



## The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

**Sunday 13th September 2026**

*Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*

**10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield**

**Sunday 20th September 2026**

*Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

**9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Great Houghton**

**10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Darfield**

## Let my People Go – The Plagues of Egypt

Moses was speaking to the LORD after hearing Him speak from the burning bush. He was commissioned to return to Egypt to tell his fellow Israelites that the LORD had seen their misery and would rescue them and would take them to a good and spacious land. Moses would then face Pharaoh with the demand that the Israelites be allowed to leave Egypt. Moses was given some signs to convince the people. His staff would become a snake, his hand would appear leprosy and water from the Nile would appear as blood.

Moses returned to Egypt and met up with his brother Aaron. They brought all the elders of the Israelites together and convinced them by performing the signs that the LORD had given to Moses. They realised that the LORD had not forgotten them and bowed down in worship.

Pharaoh was a harder target to convince! Moses came to Pharaoh and said *"This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness.'"* Pharaoh refused and sent them back to their work. Their burden was increased by having to find their own straw for the bricks they were making without any decrease in the quantity of bricks. The LORD then provided some signs often described as plagues. The Nile was turned to blood, the country was infested successively with frogs, gnats and flies. The domestic animals of the Egyptians were killed and the people were infested with boils. The land was faced with the most serious hail stones, a plague of locusts and three days of utter darkness. None of these events persuaded Pharaoh.

The final plague was directed against the first-born sons of the Egyptians. The Israelites were to prepare themselves to leave. They would bake unleavened bread and take an unblemished lamb. Its meat was to be roasted and its blood smeared on the doorframes of their houses. On the night, they were to prepare themselves to move and to eat the meat.

At midnight the Lord struck down all the first born sons of the Egyptians but the blood of the lambs protected the Israelites. During the night Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and told them to take their possessions and flocks and herds and go to worship the Lord as Moses had asked. They set off... but....

A commemoration was to be made every year as the Passover.

**100 days to go!** Preparations are underway for our Carols by Candlelight. We will be joined by the Dearne Valley Singers. If any of you would like to join in with their singing you are invited to their rehearsals on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wesley Methodist on Barnsley Road. Contact Chris at [chris@dearnevallysingers.co.uk](mailto:chris@dearnevallysingers.co.uk) or on 07720 405 931

## Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings

Exodus 14: 19-31

Psalms 114

Romans 14: 1-12

Matthew 18: 21-35

### Readings for September

**13th** Revelation 2: 18-29

**14th** Revelation 3: 1-6

**15th** Revelation 3: 7-13

**16th** Genesis 4: 1-7

**17th** Genesis 4: 8-18

**18th** Genesis 4: 19-26

**19th** Genesis 5: 1-17

**20th** Genesis 5: 18-32

### Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

**Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331**

### Prayer Square

**This week we are praying for residents of Darfield**

Shropps Head Close  
Park Hill  
School Street  
Queen Street  
Victoria Street  
Coronation Street

### Community Shop on the Go

**Next Community Shop:**

**Thursday 17th September**

**Warm Space: every Thursday**

Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### St Michael's

**Craft and Natter**

Tuesday 1:00 p.m.-3 p.m.

**Thoughtful Thursday**

11:00 a.m. to Noon

### Harvest Thanksgiving Services

All Saints 4th October @ 10:45 a.m.

St Michael's 18th October @ 9:00 a.m.

Once again our Harvest gifts will support the Salvation Army Food Bank

Items in particular need would be welcomed...

Beans: Soup: Pasta: Rice: Cereals: Tuna: Long life milk: Sugar:

Large-size nappies: Baby wipes: Biscuits: Dilute juice: Jam: Custard:

Chocolate spread: Cooking oil:

### Resources and Contacts

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