



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 9th May 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion: St Michael, Gt. Houghton

BOOKINGS to Jo Darlison are essential

10:30 a.m. Partnership Service on Facebook

Followed by All Saints Coffee Time on Zoom

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us, revive your church with life and pow'r;

Bessie Porter Head 1920:

Around 600 years before the birth of Jesus, the Israelites were attacked by the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar II. The Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed along with most of their homes and they were taken to exile to Babylon. Their relationship with the LORD had been erratic, calling on Him in times of need but forgetting again shortly afterwards. The exile had been predicted through the prophesy of Jeremiah [Jeremiah 25: 8-14] and the details are recorded in 1 Kings Chapters 24 and 25.

Whilst in Babylon, some accepted the Babylonian way of life and religion, but others continued to rebel against it. Jeremiah sent a prophetic letter to the exiles giving them the LORD's instructions on how to live and to ensure that they should seek the prosperity of the city and increase their numbers [Jeremiah 29: 4-8]. Some supported the Babylonian Kings but retained their allegiance to the LORD. When this allegiance was challenged, they were prepared to lay down their lives. Daniel in the Den of Lions [Daniel 6: 16-24] and Hananiah (Shadrach), Mishael (Meshach) and Azariah (Abednego) in the fiery furnace were protected by their faithfulness to the LORD,

During the exile, the Prophet Ezekiel was given a vision of a valley of dry bones [Ezekiel 37]. Ezekiel's prophesy from the Lord caused the bones to regain sinews and flesh and, with the Breath of God in them were enabled to live and move. The dry bones are representative of the state of the Israelite nation in exile and their forthcoming rejuvenation.

Around seventy years after the exile, the Babylonian Empire was attacked and defeated by the Medes and Persians. Their King Cyrus II allowed the Israelites to return to Jerusalem and the promised land. Details of the return to and the rebuilding of the Temple, Jerusalem and the Israelite nation are to be found in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

As Carol suggested at our Prayer Meeting last Monday evening, we have in some ways been in exile: from our families, both natural and Church and our activity patterns. We need that Breath of God to bring us back to life as we move towards a return to our spiritual home within our congregations. Many things have changed already and will change even more as we build what will inevitably be new ways of serving and worshipping our Lord.

What's On this Week? CHURCH OPENINGS...

- St Michael Sunday 9th May 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
- All Saints Sunday 9th May 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Private Prayer
- All Saints Thursday 13th May 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Private Prayer
- St Michael Thursday 13th May 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Private Prayer
- Ardsley Sunday 16th May 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
- All Saints Sunday 16th May 10:00 a.m. Morning Service

Oversight Minister:

An Oversight Minister will oversee mission and ministry in a Mission Area, managing change and providing vision, direction and leadership.

Mission Area Update.

The area Profile is almost complete which means that the Advertisement for the vacant post of Oversight Minister in our Mission Area will appear shortly and the process of appointment will be able to proceed.

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, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Readings

Acts 10: 44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5: 1-6

St John 15:9-17

Bible Readings for this week

May:

9th	Romans 8: 18-30
10th	Romans 8: 31-39
11th	Romans 9: 1-5
12th	Romans 9: 6-21
13th	Romans 9: 22-33
14th	Romans 10: 1-21
15th	Romans 11: 1-10

A Special Prayer Request for Linda: that she might have strength and courage for what she needs to do and for healing in mind and body.

Churches Open for Private Prayer

On Ascension Day, Thursday 13th May, we are able to resume opening both our Churches for Private.

Details for this week on page 1.

Ascension Day: Thursday 13th May

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever.

Forty days on from the Resurrection, Jesus left his followers and returned to Heaven to prepare for His Second Coming in Triumph. In those forty days he had met with the eleven disciples and others to further prepare them for the work they were to do in spreading the Gospel. They were promised the power of the Holy Spirit to take the message to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the end of the Earth. We have that same promise as we seek to minister to our end of the Earth.

Thy Kingdom Come 2021

Between Ascension and Pentecost, the disciples joined constantly in prayer and in expectation of the promises Jesus left with them [Acts 1: 14].

We are encouraged to follow their example by joining in with others across our Diocese and beyond in 'Thy Kingdom Come 2021'. You could sign up via the Diocesan Web site to book a one-hour slot or just pray in your own way for our Parishes and Dioceses, and the World-wide Church.

Prayers and other resources can be found at

<https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/thy-kingdom-come-resources>

From the Parish Registers

Friday 30th April 2021

Grace Barras Aged 97

St Michael's Church and Great Houghton Cemetery

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St Michael



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