

The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 20th December 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. Facebook

4:00 p.m. and **7:00 p.m.**

Carols on Facebook

Sunday 27th September 2020

First Sunday of Christmas

10:30a.m. Facebook

Advanced Notice

Sunday 3rd Jan All Saints 9:00

**God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.**

Resumption of Public Worship

After many months of being unable to worship in our Churches, we are now able to move slowly towards meeting together in person. From January 2021, a temporary pattern of services will mean that each of the three Parishes in our Mission Partnership will have a Communion Service each week but not every Sunday. The numbers allowed at each service will be limited and bookings will have to be made in advance for 'a pew' which may be for an individual, Family Group or Bubble. The pattern will start from **3rd January 2021** with a service **in All Saints at 9:00 a.m.** Bookings as for Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve — 24th December 2020

We will be holding a Service of Holy Communion on **Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Church of All Saints**. Face masks (unless exempt), Social Distancing and hand sanitisation are essential and **places are limited and MUST be pre-booked**

To book 'a pew' for you, your family group or bubble **contact Jo Darlison** 01226 872256; 07469 857315 or by email: jodarlison94@gmail.com

Lully, lulla, thow littell tine child,
By by, lully, lullay!
Herod, the king, in his raging,
Chargid he hath this day
His men of might in his owne
sight
All yonge children to slay

What is a carol? The dictionary entry is... *a Joyous Song, especially a Christmas Hymn*. They were popular as dance songs in the twelfth Century and as processional songs from the fourteenth Century. Today's hymns and songs are all carols but we tend to relate the name to songs for Advent, Christmas and, to a lesser extent, Easter.

Many of our Christmas Carols were written in the 18th and 19th Centuries but amongst the oldest is the Coventry Carol. This was part of The Nativity, in the Medieval Coventry Mystery Plays and related the events

from the Annunciation to the Slaughter of the Innocents. It was sung by three women of Bethlehem immediately after Joseph has been warned in a dream to take his family to safety in Egypt.

Christmas 2020 will be one of the strangest that most of us have experienced. We are unable to join with our Community in our Carols by Candlelight Service and hear the familiar story and sing what may have included your favourite carol.

On **Tuesday 22nd December at 7:00 p.m.**, we urge you to join with our congregation as we rediscover the **Loving Purposes of God** with passages from the Bible and some well loved carols. All of you will have a printed copy of the Service of Lessons and Carols and could join with us in spirit on that evening even if you cannot join us online with Zoom.

This season gives us the chance to celebrate God's greatest gift to us in His Son Jesus. As we see the Christmas decorations around our streets, let us pray that they will radiate the true light of Jesus and that many will come to know the true Joy of Christmas and of Jesus.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for Olive & Raymond Shaw and Christopher and his twin, Caroline Browne

Prayer requests for this section...

Contact the Prayer Ministry Team

Carol Hunter on 07542 527331

This Week: 20th Dec.

4th Sunday of Advent

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

20th	Luke 11:14-28
21st	Luke 11:29-36
22nd	Luke 11:37-54
23rd	Luke 12:1-12
24th	Luke 12:13-21
25th	John 1:1-14
	Luke 12:22-34
26th	Luke 12:35-48

Next Week: 27th Dec

1st Sunday of Christmas

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

27th	Luke 12:49-59
28th	Luke 13:1-9
29th	Luke 13:10-17
30th	Luke 13:18-35
31st	Luke 14:1-14
2021	
1st	Luke 14:15-24
2nd	Luke 14:25 -34

For your December Diary...

- 20th** Carol Service 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Facebook
- 22nd** **Carols by Zoomlight** 7:00 p.m. Zoom
- 24th** Crib Service 4 p.m. Facebook
- 24th** **Communion All Saints Church live** 6:00 p.m.
Bookings essential via Jo—see front page
- 25th** Christmas Day Service **10:00 a.m.** Facebook
- 27th** Morning Worship 10:30 Fsebook
- 2nd Jan** **Communion All Saints live 9:00 a.m.**
Bookings essential via Jo—see front page

The Production Team

would like to thank all those who are involved with this news-sheet. Particularly those who contribute prayers, thoughts, reading lists, news and challenges. Our team of distributors, web and Facebook editors have enabled it to be seen locally and globally. Above all, to you dear reader for taking the time to read and use the contents as you do.

We are always open to receive suggestions and to increase the list of contributors

What can you do?

Jo and Peter

This is the last news-sheet for 2020. Production will resume for Sunday 3rd January 2021 when we will give an update on the pattern of face-to-face services in our churches.

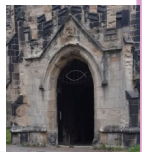
For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Open for Prayer: Sunday 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

All Saints will be open for private prayer with Social Distancing and hygiene requirements in place and subject to change at short notice.

Face covering must be worn unless personally exempt.

Closed 24th and 27th December



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**Monday 28th December
5 p.m.**

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