



## 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.



### **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**

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### Church Flowers:

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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.  
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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.  
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### 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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### DEADLINE for Content

Items, preferably via e-mail, to  
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**Tuesday 5:00 p.m.**

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St Michael