



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 14th February 2021

1st Sunday before Lent

10:30 a.m. Partnership Service on Facebook
Followed by All Saints Coffee Time on Zoom

Ash Wednesday 17th February

11:00 a.m. Partnership Service on Zoom
7:30 p.m. Partnership Service on Zoom

Public Worship and Private Prayer

Our Churches remain closed for Public Worship and Private Prayer

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We are now approaching the forty days of Lent where we prepare to rediscover the details of the last days of our Lord's ministry on Earth in the events during what we call Holy Week.

The season of Lent was introduced into the Church calendar as a reminder of the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, preparing for the start of his Earthly ministry and where He denied the temptations to take Satan's path.

The Sundays between the end of the Epiphany Season and Lent are now described in Common Worship as Ordinary Time and the number changes from year to year as the date of Easter varies.

Shrovetide traditionally started three Sundays before Lent and was a time of preparation and decision making on which of the pleasures and luxuries were to be given up during Lent. Shrovetide, named from shriving or receiving Absolution for Sins, continues in some countries as a season of Carnival celebrations which culminate in Mardi Gras – [French for Fat Tuesday].

Shrove Tuesday is the only remaining part of Shrovetide which appears in our calendar. During Lent the tradition was to eat more simple food and to fast regularly. Without our modern preservation methods, Shrove Tuesday became a last celebration to use up such as fats, eggs, milk and sugar. This sounds very much like the list of ingredients for pancakes which is where the alternative secular name of Pancake Day arises.

In a tradition said to date from 1445, twenty-five ladies of Olney in Buckinghamshire compete in a Pancake Race over a distance of 415 yards [380 metres]. They dress as 'traditional housewives' and carry a frying pan with a pancake which must be tossed at regular intervals before the finish line at the door of the Parish Church.

Ash Wednesday as the first day of Lent is seen as the day of repentance in preparation for the rest of the Lenten season. Ashes have long been seen as a symbol of repentance as typified in Job 42:6, when Job, at the lowest point in his life, says to the Lord "*I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes*". In some Church traditions, ashes from the burning of the previous year's Palm Sunday Crosses are smeared in the shape of a cross on the forehead in a reminder of the water of Baptism.

Are you going to give up anything for Lent? Or will your resolve last as long as your New Year's Resolutions? Why not be positive and join us online on Ash Wednesday or with Our Lenten Course, **Shining as Light**, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

#LIVELENT God's Story, Our Story

A series of daily readings and reflections for Lent is available as an app and can now be downloaded for IOS or Android devices from the App store or Google Play. The series starts on Ash Wednesday.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw

Pat Bentley

Steven, Kate and their families

Steve & Val Myers

Contact: Carol Hunter

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Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

2 Kings 2: 1-12

Psalm 50: 1-6

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

St Mark 9: 2-9

Bible Readings for this week

February:

14th Acts 5: 12-16

15th Acts 5: 17-42

16th Acts 6: 1-7

17th Acts 6: 8-15

18th Acts 7: 1-19

19th Acts 7: 20-38

20th Acts 7: 39-53

Prayer for the Nation

Loving Father God, be with us in our distress; be with our families, friends and neighbours, our country and our world.

Give health to the sick, hope to the fearful, and comfort to mourners.

Give wisdom to our frontline and key workers, insight to our Government, and patience to us all.

Overcome disease with the power of your new life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation>



Focus on... Fellowship Groups

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. [Matt 18:19-20]

Fellowship Groups meet regularly to study the Bible, to pray and to grow in faith together. Open discussion is encouraged with a supportive network in a safe, non-judgmental space. Are you a member of a group or would you be interested in joining a group?

Have you ever thought of hosting or leading a group? You do not need to be expert at preparing sermons or praying as resources are available to guide the process with suggested themes and questions to promote discussion.

If you feel called to be involved in our Fellowship Groups ministry then contact John McMillan or Rob Stanton for an informal chat via any of our contact points in the list below.

At the moment we can only meet online

Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing. [1 Thess 5:11]

Ash Wednesday: Zoom at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Lent Course: *Shining as Light*

Tuesday 23rd February at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday 25th February at 10:00 a.m.

Bookings to: jo.darlison@sheffield.anglican.org

From the Archives Darfield Parish Magazine—September ????

The year was 1942 and the Rector was Rev. Harold Drown.

The two advertisers were: on Garden Street—the Bakery and on School Street—the Fish Shop.

Squirrels and Snowdrops



Our Churchyard Trails are still available for those of you who are able to walk through on you daily, socially distanced exercise. More snowdrops have appeared and if you look closely you will find the first of the daffodils. As always be mindful of the requirements of Lockdown to be on your own or with your family group or bubble and not to mingle with others.



Resources and Contacts

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All Saints



St Michael



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Items, preferably via e-mail, to

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Wednesday 5 p.m.