



Booking is essential for the Communion as spaces are limited.

Masks to be worn unless exempt.

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to book a pew for you, your family group or bubble.

The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 4th April 2021

Easter Sunday

10:30 a.m. Partnership Service on Facebook

Followed by All Saints Coffee Time on Zoom

4:00 p.m. Holy Communion at All Saints

And a reminder for ...

Good Friday: 10:30 a.m. Messy all-age Church—Facebook

2:00 p.m. Hour at the Cross—Zoom

The Empty Tomb:

During His ministry on Earth, Jesus had attempted on many occasions to prepare His disciples for His forthcoming death and Resurrection. In a session recorded by St Mark, His rejection by the religious hierarchy and His death were detailed along with the Resurrection after three days. [Mark 8: 31]

Joseph of Arimathea had removed the body of Jesus from the Cross, and with the assistance of Nicodemus, had bound it with spices in a linen cloth, and had put the body in a rock tomb secured by a large stone.

The Chief Priests were aware of the predictions of the Resurrection and made sure that the tomb was sealed and guarded by soldiers. This would, in their mind, prevent the disciples from removing the body and claiming that the Resurrection had taken place. Nothing happened on the following day as it was the Jewish Sabbath. On the first day of the week, we find the women returning to the tomb to complete the job of embalming the body of Jesus. At a practical level they didn't know how they were going to move the large stone but went anyway. Their problem was solved. At the tomb, the stone had been removed, the guards were stunned or missing and there was no sign of a body. There must have been a great deal of confusion as there are slight differences in the Gospel accounts as to what came next. Mary went to tell the disciples what had happened [John 20: 2-10] and then returned to the tomb with Peter and John who verified that the tomb was empty but failed to realise the significance of what had happened.

Mary Magdalene was left on her own at the tomb and was given the great privilege to be the first to meet the Risen Lord. She was so concerned about the missing body that she failed to realise that Jesus was standing next to her and thought that he was one of the gardeners. It took the single word "Mary" from Jesus for her to recognise Him and for her to believe.

Throughout the Bible, we read of people being called by name by God. For instance, Moses [Exodus 3: 4] and Samuel [1 Sam 3: 4-10] heard the call and responded positively. St Paul starts most of his Epistles with a reminder that he was called to be an Apostle.

Have we heard the call and, moreover, have we responded positively to it?

We are coming up to our Annual Meeting on the 27th of April. Are **YOU** being called to take up roles within our Churches such as Churchwarden, PCC member, Youth Group leader/Helper or Toddler Group Leader/Helper? The list of **Opportunities for Ministry** within our Churches is lengthy.

Be prepared that, when you hear the call, you will respond "**Here am I, Send Me**" [Isaiah 6:8]



Easter Trail

Discover the Easter Story until Sunday 11th April 2021

As you visit the Churchyard with your family group or bubble please observe social distancing and respect other visitors

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw

Pat Bentley

Steven, Kate and their families

Steve & Val Myers

Contact: Carol Hunter

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Easter Sunday Collect

God of glory, by the raising
of your Son You have
broken the chains of death
and hell: fill Your Church
with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands
open in our Saviour Jesus
Christ.

Readings

Acts 10: 34-43 or Isaiah 25: 6-9

Psalm 118: 1-2,14-24

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

or Acts 10: 34-43

St John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Bible Readings for this week

April:

4th Acts 22: 22-30

5th Acts 23: 1-11

6th Acts 23: 12-22

7th Acts 23: 23-35

8th Acts 24: 1-16

9th Acts 24: 17-27

10th Acts 25: 1-12

Electoral Roll—Annual update

The update is underway. If you are not already on the Roll, you have until Sunday 11th April to complete an application form. Email allsaintschurchdarfield@gmail.com or contact Peter or Bill Hinds for a form.

The Road from Emmaus – The road to belief

Did not our hearts burn within us [Luke 24: 32]

On the day after the Sabbath, the disciples were confused. Despite the many earlier efforts of Jesus to tell them what would happen, they were stunned into disbelief, and had even discounted the appearance of Jesus to Mary Magdalene as an idle tale [Luke 24: 11].

Later that day, Cleopas and another un-named member of the extended group of disciples were walking to Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and were discussing the recent events in Jerusalem. Suddenly, someone was walking along with them and asked what they were talking about. Cleopas explained all that had happened concerning Jesus of Nazareth including the details of His arrest, trial and crucifixion, the empty tomb, and the reported visions of angels and even sightings of Jesus himself. The stranger then responded by describing and explaining all the references to Jesus in the writings of the prophets.

As they arrived in Emmaus, Cleopas invited the stranger to join them as the day was far spent. As they were at the table, their journey companion took bread, broke it and shared it with them. They immediately recognised Jesus but He vanished from their sight.

The two of them quickly returned to Jerusalem and found the disciples in a locked room for fear of the Jews. As they were telling of their experiences, Jesus appeared in the room. The disciples were encouraged by Jesus to verify that he had flesh and bones and was not a spirit [Luke 24: 39]

Jesus then opened their minds to understand the Scriptures and gave them a command that "Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins should be preached in His name to all nations" [Luke 24: 47]

Their doubts turned to belief and they began this work in Jerusalem where they were "continually in the Temple, praising God." [Luke 24: 53].

During the following forty days, Jesus appeared several more times to His Disciples. [John 20: and 21:].

We too should be continuing this work, wherever we are if we are to be true to our calling.

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