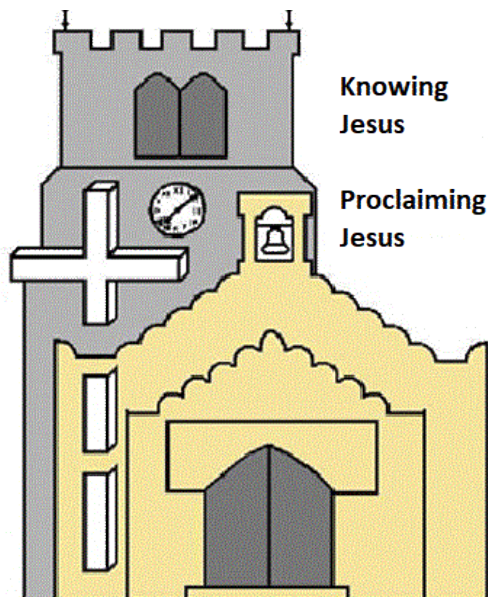




The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 8th June 2025

Pentecost

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield

Sunday 15th June 2025

Trinity Sunday

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Great Houghton

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Darfield

4:00 p.m. Café Church Darfield Church Hall

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as we strive to make Jesus known to all.*

Saturday 21st June - Church Garden Party - a date for your diary!

Between **11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.** hopefully on the Rectory lawn.

There will be the usual attractions - refreshments, cakes, games, tombola, children's crafts, books, handmade items, pick a stick, children's fancy dress competition and more. There is a box for your donations towards any of the stalls at the back of church.

Pentecost – confusion to clarity

Dobro jutro, Доброе утро, Godmorgen, Guten Morgen. Are you confused? If so **Good Morning**, might help you greet someone in Croatia, Russia, Denmark or Germany.

In the book of Genesis we read about a time when, following the Flood, the whole world had *one language and a common speech* [Genesis 11: 1]. As they travelled eastward, they found a plain in Shinar, in the region of southern Mesopotamia identified as Babylonia and present day Iraq. The people decided to establish themselves as a distinct group by building a city with a tower reaching to the Heavens. They made and used bricks rather than stone and used tar for mortar. [Genesis 11: 4]

However, the Lord came to see the city and realised that as a single group they would become all powerful and nothing would be impossible for them. The Lord made the decision to confuse their language so that they could not understand each other. The people were scattered and work on the city and tower ceased [Genesis 11: 8] We may identify the building as the Tower of Babel with its name thought to be derived from the Hebrew *bālal* meaning to confuse or confound

The Feast of Weeks, *Shavuot*, is celebrated fifty days after Passover and marks the end of the grain Harvest. It is one of the three Pilgrimage Festivals when all the Israelites were expected to make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem to join the celebrations in the Temple. [Exodus 34: 22, 23]. The alternative name of Pentecost is derived from the Greek for fifty.

The Disciples had gathered in a room to celebrate the feast. Suddenly they heard the sound of a mighty wind and saw tongues of fire descending on them. The promised Holy Spirit had come to them, and they began to speak in other languages. [Acts 2: 1-4]. As they went out on the streets they found groups of visitors from all parts of the then known world - *Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs* [Acts 2: 9-11]. All these were amazed that they could hear and understand the disciples in their own languages even though the speakers were dismissed as just Galileans. They were also thought to be drunk. Peter stood up and denied this allegation and went on to quote from the prophet Joel *"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams."* [Joel 2:28, Acts 2: 17]. From this rousing speech, the Acts of the Apostles takes us through the early years as the Church spread out in response to the Last Commission the Disciples received from Jesus. **"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."** [Mark 16:15] Two thousand years later, that is our mission as *we aim to be a visible spiritual presence in our communities as we strive to make Jesus known to all.*

Pentecost

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Genesis 11: 1-9
Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b*
Romans 8: 14-17
Acts 2: 1-21
John 14: 8-17 [25-27]

Readings for this week

June

8th	Romans 9: 15-33
9th	Romans 10
10th	Romans 11: 1- 10
11th	Romans 11: 11-24
12th	Romans 11: 25-36
13th	Romans 12: 1-8
14th	Psalm 131
15th	Psalm 132

Diocesan News...

On Thursday 29th May 2025, the appointment was announced of Rev Leah Vasey-Saunders as the next Bishop of Doncaster. Rev Leah is currently Vicar of Lancaster Priory in the Diocese of Blackburn.

Church Explorer Week

Thankyou to all who assisted last Saturday where we were able to welcome around 35 adults and 18 children to All Saints' Church.

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 12th June from 9:00 a.m.

Community Shop - Next Dates: 26th June & 10th July

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

Wanted –

An Administrator for the Parish of Darfield

Your PCC is seeking to appoint an Administrator to support the clergy, lay ministers and PCC in the implementation of their vision.

Part time – 7 hours per week based in the Rectory Cottage.

One year fixed term with possibility of extension

Salary at the Foundation Living Wage currently £12.60 per hour

Full details and Application forms are on the Vacancies page of the Sheffield Diocesan Web site

<https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/our-diocese/who-we-are/vacancies/>

Closing date for Applications: 12:00 noon **Tuesday 10th June 2025**

Men's Breakfast

a place to chat and eat breakfast in fellowship together.

Church Hall Darfield

Saturday 14th June 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Please contact Robin Webb to reserve your place

robin.webb@churcharmy.org

Or text 07825 180 185

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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PCC Secretary

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Andrea Harrison

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pdrobinson@live.co.uk

Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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