



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 30th November 2025

Advent Sunday

10:45 a.m. Breakfast Service *Darfield*

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Service *Great Houghton*

Sunday 7th December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

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

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



Advent – Preparation for the Kingdom: Signs and Wonders

Hark, the glad Sound! A Saviour comes, the Saviour promised long.

Phillip Dodderidge 1702-51 MP 210

The word **Advent** is derived from the Latin *adventus* translated as *coming*. Advent begins a new year in the life of our Church with its four Sundays where we can anticipate both the celebrations of the Birth of our Saviour and His promised return in glory. Throughout the centuries this season has been associated with **signs and wonders** which concentrate our minds on the true spiritual meaning of the season and to allow us to reflect on hope, faith and divine intervention.. In the books of Old Testament Prophecy we find many references to the signs and wonders to do with the arrival of the Messiah.

But what of today? Throughout Advent we will be lighting week by week, one of the four candles in our Advent Crown which represent **hope, peace, joy, and love**. The fifth candle, in the centre, lit on Christmas Day represents Jesus.

Although more particular to Epiphany, we will hear the account of the Magi who followed the **sign of a star** in the heavens which led them to Jesus in Bethlehem with their three symbolic gifts [Matthew 2: 1-12].

We read of four **Angelic visits**. The Priest **Zechariah** is told that his long-time barren wife Elizabeth is to have a son and that many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. [John the Baptist, Luke 1: 1-25]. The young girl, **Mary**, is visited by the Angel Gabriel who told her that she would conceive and give birth to a son, to be called Jesus who would be great and would be called the *Son of the Most High*. [Luke 1: 26-38]. The Angel of the Lord appeared to **Joseph** in a dream telling him that Mary, his betrothed, was carrying a child of the Holy Spirit. [Matthew 1: 18-24] The Angel of the Lord, backed by a great company of the Heavenly Host, also visited a lonely hillside outside Bethlehem where the **shepherds** were the first to know of the birth of Jesus and, became the first to spread the news [Luke 2: 8-20]

These signs and wonders still serve as spiritual markers for us today and invite us to seek God's presence and actions in our lives. Embracing them can transform Advent from a time of waiting to a time of spiritual awakening and renewed faith.

Advent Sunday

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Readings

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 36-44

Readings for this week

November

30th Proverbs 23: 1-9

December

1st Proverbs 23: 10- 21

2nd Proverbs 23: 22-35

3rd Ephesians 2: 11- 22

4th Ephesians 3: 1-13

5th Ephesians 3: 14-21

6th Ephesians 4: 1-16

7th Ephesians 4: 17-32

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Prayer Square

This week we are praying for the residents of Great Houghton

*Church Street
Rodes Avenue
Old Hall Walk
Pinfield Close
Manor Fields
Hallcroft Gardens*

Community Shop on the Go

Warm Welcome Space

Darfield Church Hall

Community Shop

Thursday 11th December

from 9:30 a.m.

Free Warm Space - every week

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



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