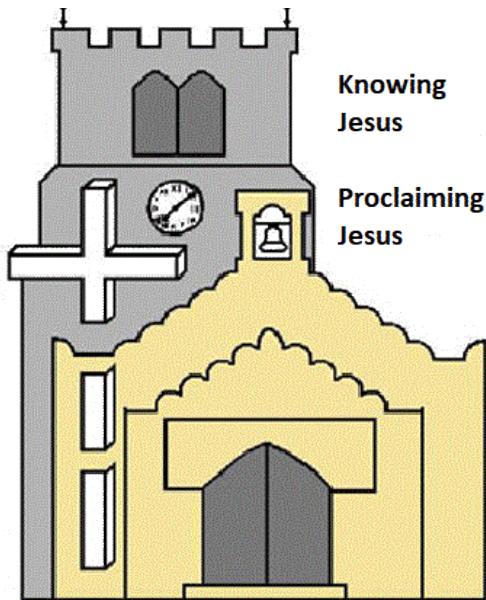




The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 29th June 2025

Second Sunday after Trinity

10:45 a.m. Breakfast Service, Darfield

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Service Great Houghton

Sunday 6th July 2025

Third Sunday after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Great Houghton

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Darfield

Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

[1 Chronicles 29:14]

Generosity is not just financial, it involves your time and skills and the whole of your life

The Ark of the Covenant was carried by the Israelites throughout their wanderings in the desert following their escape from Egypt. Whenever they set camp, the Ark was placed inside the tabernacle in the tent of Meeting where the LORD met with Moses. The LORD gave detailed instructions for the construction of the Tabernacle, its contents and decoration "*Everyone who is willing is to bring to the Lord an offering*" [Exodus 35: 5] and *All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the Lord has commanded* [Exodus 35: 10]. The whole community responded and "*everyone who was willing and whose heart moved them came and brought an offering to the Lord*" [Exodus 35; 21]. All the things necessary, and more were brought as offerings from precious metals and jewellery, to wood, cloth and animal skins. Those who had spinning skills used them to produce fine yarn [Exodus 35: 20-29]. Individuals were chosen by the LORD for their skills to produce the decorative articles and their ability to pass on their skills to others [Exodus 35: 34] Once all the work was complete, the Tent of Meeting was set up and the glory of the LORD filled the Tabernacle. [Exodus 40: 34,35].

Once the Israelites had established themselves in Canaan, the Tent of Meeting was taken to Shiloh and remained there for many years throughout the time of the Judges. Shiloh became one of the main centres of worship for the Israelites. This was to change when King David captured Jerusalem. The Tent of Meeting was moved to Jerusalem which then became the main centre for worship. Even though David had built himself a palace the Ark of the Covenant was still in a tent. David then set his mind to build a Temple in Jerusalem to house the Ark as the centre for worship. However, the LORD did not allow David to start building but he was able to make preparation for his son Solomon to begin the work. David gave a considerable amount of materials from his own wealth. This prompted the leaders and people to give generously towards the items needed for the build and *the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly* [1 Chronicles 29: 9]. David's prayer of Praise [1 Chronicles 29: 10-19] includes words that are often used as a response to the Offertory Prayer in our services... **All things come from You and of Your own do we give you.**

As we study our Bible we can find many other examples of where there was a favourable and generous response to requests for help. In some of his epistles, St Paul urged his readers to "*set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income*" which would ultimately be sent to be sent to help the brethren in Jerusalem.

The Prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola Lord, teach me to be generous.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will.

Amen.

*We aim to be a visible spiritual presence in our communities
as we strive to make Jesus known to all.*

Second Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5: 1, 13-25
Luke 9: 51-62

Readings for this week

June

29th Psalm 137
30th Psalm 138

July

1st Psalm 139: 1-11
2nd Psalm 139: 12-24
3rd Psalm 140
4th Psalm 141
5th Romans 16: 1-16
6th Romans 16: 17-27

Prayer Square

**This week we are praying
for the residents of
Great Houghton**

Rotherham Road
Thurnscoe Lane
John Street
Ebenezer Street
Byron Street
Sandhill Court

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Community Shop on the Go and Warm Welcome Space

Darfield Church Hall

Thursday 10th July from 9:00 a.m.

Community Shop - Next Dates: 24th July and 7th August

*Warm Welcome Space is open
every Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.*

Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners

At this meeting held on Sunday 22nd June 2025, Andrew Harrison was nominated and duly elected to the post of Churchwarden for the Parish of Darfield.

Garden Party 2025

A big thankyou to all who contributed to our Garden Party last Saturday where we welcomed over 200 visitors and helpers. Particular thanks to Bellringer Tom Booth for organising the event, Darfield Scouts for moving all the tables and chairs, stallholders and the Cook family for keeping everyone refreshed. The latest figure for total raised is £834.



A Date for your Diary...

Saturday 12th July 2025: 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Teddy Bear Parachute Jump

All Saints, Darfield

Includes Bear Hunt and refreshments

Prayer Square

Please pray for **Pat Bentley**, who together with her late husband Granville have been much loved and very active members of our church family for over four decades.

Pat is very poorly and is now receiving palliative care in the nursing home where she has been cared for during the last few years.

Resources and Contacts

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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