



**The Parish of Darfield**  
*All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton*  
**Sunday 14th June 2026**  
*Second Sunday after Trinity*  
**10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield**  
**Sunday 21st June 2026**  
*Third Sunday after Trinity*  
**9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Gt Houghton**  
**10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Darfield**

## Abram becomes Abraham

As we look at today's Old Testament reading from chapter 18 of Genesis we find Abram meeting with the LORD near the great trees of Mamre close to Hebron. Something has changed; Abram is now described as Abraham. To find the reason we need to turn back to chapter 17 where Abram, now aged ninety-nine, has another visit from the LORD. In it is a promise that the LORD would make a covenant with Abram that, so long as Abram walked faithfully and blameless, he would become the father of many nations. To reflect this covenant Abram, "*exalted father*" received the new name Abraham "*father of many*". The everlasting covenant would be established and Canaan, the land where Abraham was living as a foreigner would become an everlasting possession for his descendants. Additionally, Sarai was to be known as Sarah and, despite her ninety years, would bear a son to be called Isaac and become the mother of nations. This marked the start of a new identity and future for Abraham and his family.

Abraham was sitting at the entrance of his tent, sheltering from the heat of the day when the LORD appeared. When Abraham looked up, he saw three men standing nearby and went to greet them. Abraham offered them water to wash their feet and refreshments before they continued their journey. Sarah baked some fresh bread and a servant prepared a choice young calf for the men to eat along with curds and milk.

The men asked for Sarah and said that they would return to them in a year's time and that Sarah and then have a son. Sarah laughed inwardly since she was past the time for normal childbearing. The LORD heard Sarah and confirmed the message saying "is anything too hard for the LORD". The visitors then went on their way.

Close to where Abraham was camped were the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, two of the five settlements described as the cities of the plain. The people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the Lord. [Genesis 13: 13]. The LORD told Abraham that the cities would be destroyed because of the people's wickedness. Abraham attempted to prevent the destruction by pleading for the righteous who were living there. After negotiation, the LORD agreed not to destroy the cities if ten righteous people were found. Abraham's nephew Lot and his family were able to escape the destruction that ensued except for Lot's wife who looked back towards the cities and was turned into a pillar of salt [Genesis 19: 26]

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 \* **Thankyou** \*  
 \* A big thankyou to all who were involved in our "Garden" Party last week end. \*  
 \* To Tom Booth and the bell ringers who prepared the church beforehand and \*  
 \* tidied up with the help of the scouts. To all the stall holders and our visitors \*  
 \* who enabled us to raise around £909 for Church Funds \*  
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## Second Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails, deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings

Genesis 18: 1-15  
Psalm 116: 1,10-17\*  
Romans 5: 1-8  
Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8

### Readings for this week

#### June

**14th** Daniel 3: 24-30  
**15th** Daniel 4: 1-8  
**16th** Daniel 4: 9-18  
**17th** Hebrews 13: 11-25  
**18th** James 1: 1-11  
**19th** James 1: 12-27  
**20th** James 2: 1-13  
**21st** James 2: 14-26

## Prayer Square

This week we are praying for residents of Great Houghton

Park Lane  
Pear Tree Close  
Milton Street  
Old Crown Gardens  
Woodlands View

### Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

**Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331**

## Community Shop on the Go and Warm-Space

**Next Community Shop:** Thursday 25th June

**Warm Space:** Every Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## Thoughtful Thursday at Great Houghton

*Thursdays between 11:00 a.m. and noon.*

**Craft and Natter Tuesday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

### A first sending out [Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8]

Jesus was travelling around the countryside teaching in the Synagogues in the towns and villages along His way. He proclaimed the Good News of the Kingdom and healed all the sick and diseased. He had compassion on the crowds and described them as *sheep without a shepherd*.

As part of their ongoing training, the twelve Disciples were sent out with authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. They were to limit themselves to the "lost house of Israel" as they proclaimed the message that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand. They were to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers and drive out demons. They had to travel light, taking no money or extra clothing and had to rely on the hospitality of people in the area

### Coming Up... book the dates

**Teddy Bears** will be back in action on Saturday 11th July .

**Heritage Open Days** Saturday 12th September

Sunday 13th September Darfield

### Peace and Hope [Romans 5: 1-8]

Romans chapter 5 explains the blessings that come from being made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Paul writes that believers have peace with God, access to God's grace, and hope in sharing God's glory. Even suffering can have purpose, because it produces perseverance, character, and hope.

The chapter highlights God's love: Christ died for us while we were still sinners, showing that salvation is not based on human worthiness but on grace. Paul compares Adam and Jesus Christ: sin and death entered the world through Adam, but through Jesus, grace, righteousness, and eternal life are offered.

## Resources and Contacts

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**Tuesday 5:00 p.m.**

All Saints



St Michael



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