



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 16th August 2026 *Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*

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

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

Sunday 23rd August 2026 *Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

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

The Road to Egypt.

Jacob had been given a new name, Israel, by the Lord. His next move, guided by the Lord's command, was to return to Bethel, build an altar to the Lord and settle there. The Lord confirmed His Covenant with Israel and re-affirmed the promise that Israel's descendants would inhabit the land. [Genesis 35:] Israel's twelfth son, Benjamin, was born but his mother, Rachel, died in childbirth.

Joseph became his father's favourite and was given an ornate robe which caused his brothers to be jealous of Joseph. This is variously described as a coat of many colours or a Technicolour Dream Coat. Joseph had two dreams. The first had Joseph's sheaf of corn standing with his brother's eleven sheaves bowing to it.

The second had the sun, moon and eleven stars bowing to Joseph. Joseph told his brothers which caused them to hate Joseph even more.

One day when Joseph visited his brothers who were tending the flocks, they plotted to kill Joseph. Reuben persuaded his brothers not to harm Joseph but they sold him to a caravan of Edomites who were heading for Egypt. The spread some goat's blood on Joseph's coat and took it to their father claiming that Joseph had been devoured by a wild animal. Meanwhile on the caravan's arrival in Egypt, Joseph was sold to Potiphar, the Captain of the Guard and one of Pharaoh's officials. The Lord was with Joseph and he prospered and was put in charge of Potiphar's household. However, Potiphar's wife made advances to Joseph which were rejected. Following false accusations, Joseph was put in prison but, as the Lord was still with him, he was made responsible for the organisation of the prison. Sometime later, Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker upset their master and were committed to the prison. They had dreams which Joseph was able to interpret. Two years later Pharaoh himself was troubled by two dreams. The first had seven sleek and healthy cows being devoured by seven gaunt cows and the second had seven healthy heads of grain being swallowed up by seven thin heads. No one could interpret the dreams until the cupbearer remembered Joseph. Pharaoh immediately summoned Joseph who told him that the dreams indicated seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. Pharaoh was so impressed by Joseph that he put him in charge of the land to prepare for the forthcoming famine. These preparations meant that, after seven years when the famine hit Egypt, the storehouses were opened and 'all the world' came to Egypt to buy grain.

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Readings

Genesis 45: 1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

Readings for August

16th	1 John 3: 16-24
17th	1 John 4: 1-6
18th	1 John 4: 7-21
19th	Genesis 3: 1-7
20th	Genesis 3: 8-15
21st	Genesis 3: 16-24
22nd	Genesis 4: 1-9
23rd	Genesis 4: 10.-18

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 Great Houghton

Mount Avenue
Potts Crescent
Pleasant Avenue
Stonebridge Lane
Oak Haven Avenue
Cross Street
Dearne Street

Community Shop on the Go

Next Community Shop:

Thursday 20th August

Warm Space: every Thursday

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

Heritage Open Days

Saturday 12th September

All Saints & St Michael's

Sunday 13th September

All Saints

The Faith of a Canaanite woman [Matthew 15: 21-28]

Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the area of Tyre and Sidon to the west of Galilee. There they encountered a local woman whose daughter was possessed by a demon. She came to Jesus pleading for Him to help. Jesus told her initially that he had only come to the "lost sheep of Israel" and that it was not right to toss the children's bread to the dogs. The woman's response was that "even the dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their master's table". She was commended for her faith and her daughter was immediately healed.

This incident shows the woman's persistence and how she crossed the traditional barriers between Jews and Gentiles.

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