



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton
Sunday 19th July 2026 *Seventh Sunday after Trinity*

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

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

Sunday 26th July 2026 *Eighth Sunday after Trinity*

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

A blessing and a Stairway to Heaven [Genesis 26: 27: 28:]

When one of the periodic famines hit the area of Canaan where Isaac was living, he moved to Gerar, home of King Abimelek of the Philistines. because the Lord told him not to go to Egypt. Whilst there, the Lord confirmed the promises that Isaac would have descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky.

Isaac successfully planted crops which, with the Lord's blessing, multiplied so successfully that Isaac became very wealthy. Abimelek then saw Isaac as a danger to him and asked Isaac to leave the area.

Isaac moved on, eventually reaching Beersheba on the edge of the Negev desert where Abraham had lived for a while.

When Isaac had grown old, he asked Esau to go out to hunt for some game and to prepare some tasty food. Rebekah overheard the conversation and told Jacob to fetch two young goats. Rebekah prepared and cooked them and told Jacob to take them to his father. Jacob realised that if his father touched his fair skin, he would detect the deceit. Rebekah arranged some of the goat skins onto Jacob's hands and neck and dressed Jacob in some of Esau's clothing.

Jacob took the food and went to Isaac pretending to be Esau. The ruse nearly failed as Isaac detected Jacob's voice but he continued and gave Jacob his blessing. As soon as Jacob had received the blessing, Esau arrived just too late and didn't receive a blessing from his father. Esau bore a grudge against Jacob and threatened to kill him. Rebekah sent Jacob to live with her brother Laban in Harran until Esau's fury subsided. Jacob set off for Harran and, stopping near sunset, he picked a stone and lay down, using it as a pillow and went to sleep. In a dream he saw a stairway linking Earth and Heaven with angels moving up and down. At the top of the stairway stood the LORD who confirmed His Covenant with Jacob and the promise that the surrounding area would be their land. When Jacob woke, he took the stone and set it up as a pillar and called the place Bethel, the house of God

Diary Dates:

Saturday 15th August:

St Michael's Garden Party

12th & 13th September

Heritage Open days

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Genesis 28: 10-19a

Psalms 139: 1-11, 23, 24

Romans 8: 12-25

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Readings for July

19th 1 Peter 4: 12-19

20th 1 Peter 5: 1-7

21st 1 Peter 5: 8-14

22nd Daniel 9: 12: 19

23rd Daniel 9: 20-27

24th Daniel 10: 1-11

25th Daniel 10: 12-21

26th Daniel 11: 1-10

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Prayer Square

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

East Street
Illsley Road
North Street
Woodhall Road
Woodfield Close

Community Shop on the Go

Next Community Shop:

Thursday 5th August

Warm Space: every Thursday

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

Great Houghton

Thoughtful Thursday

11:00 a.m. to noon.

Craft and Natter

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

One of the organisations our church supports is the Salvation Army based in Goldthorpe, whose work extends to help individuals and families in Darfield. At the present time there is a critical shortage of non-perishable items such as *tinned goods of all kinds, packets of pasta, cereals, dried foods, rice, long life milk and cooking sauces*. All store cupboard items are welcome. We have a **'Bring a tin and chuck it in'** collecting box by the font at the back of church ready for any donations which you would like to bring along and which will be gratefully received to help people in genuine need.

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