



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 2nd May 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. Partnership Service on Facebook

Followed by All Saints Coffee Time on Zoom

Monday 3rd May 8:00 p.m. Monthly Prayer Meeting

Zoom link from Carol

Notes from the Annual Meeting 27th April 2021

A big thankyou for all who joined in our Zoom Annual Meetings on Tuesday 27th April.

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners elected Peter Robinson as the only Churchwarden.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting received the Electoral Roll Report. There were 80 names on the All Saints' section, a decrease of one. There were 18 names on the St Michael's section, a decrease of two. The list of names will be available to view on the church notice boards.

The meeting accepted the Annual Report and Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for 2020 which covered both areas of the Parish. [Printed copies are still available from Peter.]

Three nominations were received for Membership of the PCC; Carol Hunter, Sue Lee and John McMillan. With three vacancies to fill, all three were duly elected for a three-year term.

Assistant Wardens: Three nominations had been received, Brian Haynes, Celia Underwood and Aubrey Venables. All three were duly appointed and thanked for their previous service in the role.

Ruth Harrison was thanked for acting as our **Independent Examiner** for the whole PCC accounts and was duly elected to continue in that position for another year. Joan Dixon was thanked for acting in the same capacity for the accounts of St Michael's District Church Council.

Rev Fiona Kouble, attending by invitation, responded to questions about the progress in the appointment of an Oversight Minister for the Wath2 Mission Area. We are getting closer to being able to advertise the post and commence the appointment process.

Warden's Remarks to the Annual Meeting:

The purpose of our Annual Meetings is two-fold. Mainly we have a chance to review and remember the year just gone but, in electing a Churchwarden and PCC members, they point us to the current year and what we hope to achieve.

We are still moving towards working as a Mission Area and in the hope that we can attract an Oversight Minister to share the load across our six parishes.

During May, we will be holding services in both our churches as a start to bring our congregations together face to face as the Government's Roadmap allows.

We are all well aware that many things that we took for granted have changed over the past year and we cannot expect to pick up where we left off in March 2020. We have to face up to the reality that some of our activities may not be able to restart in the format that we had been used to. Now is **your** time to think about how **you** can contribute to the life and ministry of our Parish. Is it too much to ask to give up an hour a week to allow our churches to be open for prayer?

I finish with the words of a hymn first published in 1896 which should sum up what we should do.

All to Jesus I surrender, All to him I freely give;

Peter

PCC Membership: April 2021 to April 2022

Churchwarden: Peter Robinson

Deanery Synod: Andrea Harrison; Jo Darlison; Olive Shaw;

Current PCC Members:

Term ends 2024: Carol Hunter; Sue Lee; John McMillan;

Term ends 2023: Frank Lee; Andrew Harrison; Katy Stanton;

Term ends 2022: Kay Valentine; Sheila McMillan; Rob Stanton;

St Michael's DCC: Sylvia Martin;

Holy Communion Services in MAY at 9:00 a.m.

9th St Michael, Gt. Houghton

16th Christ Church, Ardsley

23rd St Helens, Thurnscoe

30th All Saints, Darfield

Bookings to Jo Darlison

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw

Pat Bentley

Steven, Kate and their families

Steve & Val Myers

The relatives of Grace Barras

The relatives of Arthur Bromley

The relatives of Margaret Burkill

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5th Sunday of Easter Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life:

give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Readings

Acts 8: 26-40

Psalms 22: 25-31

1 John 4: 7-21

St. John 15:1-8

Bible Readings for this week

May:

2nd Romans 5: 12-20

3rd Romans 6: 1-14

4th Romans 6: 15-23

5th Romans 7: 1-6

6th Romans 7: 7-13

7th Romans 7: 14-25

8th Romans 8: 1-17

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Monday 3rd May 8:00 p.m.



Join us on ZOOM for this wonderful opportunity to worship together in prayer with thanksgiving and to present our requests to our Lord for our world/nation, our church, our community and ourselves.

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

Spotlight on the Disciples: St Philip and St James: May 1st

O ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Phillip: Philip was from Bethsaida in Galilee and was among the first disciples to be called by Jesus. What was his first task? To find Nathanael and bring him to Jesus. [St John 1: 43-45]
At the Feeding of the Five Thousand, [John 6: 5-7], Phillip gives a wrong answer to a question from Jesus as to how the multitude is to be fed evidently forgetting previous miracles that Jesus had performed. He later asks Jesus to "show us the Father" [John 14: 8-11] and is rebuked for not really knowing Jesus, despite being so close to Him.

In the time after Pentecost, Philip was in Samaria where he created much joy by his preaching and healing [Acts 8: 5-8]. Philip was then sent to the road from Jerusalem to Gaza where he found a minister of Candace, Queen of Ethiopia. Philip explained passages from the Scriptures that the minister was reading and then baptised him.

St James the Less: Not to be confused with James the Son of Zebedee or James the brother of Jesus, James the Less is called 'Son of Alphaeus' in the list of disciples [Mathew 10: 2-4]. In naming him 'the less', we may be referring to his age or stature. We know little else about him except that, with the other disciples, he gave up everything to follow Jesus. He was present at the Last Supper, deserted Jesus on Good Friday and was in the locked room when Jesus appeared to His disciples. He is also mentioned in Acts 1: 13-14 as part of the group who, with one accord, devoted themselves to prayer following the Ascension.

Perhaps James heeded the words that John the Baptist had used to describe himself relative to Jesus.

He must increase, I must decrease. [John 3: 30]

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All Saints



St Michael



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