 14th February: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Snowdrop Trail

Darfield All Saints Church and Churchyard

Ash Wednesday

18th February

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion

All Saints' Darfield

{Book of Common Prayer

2nd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, give us
reverence for all creation and
respect for every person, that
we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 3
Psalm 136
Romans 8: 18-25
Matthew 6: 25-34

Readings for this week

February

8th Joshua 4: 14-24
9th Joshua 5: 1. -15
10th Joshua 6: 1-11
11th 1 Thessalonians 3: 1-5
12th 1 Thessalonians 3: 6-13
13th 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12
14th 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
15th 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Prayer Square

**This week we are praying
for residents of Darfield**

Roundwood Way
Padua Rise
Milano Rise
Dartree Close
Dartree Walk
Oberon Crescent

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our
Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

* **Church Flowers:** *
* The new Flower Rotas for 2026 are now available. If you want to see fresh *
* flowers decorating our church buildings on a week by week basis we need you *
* to sign up. *
* Please contact Wendy or Peter if you would like to make a donation to the on- *
* going costs or see Wendy if you need help in providing and arranging your *
* own flowers. *

Setting a Target

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. [Mark 16: 16]

This is the last commission of the Risen Jesus to His Disciples before He ascended into Heaven. We may not be in a position to physically obey its full extent but your Parochial Church Council supports bodies who are working throughout this country and in many countries throughout the World. For many years we have had a policy of taking a tithe, or ten percent of the PCC's regular income each year to be sent to societies or groups who can bring the Gospel to places and situations that we cannot reach directly on our own.

Each year your PCC decides on the recipients for the current year with amounts based on the previous year's income. That process will be taking place over the next few months as we evaluate the current list of beneficiaries and other potential organisations to make our decisions for 2026.

Over the next few weeks, you will be able to read details of the five groups who were on our list for 2025. If you feel that there are other groups or organisations that could be considered to replace some of our current recipients and bearing in mind our object is to preach the Gospel, please let Peter or Kay know.



Thoughtful Thursday at Great Houghton

Resumes on Thursday, 8th January between 11:00 a.m. and noon.

Craft and Natter back after Easter

Resources and Contacts

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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