



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 7th February 2021

2nd Sunday before 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

Granville Bentley

O who am I, That for my sake, my Lord should take frail flesh and die? Samuel Crossman c1624-1684

Our earthly celebrations of Granville's life will of necessity be muted as we will not be able to gather as a Church Family to share our memories and to say goodbye (for now)

How do we sum up a life lived in Christ?

Granville, ably supported by Pat, was one of the first faces that greeted us outside the porch as a member of the Welcome team or handed us a hymnbook as a sidesman. He was a familiar sight at the Lectern as he read the Bible for us and took us through our Intercessions, and was also seen a few paces away as one of the team charged with leading our services. He was also part of the team authorised to distribute the elements in our Communion Services. He took on the more mundane but important tasks of dealing with Stewardship, Gift Aid and money counting.

As a member of the PCC over many years he supported our various Rectors and contributed to the development of our Parish. The family home was used as a venue for fellowship groups and Bible Studies which he often lead.

What have I missed? Messy Church, Open the Book, personal prayer and study and those unrecorded activities known only to a few. You will all have your own memories and can fill in the gaps that I've missed.

My prayers are with Pat, Steven, Kate and their families as they surmount all the hurdles that they will face over the next days, weeks and months. What is certain is that Granville is with the Lord he served so diligently and that in the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection, we will meet again.

Peter



Squirrels and Snowdrops

We can't offer you the same Snowdrop Trail as we have done for the past two years but the signs of the approaching Spring are still there!

If you walk through our Churchyard on your daily, socially distanced exercise you will see the carpets of snowdrops and will be able to follow our marked Squirrel Trail. We can't promise that you will see any squirrels but you will

discover some facts about the Church and Churchyard.

Answers will be on our website along with a taste of some of the sights.

If you can't visit in person then look on our Website where you will find some photographs and a video which will give you a hint of what you have missed.

The daffodils will soon add their yellow colour to the mix as their buds are now showing. If you look carefully you will also find that the primulas are joining in.

If you do walk through the Churchyard remember that you must be on your own or remain in your family group or bubble and not mingle. Be wary of the weather conditions as the paths can be slippery when it is wet or icy.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw

Pat Bentley

Steven, Kate and their families

Steve & Val Myers

Carol Hunter

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2nd Sunday before Lent Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Proverbs 8: 1,22-31

Psalms 104: 26-37

Colossians 1: 15-20

John 1: 1-14

Bible Readings for this week

February:

7th Acts 2: 14-41

8th Acts 2: 42-47

9th Acts 3: 1-10

10th Acts 3: 11-26

11th Acts 4: 1-22

12th Acts 4: 23-37

13th Acts 5: 1-11

Prayer for the Nation

Loving God, at this time of crisis when so many are suffering, we pray for our nation and our world.

Give our leaders wisdom, our Health Service strength, our people hope.

Lead us through these parched and difficult days to the fresh springs of joy and comfort that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Archbishops encourage us all to set aside some time aside every day to pray and particularly at 6:00 p.m.

Full details and daily prayer themes

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



From the Archives

Darfield Parish Magazine—September ????

The Rector writes...

Few people realise how often we have to spend money on the Fabric of the Church. Yet the Church expenses are our chief care. Salaries, insurance, fuel, lighting, cleaning, renewals make demands upon us which have to be met, and everyone knows how costs have increased. The Church – unlike many individuals – has not had any increase in its resources. It relies on members and other kind friends to give a little more and thus help it to meet expenses.

It may be that some will give a little more to their Church in proportion to their own advance in income.

Let us all give proportionally as well as cheerfully.

With hearty thanks for the help so many are giving

Parts of this could have been written today. For much the same reasons, we cannot afford a prize, but try to guess the year this was written and which of our former Rectors wrote it.

Strangely enough, two of the twenty six adverts in the magazine are for local businesses which have changed hands several times but are still in the same premises supplying the same services to today's public. **Any ideas? Answers next week.**

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St Michael



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