



## The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

**Sunday 24th January 2021**

**3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

**10:30 a.m.**

Partnership Service on Facebook

Followed by All Saints Coffee Time on Zoom

### Public Worship and Private Prayer

Government instructions limit our ability to leave home for other than a few essential purposes and restrict where we can meet and who we can meet. With this in mind all public worship has been suspended within the churches of our Mission Partnership. This is due for review in February.

We have also decided not to open our Churches for private prayer through the same period.

### Conversion of St Paul: 25th January

We first come across Saul of Tarsus as a young man in the account of the death of Stephen. He is described as consenting to Stephen's death [Acts 8:1].

Saul was a Roman citizen by birth but was brought up in Jerusalem and described himself as being 'of the Tribe of Benjamin, A Hebrew of the Hebrews, as to the Law a Pharisee' [Philippians 3:5].

He took part in the great persecution of the Church in Jerusalem and dragged many believers into imprisonment [Acts 8:3]. These actions actually helped to start the spread of the church as those who were scattered went about preaching the word [Acts 8:4]. We read of Phillip preaching in Samaria and to the Minister to Queen Candace of Ethiopia [Acts 8:5, 8:27].

Saul continued his opposition and gained permission from the High Priest to travel to Damascus in his quest to imprison believers.

Whilst on the road to Damascus he encountered a bright light from Heaven. He heard the words "Saul, Saul why do you persecute me?" It was the Risen Jesus. [Acts 9: 3-5]. Saul was rendered blind for three days and was told to enter Damascus.

There he encountered Ananias, a disciple who had been primed by the Lord in a dream to receive Saul. In this encounter, Saul's eyes were opened, and he was baptised. He immediately started preaching Jesus as the Son of God [Acts 9: 18-20].

He is first recorded as Paul whilst in Cyprus [Acts 13:9] but at that time many were referred to by their Hebrew name and the Roman equivalent. Paul being the Romanised version of Saul and seemingly what Paul himself preferred.

Paul was the author of up to thirteen of the twenty-seven books in our New Testament which continue to influence the theology, worship and pastoral life of the church. In his quest to spread the Good News he undertook Missionary journeys covering over 10,000 miles and established and nurtured at least fourteen churches.

#### Collect for Monday 25th January: Conversion of St Paul

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### Readings for Monday 25th January

Acts 9: 1-22  
Psalm 67  
Galatians 1: 11-16a  
Matthew 19: 27-30

## Prayer Requests

### Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw  
The family of Jeanette Damms

Contact the Prayer Ministry  
Team

**Carol Hunter**  
**07542 527331**

**STAY AT HOME**  
**PROTECT THE NHS**  
**AND SAVE LIVES.**

### 3rd Sunday of Epiphany Collect

God of all mercy, Your Son  
proclaimed good news to  
the poor, release to the  
captives, and freedom to  
the oppressed:

anoint us with your Holy  
Spirit and set all your  
people free to praise you in  
Christ our Lord.

### Readings

Genesis 14: 17-20

Psalms 128

Revelation 19: 6-10

St John 2:1-11

### Bible Readings for this week

24th St Luke 22: 1-38  
25th St Luke 22: 39-53  
26th St Luke 22: 54-62  
27th St Luke 22: 63-71  
28th St Luke 23: 1-25  
29th St Luke 23: 26-43  
30th St Luke 23: 44-49

## Treasurer news

**Kay writes...** I have just finished preparing the Darfield All Saints accounts for 2020 so I thought that I would give you a summary of the situation at the year end.

Our total income was **£54,306** and our total spending was **£58,062** - which means that we spent **£3,756 more** than we took in. All things considered that is really good news for such a year as 2020 was! It has not happened by chance; rather, it has happened because of the faithful diligence of our regular givers, who have not been deterred by lockdown after lockdown. People have gone to amazing lengths to make sure that their envelopes got through to me. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you - you have made this treasurer very happy! We were also helped by the fact that we carried forward a good balance from 2019 into 2020 and so have been able to absorb this year's loss.

2021 looks set to be a troublesome year once again financially (as in many other ways), but with God's help and with the generosity of our regular givers we will fight our way through to the light that is just beginning to glimmer at the end of the tunnel.

Thank you and God bless

### Spotlight on... The Bellringers

Christmas already seems like a long time ago but - did you hear us? We were allowed to ring (socially distanced, well ventilated and hand sanitised to the gills) on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We therefore rang four bells on Christmas Eve before the 6 p.m. service and then a different four bells on Christmas Day before the 10 a.m. Facebook service.

However, on Christmas Day we were outdone by ourselves as Fiona played a recording from a previous year of us ringing all eight bells - a glorious sound.

Big thanks to our ringers, Pete, Megan, Chris, Ray, Joe and Kay for braving the elements and hand sanitisers to ring for Christmas 2020.

We were unable to ring in 2021 as the bells are silent again now for the duration of the current lockdown.

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