



## The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

### Sunday 15th February 2026

*Sunday next before Lent- Quinquagesima*

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

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

### Wednesday 18th February - Ash Wednesday

**10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield**

**6:30 p.m. Holy Communion Ardsley**

### Sunday 22nd February 2026

*First Sunday in Lent*

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



The Church of England has published a full colour booklet with forty daily reflections to be read during Lent. Each day is linked to aspects of the theme of **Sharing** with a short Bible reading, a reflection and suggested responses.

**Copies of this booklet are available for £2.75.**

Why not "Buy two – Give one Free!"

### Preparing for Forty Days

This Sunday ends a brief interlude of what is classed as Ordinary Time between the celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany and the solemn season of Lent. You may have missed seeing the green frontals on the Holy Table and pulpit before they are turned to purple for Lent.

During this coming week we will see two significant days. The first of these is **Shrove Tuesday** which is the last day before the start of Lent. Traditionally, it was a day when households used up all their rich foods such as eggs, sugar and milk. Those of you with any culinary skills will recognise the basic recipe for pancakes. You will just need some flour, oil for the pan and a dash of orange juice to complete. [other recipes are available!]. This of course gives rise to the day's alternative name of Pancake Day. The name Shrove comes from the Old English word Shrive which means to confess sins and seek absolution as people prepared for Lent. In some cultures, the day is celebrated as *Mardi Gras* [ French: Fat Tuesday] and the last day of Carnival celebrations.

The first day of Lent, **Ash Wednesday**, marks the start of the forty days of fasting, reflection and penance leading up to Easter. How often do we hear the words "I've given up .... for Lent". Periods of forty days were seen as important. In the Old Testament, Noah's flood lasted for forty days and Moses spent forty days on the mountain. The New Testament records forty days between the Resurrection and Ascension, and the forty days that Jesus spent in the Wilderness before the start of his earthly ministry. The name derives from the tradition of smearing ashes, often from the previous year's palm crosses, in the shape of the cross on the forehead in a reminder of their Baptism.

### Ash Wednesday: 18th February

**10:30 a.m. Holy Communion All Saints' Darfield** [Book of Common Prayer]

## Sunday next before Lent

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings

Exodus 24: 12-18  
Psalm 2 or Psalm 99  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17: 1-9

### Readings for this week February

**15th** 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11  
16th 1 Thessalonians 5: 12- 28  
17th 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-12  
18th Joshua 6: 12-27  
19th Joshua 7: 1-12  
20th Joshua 7: 13-26  
21st Joshua 8: 1-8  
**22nd** Joshua 8: 9 -23

## Prayer Square

**This week we are praying  
for residents of  
Great Houghton**

Wescoe Avenue  
Norfolk Road  
Sandhill Mews  
Sandhill Drive  
Edward Street  
New Street  
Turner Street

### 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:** 5th March

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

## Setting a Target - organisations we support

### Bible Society *God's gift to the World*

Acts chapter 2 describes how the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, were able to be understood in their own languages by the visitors to Jerusalem for the Jewish feast.

Years of hard work, supported by the Bible Society, have seen the translation of the bible into over 700 languages which means that eighty percent of the World's population, some 5.7 billion people, have access to Scripture in their own language. The work continues with the Bible Society and its international Bible Society colleagues setting a target of a further 1,200 translations over the next two decades.

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/>

## The Transfiguration: [Matthew 17: 1-9]

Peter, James and John were among the first Disciples chosen by Jesus and are often seen as an 'inner circle' within the larger group.

On one occasion, Jesus took them up a mountain where they became witnesses to a miraculous revelation of the divinity of Jesus. On the mountain the face of Jesus shone like the sun and his clothes took on a bright white appearance. Two men, identified as Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus. Suddenly a bright cloud covered them and a voice from the cloud said **"This is my Son whom I love; with Him I am well pleased Listen to Him!"**. Understandably Peter, James and John were terrified. Jesus told them not to be afraid but not to tell anyone about what they had seen until after His Resurrection.

In his second letter, Peter uses his eye-witness account of the events on that mountain to validate his message to his readers that Jesus had come in power [2 Peter 1: 16-18]

## Thoughtful Thursday at Great Houghton

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

**Craft and Natter** back after Easter

## Resources and Contacts

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### Safeguarding

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

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