

The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 28th February 2021

2nd Sunday of Lent

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

Monday 1st March 2021

8:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom

Public Worship and Private Prayer

Our Churches remain closed for Public Worship and Private Prayer

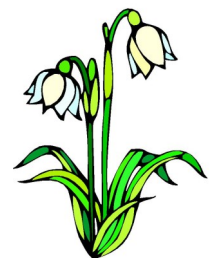
Spotlight on... The Churchyard in February—Kay is inspired

Our early Spring flowers don't know the meaning of Lockdown!



The splashes of colour in our churchyard remind us that as the hours of daylight are increasing in number we are moving towards Spring and the Joy of Easter.

If you have not already been on our snowdrop or squirrel trail in the churchyard, let me encourage you to do so as part of your daily exercise. The beauty of the snowdrops cannot fail to inspire you and fill you with renewed hope. Those tiny flowers



peeped out at the end of December and then were snowed, upon, rained upon, frozen and then snowed on again! And yet there they are now - hundreds, if not thousands, of them, bobbing their beautiful, delicate heads in the breeze. They are an inspiration to us all, as we feel rained and snowed upon in lockdown after lockdown.

Other areas are now changing colour as the clumps of crocus bring their shades of purple to the mix and if you look carefully near the grave of Ebenezer Elliot you will find that the daffodils are catching up and adding their yellow trumpets to the mix

For kids (from 1 to 92 as Nat King Cole's song says) there is also the 'Squirrel Trail' to add a bit of a challenge to your walk. Sorry there are no prizes for completing it this year. You'll have to negotiate with your mums and dads for a prize (like my grand-daughter did with me - and we both enjoyed our little pack of chocolate buttons!)



The workings of the Parochial Church Council.

Your Parochial Church Council, or PCC for short, is a group elected by the congregation at our Annual Meeting charged with the oversight of the activities and the financial aspects of the life of our Parish. The PCC can set up sub-committees which could include non-PCC members to take the lead and act as its advisors in certain areas of its activities.

One such area is keeping up to date with the various organisations which are supported from a tithe on the PCC's income. Our newly re-formed Missions Committee has been given this oversight and will, year by year, make recommendations to the PCC concerning the organisations to support.

They will also be providing snippets of information for this news sheet. For 2021, the PCC accepted their recommendation to support CPAS, Bible Society, Release International, Scripture Union and, to include a local element, Goldthorpe Salvation Army's Food Bank John McMillan, Sheila McMillan, Andrea Harrison and Karen Walton are the current members.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw

Pat Bentley

Steven, Kate and their families

Steve & Val Myers

The family of Edith Turner

Rachael Houston and the family of Andy Houston.

Contact: Carol Hunter
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Monthly Prayer Meeting

Monday 1st March 8:00 p.m.

A chance to join in prayer for our Communities, Parish, Mission Area, Diocese, Nation and World.

Contact **Carol Hunter** for the Zoom link.

World Day of Prayer: 5th March 2021

Building on a Strong Foundation

The World Day of Prayer, WDP, is observed in over 140 countries but in a different format this year. Our local service, hosted at Wesley Methodist, has been cancelled for this year.

This year's service was developed and led by WDP Vanuatu.

Vanuatu is an independent Republic in the South Pacific, formerly a British and French Condominium known as the New Hebrides and about 2,000 miles east of northern Australia.

You can find more details and a video of the WDP service from Vanuatu at <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>



2nd Sunday of Lent

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Genesis 17: 1-7,15,16

Psalms 22: 23-31

Romans 4: 13-25

St. Mark 8:31-38

Bible Readings for this week

February:

28th Acts 10: 1-8

March:

1st Acts 10: 9-23a

2nd Acts 10: 23b-48

3rd Acts 11: 1-18

4th Acts 11: 19-30

5th Acts 12: 1-19a

6th Acts 12: 19b-24



There is still time to download the #LIVE LENT App from the App Store or Google Play

Daffodils and March 1st – Dewi Sant

The yellow daffodil is one of the national symbols of Wales and is often worn on St David's Day. St David has been the Patron Saint of Wales since the 12th Century with his Feast Day celebrated on March 1st.

St David's, is the smallest city in the United Kingdom situated in Pembrokeshire at the westernmost point on the Welsh mainland. It is dominated by its 12th Century Cathedral dedicated to St David. The original church and monastery on the site was founded by St David in the 6th Century along with many others across Wales. He was renowned as a teacher and preacher and responsible for spreading Christianity over a wide area.

His shrine at St David's became a popular place of Pilgrimage in the Middle Ages.

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All Saints



St Michael



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Wednesday 5 p.m.