



## The Parish of Darfield

*All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton*  
**Sunday 21st June 2026** *Third Sunday after Trinity*

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

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

**Sunday 28th June 2026** *Fourth Sunday after Trinity*

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

## Isaac and Ishmael *Laughter and God Hears*

Despite her old age, Sarah gave birth to a boy. They named him Isaac and Sarah was overjoyed and wanted everyone to laugh with her for she had a son for Abraham in his old age [Genesis 21: 1-7]

However, all was not peaceful. Years earlier, on Sarai's prompting, Abram had fathered a boy with Sarai's slave Hagar. Instead of waiting on the Lord's timetable, Sarai was attempting to speed up the building of their family. Once Hagar was pregnant, she despised Sarai. Sarai mistreated Hagar to such an extent that Hagar fled from the encampment and came to a spring in the desert. Hagar met with an Angel of the Lord who called her by name and told her to return to her mistress and be submissive. She was also given a promise that her descendants would become too numerous to count. Hagar returned and once her son was born, Abram gave him the name Ishmael. [Genesis 16:]

When Isaac was weaned, Abraham held a great feast but Sarah saw that Ishmael was mocking. She told Abraham to get rid of Hagar and Ishmael. Abraham was distressed but the Lord told him that his offspring would be reckoned through Isaac but that Ishmael would also father a nation.

Abraham gave Hagar some provisions and sent them away into the desert of Beersheba. When the provisions ran out Hagar left Ishmael under a bush and moved away so that she would not see him die. The Lord heard Ishmael crying and the Angel of the Lord called to Hagar and re-affirmed the promise that Ishmael would also be made father of a great nation. Her eyes were opened and she saw a well of water and gave the boy a drink. God was with Ishmael as he grew up and he lived in the desert and became an archer and married a wife from Egypt. [Genesis 21: 8-20]

## Second Sunday after Trinity

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### Readings

Genesis 21: 8-21  
Psalm 86: 1-10,16-17  
Romans 6: 1b-11  
Matthew 10: 24-39

### Readings for this week

#### June

**21st** James 2: 14-26  
**22nd** James 3: 1-12  
**23rd** James 3: 13-18  
**24th** Daniel 4: 19-27  
**25th** Daniel 4: 28-37  
**26th** Daniel 5: 1-9  
**27th** Daniel 5: 10-17  
**28th** Daniel 5: 18-31

## Great Houghton Thoughtful Thursday

*Thursdays 11:00 a.m. to noon.*

## Craft and Natter

*Tuesday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

## Prayer Square

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

*Barnsley Road  
Woodhall Close  
Woodhall Flats  
South Street  
South View  
West Street  
Inkerman Road*

### Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

**Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331**

## Coming Up...

**Teddy Bears** will be back in action on Saturday 11th July .

### Heritage Open Days

12th & 13th September

## Community Shop on the Go Next Community Shop:

Thursday 25th June

### Warm Space:

Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 11:30

## Resources and Contacts

**Churchwarden**  
**PCC Secretary**  
**Safeguarding**  
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**Our Web Site**  
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