



## The Parish of Darfield

*All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton*

**Sunday 14th April 2024**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

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

**Sunday 21st April 2024**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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

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

**4:00 p.m. Café Church Darfield Church Hall**

### Review of the Annual Parochial Meetings: 7th April 2024

The Meeting of Parishioners agreed the election of **Peter Robinson** as the sole Churchwarden for the Parish.

**Wath Deanery Synod Representatives:** the meeting accepted the resignation of **Jo Darlison** as Deanery Synod Representative and elected **Andrea Harrison** and **Justine Evans** as our representatives to serve for two years along with **Olive Shaw** elected in 2023.

**Parochial Church Council:** Nominations were received from **John McMillan**, **Carol Hunter** and **Jo Darlison** and were duly elected as PCC members for a term of three years. No nominations were received for the vacancy for a one year term.

**Assistant Wardens:** **Aubrey Venables** and **Brian Haynes** had been nominated and were appointed as Assistant Wardens for the next twelve months.

**The Parish Electoral Roll** the roll stands at 87: All Saints' at 70 including five additions and ten removals; St Michael's at 17 with two additions and two removals since 2023

**The Annual Report** of the activities of the PCC and the rest of the Church was accepted. Copies are still available.

**Independent Examiner:** **Matthew Law** had taken on this task for the 2023 PCC accounts but had indicated that he would be unable to continue in this role and it was left to the PCC to appoint a suitable Independent Examiner for the 2024 accounts.

**The PCC accounts** for the whole parish showed a total income of £64,562 and total spending of £62,825 - which gives the happy result that we took in more than we paid out. Analysis of the data shows that over half of our parish income comes from voluntary contributions through collections, envelopes, standing orders and Gift Aid tax relief. Specific Fund Raising Events made up a small proportion of the total income. As far as expenditure is concerned, our buildings continue to take up around half of our spending with insurance, and heat and light being major factors. The other major outgoing is our payment to the Diocesan Common Fund which is our contribution to the costs of Ordained Ministry in our Parish. Our level of contribution means that we are a nett-receiver, being dependent on the contributions of other parishes to make up the costs of our Clergy.

**2024 Budget:** in order to meet the PCC's Budget for 2024, we need an income of £1,200 per week

**Some questions for you...** *When did you last review your contributions to our running costs?  
Do you pay Income Tax and have not signed a Gift Aid Declaration?  
Have you any ideas for fund raising?*

**Please consider and take action!**

**Flowers:** There are still vacancies on the All Saints' Flower Rota for 2024. *Rota on notice board,*

#### Companions in Daily Prayer

Join members of the team on weekdays

**8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 9:00 p.m. Night Prayer**

Go to Facebook.com and search for *Companions in Daily Prayer*

### An Urgent Appeal...

The Goldthorpe Salvation Army Food-bank has a high level of demand for the following items...

**Long-life milk: rice: sugar: coffee: tuna:  
porridge: jam: custard and toilet rolls**

A box is set up at the back of All Saints to collect these items for delivery to Goldthorpe for distribution.

If you have other items to donate they will be accepted as will cash donations.

### This week...

**Mindful Monday** 6:00 p.m. *Great Houghton*

**Knit and Natter** Tuesday 1 p.m. *Great Houghton*

**Community Shop on the Go and Warm Space**

**Thursday 18th** from 9:00 a.m. *Darfield Church Hall*

**Café Church** Sunday 4:00 p.m. *Darfield Church Hall*

## Third Sunday of Easter Collect

Risen Christ, You filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim Your risen life and fill us with Your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

### Readings

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Acts 3: 12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3: 1-7

Luke 24: 36b-48

### Readings for this week

#### April

14th Daniel 9: 20-27

15th Luke 12: 13-21

16th Luke 12: 22-34

17th Luke 12: 35-48

18th Luke 12: 49-59

19th Luke 13: 1-9

20th Luke 13: 10-17

21st Luke 13: 18-30

## Prayer Square

This week we are praying for  
the residents of Darfield

College Terrace  
Snape Hill Road  
Edward Street  
Thomas Street  
St. Mary's Road  
Church Street

### Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our  
Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

## A lonely road?

Towards the end of the day that the tomb had been discovered to be empty and the Risen Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene, Cleopas and one of the other followers of Jesus were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus, a distance of around seven miles. As they were walking and discussing what had happened earlier in the day, they were joined by a stranger who walked with them. Prompted by the stranger, they recounted the events of the day and their hopes that Jesus would have been the one to redeem Israel [Luke 24: 21] The stranger then explained the Scriptural references to the Messiah from Moses to the Prophets and that the events of that weekend were predicted and essential for their fulfilment.

As they reached their destination, the stranger continued his journey but was invited to join them for a meal. With the simple act of breaking bread with them, they recognised Jesus and He disappeared from their sight. They then realised how they had been moved whilst listening to the explanation. They immediately set off back to Jerusalem where they found the Disciples and told them what had happened. Whilst they were talking, Jesus appeared amongst them and identified Himself. Their minds were opened to the explanation that the Messiah would suffer death and rise on the third day [Luke 24: 46].

Their witness of these events would ensure that **repentance for the forgiveness of sins** would be preached to all nations beginning in Jerusalem. Some two thousand years later we are a part of this ongoing witness.

### From the Parish Registers

Sunday 31st March 2024: **Baptism**

Amy Trott

Tuesday 9th April 2024: **Funeral**

Stephen George Thomas Fareham aged 73

All Saints Darfield and Darfield Cemetery

### Psalm 4: 1,2,7,8:

- 1 Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 How long will you people turn my glory into shame? how long will you love delusions and seek false gods?
- 6 Many, Lord, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?" Let the light of your face shine on us.
- 7 Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound.
- 8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## Resources and Contacts

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All Saints



St Michael



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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.