



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 21st February 2021

1st Sunday of Lent

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

Public Worship and Private Prayer

Our Churches remain closed for Public Worship and Private Prayer

A Celebration—Ray Firth's 80th Birthday

Ray celebrates his 80th birthday on **Saturday 27th February**. Unfortunately, we're not able to celebrate as we'd like to but we want to make the day as special and as memorable as it can be under the circumstance we find ourselves in.

Ray's family is organising an at home **drive-by for 1:00 p.m.** on the 27th of February so that everyone can wish him a "Happy Birthday" in person and from a safe distance.

80th

Alternatively, if anyone would like to send a video message to Ray, we will be collating these and playing them for him later on that afternoon. **Contact Nicola Firth via any of the links in our contact details:**

Spotlight on Finance *notes from the Darfield All Saints Treasurer*

Kay writes..

I will be banking cash and cheques in the coming week, so if you have any saved up for me, either in envelopes or loose, **please** let me have them. You can do this either by dropping them through my letterbox at 27, Tempest Avenue, Darfield whilst on your daily exercise walk, or by giving me a call on 01226 753041 so that I can pick them up from you on my exercise walk.

Huge thanks to all of you who are continuing to give so faithfully in these difficult circumstances, whether by cash, envelope or standing order. I cannot repeat enough how reassuring and inspiring it is to me, and indeed to our whole church. We all know that 'church' is not just a building, but rather a group of people. The costs of keeping our church going, both people and building, continue throughout lockdowns, so it is lovely that your giving also continues – especially bearing in mind that our income from other sources such as hall rental, fees and fund raising events is severely reduced (often to nil).

If you prefer to give online, even anonymously, then we now also have the means for you to do so on our church website at www.darfieldallsaintschurch.org.uk Just look at the 'Giving' tab at the top. You can specify whether the giving is for Darfield or Houghton.

The Bible says...

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." [Luke 6:38]

#LIVELENT God's Story, Our Story

It's not too late to start this series of daily readings and reflections for Lent. You can download the App for IOS or Android devices from the App store or Google Play.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw

Pat Bentley

Steven, Kate and their families

Steve & Val Myers

Contact: Carol Hunter

07542 527331

1st Sunday of Lent

Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son
battled with the powers of
darkness, and grew closer
to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to
grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to
your saving love in Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Readings

Genesis 9: 8-17

Psalm 25: 1-9

1 Peter 3: 18-22

St Mark 1: 9-15

Bible Readings for this week

February:

21st Acts 7: 54-60

22nd Acts 8: 1-8

23rd Acts 8: 9-25

24th Acts 8: 26-40

25th Acts 9: 1-19

26th Acts 9: 20-31

27th Acts 9: 32-43

Prayer for the Nation

Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you. In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster. Do it again, we pray.

Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders, give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers.

Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve.

Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days, turn your face towards us, have mercy upon us, and heal our land, we pray.
Amen.

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



From the Parish Registers

Friday 12th February 2021

All Saints Church and Churchyard

Funeral of Granville Bentley aged 80

The sum of £97.50 was collected in the Offertory Box and will be used for the general purposes of the Church.

From Granville's family...

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who attended the service and for the great number of people who took time out to show their love for Granville, we were touched at the support shown by so many people.

Our love and thanks to you all.

In Him

Pat, Steve and Kate

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

Squirrels and Snowdrops (and Crocus and Daffodils)



The patches of snowdrops seem to grow on a daily basis as more flowers appear and spread their petals. They have been joined by a few patches of purple as the crocus begin to bloom and a splash of yellow as the second daffodil decides to open ahead of the rest. If you do not pass through the churchyard on your daily exercise, check our web site for more photographs.



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.

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